



Kindergarten 2023-2024

The Kindergarten experience is a giant milestone in a child's life. It is a year of change and growth. Our goal is to create an educational experience that enriches the whole child. Your child will thrive in a loving place where they feel safe to learn, grow, and make mistakes. When children feel good about themselves, they are able to achieve at their highest level.

The most important way to prepare for kindergarten is to read to your child every day and spend time talking about the story. At Creekside, we embrace high expectations while providing a loving environment where children are happy to come to school each day. Our goal is to encourage a love of learning as we teach independence.

Welcome to the Creekside Family!

Kindergarten Assessment Sign-Up

The Kindergarten Assessment will be given on August 14 and August 15. This assessment gives us a baseline of where your child is academically. Please scan the QR code or click on the link to sign-up for the assessment. [Kindergarten Assessment Sign up link](#)



Kisses & Cheers

On the first day of school, Wed., Aug. 16th, 2023, everyone will meet outside on our small playground at 8:00 AM. Parents are encouraged to join their child. You will help your child find their teacher. Parents will say good-bye and kindies will walk inside with their teachers.

Student Survey

Please scan the QR code or click on the link to complete the student survey. [Student Survey Link](#)



Creekside Elementary
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Kindergarten New Family Information – Creekside Elementary

<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/creekside>

Important Back to School Dates

- August 9, 2023: Classroom Teacher Welcome Email is sent in the afternoon.
- August 10, 2023: Meet and Greet: We will host our Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 10, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We would like to invite our new families to Creekside from 4:00 - 4:30 pm, and our returning families may join us after 4:30 pm. You may spend time in the classroom, drop off school supplies, and tour our school. You may also visit with our nurse and drop off any medications and medical paperwork. Additionally, PTCO is sponsoring a Popsicle Social on the big playground. This Meet & Greet is an excellent opportunity for students to meet their new teachers and connect with other students and families in the Creekside community.
- CCSD will have a staggered start to the school year. The purpose is to give students time with their teachers in smaller settings and a more supportive start to the year. See below for your child's start date.
 - August 14, 2023: Grades 3, 4, and 5 Only
 - August 15, 2023: Grades 1 and 2 Only
 - August 16, 2023: Pre-K through Grade 5. **Please note this is an early release day, and dismissal is at 1:45 pm.** For our Kindergarten families, please join us outside on the little playground for "Kisses & Cheers" at 8:00 am on August 16. You will help your child find their teacher. Then we will cheer on our children as they walk inside with their teachers for their first day.

School Hours

We begin our day with a soft start. Students may arrive at school starting at 7:45 am, and all students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:00 am.

8:00 am – 2:45 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:00 am – 1:45 pm on Wednesdays.

APP

Download Creekside's app! Features include a school calendar, daily breakfast and lunch menus, reporting a student's absence, newsletters, and more. Search **CampusHub.io** in your app store to get started. Use the code **CRKES** when prompted.

Attendance

Please use the Creekside 24/7 attendance line to call in a student's absence: **720-886-3595**. Every student is accounted for every day. Please call the attendance line by 8:00 am if your student will be late or absent.

Before and After School Care

Creekside offers a Before and After School Care Program called Cub Club. The program runs from 6:30 – 8:00 am and from 2:45 – 6:00 pm (1:45 – 6:00 pm on Wednesdays). Please contact our Director, Tiffany Woo, at twoo3@cherrycreekschools.org or (720) 886-3560 for more information.

Cell Phones and Smart Watches

Students may have cell phones and smart watches; however, they must stay in their backpacks during our instructional day. If you need to contact your student during the school day, please call the front office at 720-886-3500.

Birthday Treats

Everyone at Creekside recognizes the importance of student birthdays, and we will do our best to make it a special day. However, please do not send food items to school to celebrate your student's birthday. Instead, if you wish to send in non-food goodies like pencils, stickers, fun erasers, trinkets, or little school-appropriate prizes, you are welcome to do so. Feel free to get creative with it! We appreciate your understanding and support of our students' whole well-being. Thank you!

