Wow! What an amazing start to our school year! We are just thrilled with how easy drop-off and pick-up have been. We want to thank you, parents for your patience and flexibility during these times! It is all because of you, that we have had such a seamless start to each day! Please drive slowly for the students!

Go Panthers!!!

**STEAM** needs your recycled materials and donations of expendable materials to support our upcoming engineering design challenges. We need paper towel & toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, clean water & soda bottles with lids, masking or painters tape, balloons (#524 or airship style), straws, fishing line or smooth craft string, toothpicks, large craft sticks, index cards, and small dixie cups.

Please remember, for your child's **birthday** you may consider sending in special pencils, stickers, erasers, or a book, but no food please.

**Pastries with Parents**

We’re combining our annual Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads to have **Pastries with Parents** in our school gymnasium!

***We are spreading the fun over three days by last name.***

A-G - Wednesday, September 25th

H-N - Thursday, September 26th

O-Z - Friday, September 27th

Please [signup for your day](#). ***Volunteer Link***
PTCO (Parent Teacher Community Organization) Meeting

We welcome everyone’s participation: parents, teachers, and the community.

PTCO General Meetings for 2019-2020: October 29th (Fall Grants), January 14th, February 25th (Spring Grants), and May 5th, 2020.

Please visit the PRE website for links to the PTCO Website and social media.

Additional Easy Pine Ridge Fundraisers

Please don’t forget about our other easy and free ways to raise funds for Pine Ridge: Pine Ridge Spirit Wear (www.pineridgespiritwear.com), King Soopers, Box Tops for Education, Amazon Smiles, and Milk Caps for Moola. Details are available on our PTCO website (listed below the calendar), social media, and handouts.

Chipotle Restaurant Spirit Night

Restaurant Spirit Night is Tuesday, October 8th at Chipotle Southlands from 4 to 8 p.m. We will have monthly Restaurant Spirit Nights. Watch for the coming flyers to be sent home! Pine Ridge Elementary earns money from the sales.

*NOTE: Please show the Chipotle fundraiser flyer or mention Pine Ridge Elementary at checkout. Pine Ridge doesn’t receive any sales if neither of these actions are done with your order.

Pine Ridge Spirit Wear

Order your PRE spirit wear now and get 10% off a vintage football tee with this coupon code during September.

Cooler Fall weather is coming and get your family ready with comfy sports wear! A portion of the sales goes back to support Pine Ridge.

Calling All Pine Ridge Fiends and Friends!

The Pine Ridge annual Monster Mash is creeping up fast. Please join your fellow Panthers for an evening of SPOOKTACULAR games, food, dancing, a haunted house, and all the candy you can eat!

When: Saturday, October 26th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Cherokee Trail High School Gym and Cafeteria

Admission to this event is FREE for all who attend. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Come dressed in your costume and be ready for a BEWITCHING good time!

Keep your eyes spinning for our Monster Mash Volunteer Sign Up link in the next Parent Blast!

Visitors—All volunteers and visitors will be required to show a photo ID upon entering the building. Report to the front office where you will be checked in and given a visitor sticker. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please schedule a meeting with them! Keep Pine Ridge safe.
Dear Students and Parents,

Pine Ridge Elementary has a special day planned to honor our Veterans (and those currently serving) on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in the Pine Ridge Gym. (More details will be coming regarding this special event).

We invite every Pine Ridge student to compose a special essay, poem, or song about what Veterans mean to them. Below are only some of the many possible sentence starters, stems, etc. you can use to help write your piece. Each piece can be handwritten or typed. Please include name, grade, and teacher in the heading. Writing will be turned into the student's homeroom teacher.

One piece of writing per grade level will be chosen and read by the student author at the Veteran's Day assembly.

The deadline for all submissions is October 25, 2019

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• How I define a veteran
Veteran’s Day Celebration

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019

Pine Ridge Elementary plans to honor our Veterans and Active Duty Service Members. There will be a free breakfast for Veterans in the cafeteria at 7:30 am. We will then move into the gym for our ceremony, followed by a parade around the school.

