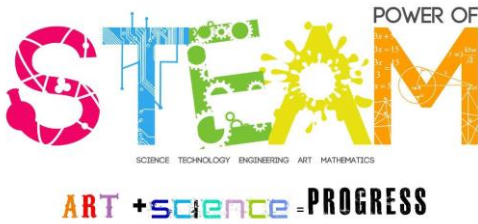




Home of the Panthers! October Newsletter



From Mr. Gerity and Mrs. Contreras
Hello Ponderosa Community,

It has been such a wonderful start to the beginning of this school year! Students, staff, and our school community seem, more than ever, excited and ready to launch into the 2022-23 school year. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the days pass once the school year gets rolling. It is already the middle of September and there is a hint of Fall in the air, even amidst ninety degree days.

As we begin to settle into this year, we wanted to share a couple of safety reminders as children arrive and leave our school campus each day. Please make every effort to pull all the way forward towards the location of the Kindergarten playground when dropping off your child in the morning. We have staff members located all around the school and will ensure your child makes their way safely to their grade level door. This is extremely important when dropping off students who go to the first grade door. Please do not stop at the cones and let your child go through the parking lot to get to their door. Oftentimes we have district maintenance employees who are on site and may not see students from their vantage point in their trucks. We have staff who are prepared to walk first grade students around the corner so they are never out of our line of sight.

At Ponderosa, it is all hands on deck when it comes to arrival and dismissal. Each staff member has a location that they oversee to ensure that students are safe and supervised, this includes our crosswalk as you exit our campus and at the corner of Lima and Jewell. Those of you who are with us on campus to start and end our day know that there are a lot of moving parts during these busy times. It is essential for the safety of everyone that our community allows the crosswalk staff to facilitate the flow of traffic. Please make every effort to stay alert and follow the lead of our crosswalk staff to ensure the safety of everyone at Ponderosa.

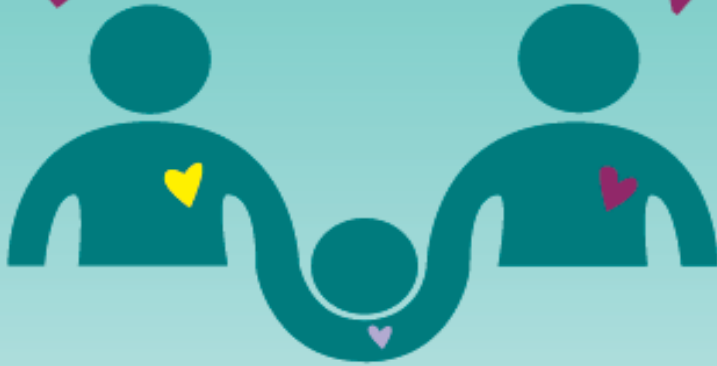
There are many times throughout this year that as a school and as individual classrooms, students get to bring special toys from home to their classroom. This is so much fun for students, as it is not often that your favorite stuffed animal or game gets to come with you to school. We want to keep these moments special for students, so please do not allow children to bring toys to school unless their teacher has planned a special event. Toys are fun at home, but can cause a lot of frustration for students when they can't bring them into the classroom every day. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Our next upcoming community event is our Partnerships for Academically Successful Students (P.A.S.S.) on September 27 at 5pm in our school library. We invite you to join us in this community forum to learn more about Ponderosa and to discuss what is at the forefront of your mind as it relates to your child's academic and social development. Childcare is available at no cost to you, we hope to see you all there!

In partnership,
Bridget Contreras
Assistant Principal

- Dates to Remember...**
- October 8- STEAM-a-palooza @9:00am-4:00pm
 - October 10- Board of Education Meeting @7:00pm-9:00pm
 - October 12- Parents' Council- Community Engagement & PTCO Workshop @6:00pm-8:00pm
 - October 13- Special Education Advisory Committee @9:30am-11:30am
 - October 17-21- FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE CAN



PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Parents and staff share ideas and develop solutions together.

Who: CCSD
parents, guardians,
and caregivers who
have children on
IEPs and 504s

When: Thursday,
Oct. 13th, 2022
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Freemont
14603 E Freemont Ave
Centennial, CO 80112
Room 164

October 13, 2022

**You Are Invited: Special
Education Advisory
Committee (SEAC):**

IEP 101

Please join us for a short presentation covering IEP basics, followed by a breakout session where you can choose to talk to CCSD special education liaisons about your student's IEP.

*****PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*****

FREEMONT BUILDING
14603 E. FREEMONT
AVE
CENTENNIAL, COLORADO 80112
ROOM 164

**Upcoming Meeting
Dates:**

November 10, 2022
Chris Smith,
Superintendent

December 8, 2022
Ian Lopez, Safety &
Security

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

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Panther Club Fall Activities



**PANTHER CLUB
FALL FESTIVAL**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
October 17th-21st

OCT 17 AM- Pumpkin Art
PM- Carmel Apple Bar

OCT 18 AM- Trip to Denver Zoo
PM- Halloween Coloring sheets

OCT 19 AM- Playdough/ cooking pizzas
PM- Pumpkin Carving

OCT 20 AM- Decorating Mini Pumpkins
PM- Baking Cookies

OCT 21 AM- Tissue Paper Halloween Art
PM- Movie Day

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Any questions or concerns
contact Ms Tee @ tjohnson119@cherrycreekschools.org

The poster features a yellow background with autumn-themed illustrations of leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown. The text is in a mix of bold, sans-serif and handwritten-style fonts. The event details are presented in rounded rectangular boxes with a gradient from light yellow to orange.



Resilient FUTURES

Presents:

SFCR for Ponderosa Elementary School Fall 2022

Strengthening Family Coping Resources (SFCR) is a program aimed at building resilience during stressful times. SFCR relies on natural healing and evidence-based coping resources to provide a behavioral- and skills-based framework for strengthening family processes.

In this free, 6-week series, we would love to have you join and expand your capacity for caring for children! We believe that caregivers can use SFCR skills to create positive interactions and connections that could be seen across generations. The topics will include information from the following sections: Family, Safety, Connection, Tradition, Routines, and Healing. Participants will receive a gift card at the end of the 6-week series for participating.



For more information: <https://forms.gle/FVatyKRuLtNYAQYqZ>

For questions, please contact:

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Resilient FUTURES

Presenta:

SFCR para Escuela Primaria Ponderosa Otoño de 2022

Fortalecimiento los recursos a la familia es un programa dirigido a construir resiliencia en tiempos estresantes o inciertos. Se basa en la curación natural y para el fortalecimiento de los procesos familiares. Nos encantaría que usted sea parte de nuestra comunidad, ya que ofrecemos maneras de aumentar la capacidad de los adultos que están cuidando de los jóvenes y sus familias!

En este gratis, 6 semanas serie, Los temas se centrarán en: Familia, Tradiciones, Rutinas, Seguridad y Conexión. Creemos que los cuidadores pueden usar la información para crear recuerdos impactantes e intencionales y una conexión que se verán a través de las generaciones. ¡Estará empoderado, conectado y apoyado es un apoyo para construir la resiliencia de adultos y jóvenes! Los participantes también recibirán una tarjeta de regalo para asistir los grupos.



Para más información: <https://forms.gle/FVatyKRuLtNYAQYq7>

Para preguntas, por favor póngase en contacto con

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