CCSD Food and Nutrition Services

You can find information about school meals, free and reduced lunch, and how to put money in your child's account at cherrycreekschools.org > Food and Nutrition Services. As a parent, you can monitor your student's cafeteria purchases and set limits on purchases and snacks through the Titan Family Portal. While we encourage all our students to eat their lunch before purchasing a snack, we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this with your child. We want to ensure all our students eat a healthy lunch, so they are ready to learn, play, and have fun at school.

Creekside Spirit Wear

Creekside spirit wear is available! <https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/colorado/centennial/creekside-elementary-school>

Email

Please have a current email address entered in PowerSchool. We use email for teacher, administration, PTCO, and district communications.

Labeling Items

Please label all items that come to school with first and last names. This includes water bottles, coats, lunch boxes, etc. We donate all unlabeled items at each break.

School Supply Lists

School supply lists are available on our website. <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/creekside>

Transportation - Bus

Go to cherrycreekschools.org > Transportation to find bus/route stops and times based on your address. At Creekside, all buses enter and leave the school from the front of the school. Students use bus ridership cards provided by transportation for new students.

Thursday Folders

All Creekside students will bring home a Thursday Folder each week. These folders contain important information about Creekside, along with your child's work. Every student will receive a Thursday Folder.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Below are the procedures for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up at Creekside Elementary. Staff members are available between 7:45 - 8:00 am and 2:45 - 3:00 pm (1:45 - 2:00 pm on Wednesdays). Please note, if you are parking for any reason at the school, you may not park in the row closest to the building. This area needs to remain open for our buses in the morning from 7:30 am – 8:00 am and in the afternoon from 2:10 pm – 2:50 pm (1:10 – 1:50 pm on Wednesdays). So please park in our lower parking lot. Thank you for following our procedures and for working with us to keep our students safe.

Morning Procedures – Bus Riders

- Students exit the buses at the **FRONT** of the school and enter the front of the building.

Afternoon Procedures – Bus Riders

- Students load the buses at the **FRONT** of the school.
- All 2 – 5 students exit through their grade-level pod doors.
- All K - 1 students exit the front of the building.

Morning Procedures – Car Riders

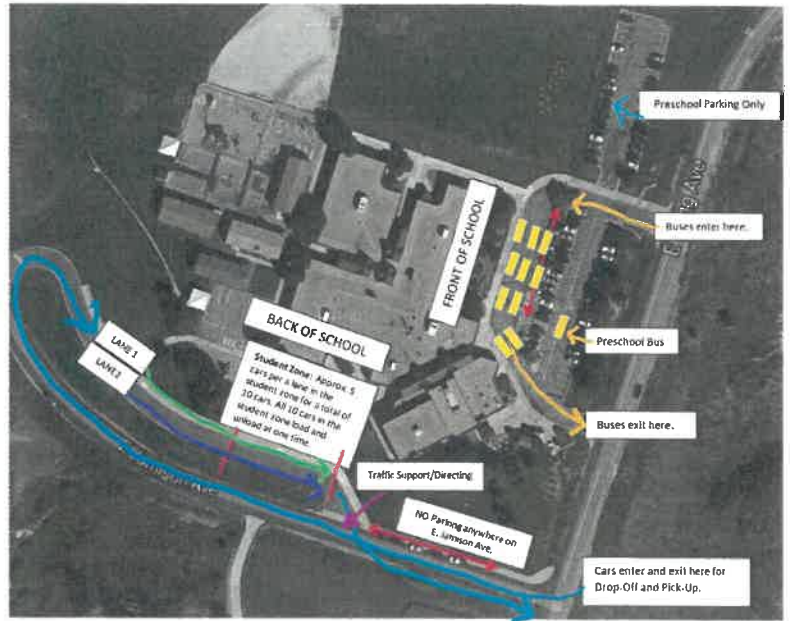
- Enter on E. Jamison Avenue at the **BACK** of the school.
- Pull to the Student Zone.
- **Students may only be dropped off in the Student Zone.** In the Student Zone, there will be approximately 10 cars. Please have your child ready to get out of the car once stopped in the Student Zone. All 10 cars will unload at the same time.
- After unloading, cars will be released from the student zone one lane at a time, and then the next group of cars will pull forward.
- If you arrive after 8:00 am, please park your car in the front parking lot, walk your student to the front door, and ring the front doorbell to sign your child into school for the day.