If you have a family member who has served or is serving and is able to attend and/or participate in our celebration, please return the bottom portion of this form to the school no later than Friday, October 25th so we may have an accurate count.

Additionally, we invite our Pine Ridge families to email a picture of family members who are serving or have served in the past. We are adding to our Wall of Honor display for our parade! If you have submitted this information in the past, you don’t need to resubmit info. We will rehang your star from last year. Please do not send in originals as they will not come back to you. When emailing photos, please include student’s name, service member’s name, branch and years served. Send photo to Erin Zadigian at ezadigian@cherrycreekschools.org

______ Yes, we have a Veteran and/or Active Duty Service Member planning to attend
______ Number of people who will attend

______ Yes, our Veteran would be willing to go into some of the classrooms (grades 3-5) and talk about their experiences. The classroom teacher will coordinate with you. Please provide your email address: _______________________

Student’s Name: _______________________

Student’s Teacher: _______________________


In STEAM class, we’ve been breaking down stereotypes of who we think a typical “scientist” is. We’ve learned about scientists (and other STEAM jobs) who span all genders, races, ages, ethnicities, and cultures - from all over the world! As a bonus challenge for STEAM, we are encouraging students to research someone that has made contributions in any STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & math) field. They could be someone local or from a distant country (perhaps a place your family is from). Someone famous or someone in your family! They could be current or historical. Try to include a picture and as much information as you can. Return the card below to STEAM (earn a LEAP CARD!), and we will display it on our world map. Help us inspire our students and show our school how diverse STEAM careers can be!

Thanks! - Mrs. Schulz & Mrs. Laurie, PRE STEAM Teachers
aschulz2@cherrycreekschools.org & jlaurie@cherrycreekschools.org

*Students can either print out and complete the form below OR you can go to bit.ly/STEAMWORLD for an online editable copy that you can email to the STEAM teachers (directions for this are included)!

STEAM Around the World
(someone who has contributed to the fields of science, technology, engineering, art or math)

Name ________________________________
Job ________________________________
Location ________________________________
Interesting Facts ________________________________

Add picture here
Please Join us...

Pine Ridge Elementary
10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, October 3, 2019
3:30-5:00
6525 S. Wheatlands Parkway, Aurora CO 80016

"Where in the World is Pine Ridge From?"
A celebration of how far we've come as a school and where we're from as a community.
Be sure to visit our world map near the front to "pin" where your family is from!

Stay for dessert and refreshments
How do you prioritize relational health?

- Do you struggle to make some of your relationships work?
- Do you give more priority to helping your children excel in sports than relationships?
- Do you want to equip your family for lifelong success in their relationships?

Learn skills essential for healthy relationships

- Learn how healthy relationships are essential for success throughout life
- Learn to prioritize and manage relational health
- Learn to apply relationship science in every facet of your life
- Like sports and academics – ensure your children are equipped for relational success!

About our speaker

Joneen Mackenzie. Joneen’s energy permeates a room as she delivers expert advice in an easy-to-digest format. She’s lead author of the nationally-acclaimed REAL Essentials curriculum and certified over 10,000 educators to empower their students. Joneen graduated from University of Texas’ School of Nursing and a former USAF Nurse Corps 1st Lt. Her credentials in public health make her a valued member of national boards leading discussion on public policy and health standards in schools. Joneen is mother to four grown children and has a special knack for starting belly laughs in her five grandchildren.

Parents, educators, and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend PIN’s FREE presentations. No need to RSVP—just come!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- **Nov 5th (AM) & 12th (PM) 2019.** The Hardest Workers: Identify Learning Difficulties, Create Solutions & Improve Results
- **Dec 3rd (AM) 2019.** Cultivating Mindfulness, Resilience & Wellness with Kami Gaurino, educational leadership consultant & founder of the Excellence Team

Visit [www.PINccsd.org](http://www.PINccsd.org) for Podcasts and Meeting Highlights
Help Guide Your Child through their Tweens!

A Program for Parents of 4th-8th Graders!

As children evolve from parent-pleasing little ones, to adolescents yearning for independence, testing boundaries and seeking peer acceptance, this proven effective four-week class offers tips for parents on navigating those challenging years.

LEARN TO:
- Teach your child to stop, think and control impulses
- Communicate peer pressure refusal skills
- Understand adolescent brain development and how it affects behaviors
- Develop healthy beliefs and clear standards within your family
- Strengthen family bonds
- Manage family conflict

INVEST THE TIME!
- Four classes can make a lifetime of difference!
- Research shows that Guiding Good Choices has been demonstrated to:
  - Reduce alcohol use by 40 percent
  - Increase the probability of remaining drug free
  - Significantly reduce the rate at which adolescents develop depression

Cost: $30.00 per family - includes a $10 workbook fee (Scholarships available for families who receive Free & Reduced Lunch - Call 720-554-4247 for more information.) Additional costs of the program are sponsored by the CCSD Wellness Office.

SPACE IS LIMITED!  
Register Now at  
cherrycreek.revtrak.net

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: msheehan4@cherrycreekschools.org
PHONE: 720-554-4247
Classes provided by Spanish Enrichment, Inc.


SPANISH FACTS:
1. The U.S. Latino population is estimated at 57.5 million as of July 2017, and is becoming the largest minority Population in the U.S.
2. With 329 million native speakers, Spanish ranks as the world’s No. 2 language in terms on how many people speak it as their first language.

REGISTER NOW AT 50% OFF AND ASK FOR OUR ADVANCED PAYMENT DISCOUNT OPTIONS

FEES:
ONE TIME YEARLY REGISTRATION FEE $55 PER STUDENT
NOW DISCOUNTED@ 50% OFF ONLY $27.50
ONETIME YEARLY MATERIAL $17.00 PER STUDENT
*MONTHLY TUITION:
$48 per student

Monthly Spanish Topics

(New Sessions to begin week October 4, 2019 thru week May 18, 2020)
Spanish Enrichment is designed to allow children to explore Spanish through 3 learning styles: Audio, visual and kinesthetic. We promote positive participation including interactive exercises with games, songs, sentences to practice & writing

SESSIONS
October: Letter, traveling and transportation around the world, greetings
November: Numbers, colors, times of the day, practical sentences
December: The clock, family members, practical sentences
January: The 5 senses, parts of the body, song
February: The seasons, months and days of the week, songs
March: My school and friends, songs & practical sentences
April: Food, fruits, meals, Kitchen, my house, clothes, songs
May: Toys, animals, shapes songs (bring your favorite toy)

New Class will begin on Friday October 4, 2019 after school
K thru 3rd. Grade: Friday after school 2:55-3:40 PM
Current Monday and Wednesday classes on waiting list
(please always meet Spanish teacher by the school main lobby right after school)

New Class begins Friday October 4, 2019

Spanish at Pine Ridge

(Monday & Wednesday class on waiting list)

Call Norma with any questions 303-805-1472 office - Cell 720-935-1977 or email norma@spanishenrichment.com - fax 303-840-8465

PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY - PARENT’S FULL NAME(S) __________________________ PHONE No:CELL __________________ WORK __________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________ ADDRESS: __________________________ CITY STATE ZIP
CHILD(DREN’S) NAME(S) __________________________ GRADE ________TEACHER __________________________ AFTER/BEFORE DAY CARE
ALLERGIES __________________________________________ ANY CONCERNS OR INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT __________________________________
PAYMENT METHOD: CASH
CHECK No: __________________ AMOUNT PAID $ __________ CREDIT CARD No: __________________________ EXP. DATE __________ SECURITY NUMBER
TODAY'S DATE __________________ I AUTHORIZE SPANISH ENRICHMENT, INC. TO DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD: MONTHLY: ______ 3 PAYMENT PLAN
ONE TIME YEARLY FEE WITH FREE REGISTRATION______. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARENT VOLUNTEER? YES ___ NO ___ WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR US AS A PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR? YES ___ NO ___
WITHDRAWAL NOTICE: I AGREE TO NOTIFY SPANISH ENRICHMENT, INC. IN WRITING 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE MONTH YOUR CHILD IS WITHDRAWING FROM THE PROGRAM. IF NOT, I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT MONTH’S TUITION. THERE WOULD BE NO REFUNDS ONCE THE PROGRAM HAS STARTED. PARENT’S SIGNATURE: __________________________
SPANISH CLASSES ARE CONDUCTED EVERY WEEK FROM WEEK OCTOBER 4, 2019 THRU WEEK MAY 18, 2020 (EXCEPT WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED) *MONTHLY TUITION IS CALCULATED BASED ON NUMBER OF TOTAL CLASSES OFFERED AT YOUR SCHOOL FOR THIS PERIOD. AMOUNT IS ALWAYS THE SAME EVERY MONTH. SNOW POLICY: If schools canceled because of snow, there won’t be Spanish class and no make-up will be taking place. You can arrange any make-up classes at another location nearby by calling Norma@720-935-1977 cell — www.spanishenrichment.com

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“If your child cannot attend Spanish class the day we do have Spanish, please notify Norma via text @720-935-1977”

You can also register online at: www.spanishenrichment.com

All instructors are background checked!!

“Give your child the gift of two languages”

Detach and return to Spanish enrichment, Inc. with check payable to Spanish enrichment, Inc. PO Box 3166, Parker, CO 80134
Enrichment Programs

Pine Ridge Elementary 2019—2020

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- **Machine Madness**
  - Starting September 11, 2019

- **Slimeology**
  - Starting October 23, 2019

- **Pop! Bang! Fizz!**
  - Starting January 15, 2020

- **Super Science Smorgasbord**
  - Starting February 26, 2020

- **Bristle Bots**
  - Starting April 15, 2020

Visit www.ScienceMatters.tv to reserve your spot today!
Registration deadline is one week before club starts

**Multi-Club Discount**
Register one child for 2 or more clubs at the same time and receive a $2 discount per club!

Notice: If school is cancelled or dismissed early due to inclement weather, clubs will be cancelled and re-scheduled. In the event that we are unable to reschedule clubs cancelled due to inclement weather or other school cancellations, refunds will not be issued. In addition, if a student misses or skips a class, refund will not be issued.
Spring into action with this club! Build a catapult and invent your own air-powered car as we learn the laws of motion. From skateboard parks to Merry-go-rounds, we'll learn how to harness the natural forces that make machines tick. So much physics fun it will make your head spin!

Slimey, Gooey, and Gross. FINALLY, a club all about SLIME. We will make all different kind of Non-Newtonian Fluids and explore the properties of matter. If you can squeeze it between your fingers and toes, we are going to make it. Floam, Sparkle Slime, and, of course, glow in the dark slime. It's a messy club made for the messiest of us all!

A little of this, a little of that, some wild reactions is where it's at! Make a slushy treat to eat and see Soda Slobber. We'll make water disappear and play with snow that never melts. Then - make some Slime that looks alive! You won't believe that our mixing fun can teach some science before it's done. With a Pop, or a Bang, or even some Fizz, you have become a chemistry whiz!

It's a Grab Bag of Science. Make a Science Matters Hopper that can jump 12 feet; create your own rock collection and explore the Rock Cycle; see a cloud in a bottle; become a Science Illusionist and use science to amaze your friends with science tricks. With a little of this and a little of that it's fun for everyone.

Mix science and imagination to design and build your very own motorized moving Bristle Bot. Make Art with a Drawbot. Join us to explore the science of circuits, electromagnetism and motion. Prepare your bots for drag racing and wrestling. Finally put all your knowledge to the test to engineer the perfect robot critter to take home.

Register at: www.ScienceMatters.tv

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