Afternoon Procedures – Car Riders

- Enter on E. Jamison Avenue at the **BACK** of the school.
- Pull to the Student Zone. **Students may only be picked up in the Student Zone.** In the Student Zone, there will be approximately 10 cars. Please have your car tag displayed once stopped in the Student Zone. All 10 cars will load at the same time.
- After loading, cars will be released from the student zone one lane at a time, and then the next group of cars will pull forward.

Morning and Afternoon Procedures - Preschool

- Park in the lower parking lot only.
- Walk your student to the preschool classroom and pick up your student from the preschool classroom.
- If you have an elementary student, too, please park in the lower parking lot, and walk with your student to the front of the school.



Dear Parents/Guardians of our Incoming Creekside Elementary Kindergarteners,

Welcome to Creekside Elementary! I am Nurse Stephani!

My primary goal as the school nurse here at Creekside Elementary is to support the health and safety of your student/s during the school day.

To help provide and partner together for the best care of your student/s here are some important health information reminders for your review.

Immunizations:

Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools to be vaccinated against certain diseases unless they have a certificate of medical or nonmedical exemption on file. (SB20-163).

Be sure to submit your student's updated immunization.

To find the list of school required immunizations, visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environments website:

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines>.

Toileting/Change of Clothes:

It is the expectation for all incoming Kindergarten students to be fully toilet trained. We know accidents happen, so if your student may need a change of clothes, please keep a bag in your child's backpack with a clean set of clothes (shirt, pants, shorts, socks, and/or shoes) and other supplies they prefer (i.e. wipes).

Another helpful hint: most toilets at the elementary school have an automatic flush, so it helps exposing them to this prior to the start of school.

Health Conditions:

Many of our students have health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, allergies, epilepsy/seizure disorders, and other chronic illnesses.

Please contact me if your student has any health conditions that could impact them during the school day, so that we can plan for a successful start to your students' educational journey!

I am excited to get to know your student/s and again, welcome to Creekside Elementary!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Stephani Harry, BSN, RN
Creekside Elementary School Nurse
Health Clinic Phone: (720)886-3504
Email: sharry@cherrycreekschools.org
Health Clinic Fax: (720)886-3589



Advancing Colorado's health and protecting the places we live, learn, work and play

Dear parents/guardians of students attending Colorado kindergarten - 12th grade schools for the 2023-24 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick and potentially disrupt in-person learning.

Required and recommended vaccines:

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial Kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent unless a *Certificate of Exemption* is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP, Tdap).
 - Hepatitis B (HepB).
 - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
 - Polio (IPV).
 - Varicella (chickenpox).
- Colorado follows recommendations set by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. **Prior to starting Kindergarten**, students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella. **Prior to starting sixth grade**, students must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if the student is younger than 11 years. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread.html (birth through 6 years) or www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adolescent-easyread.html (7 to 18 years).
- CDC also recommends vaccines for COVID-19, hepatitis A (HepA), human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza (flu), and meningococcal disease (MenACWY and MenB), but these are not required for school entry in Colorado.

Exclusion from school

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date *Certificate of Immunization*, *Certificate of Exemption*, or an in-process plan on file for your student.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

Talk with a health care provider or your local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can find a vaccine provider at cdphe.colorado.gov/immunizations/get-vaccinated. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html, childvaccineco.org, immunizeforgood.com, and cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education. Staying up to date on routine immunizations is important for adults, as well as children. We encourage parents and guardians to find out what vaccines might be due. It's never too late for families to get back on track! Learn more about vaccines for adults at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html.

Paying for vaccinations

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your local public health agency (find LPHA contact information at cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency), or call the Mile High Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777 to ask about Medicaid contact information and health clinics located in your area.

Vaccination records

- Share your student's updated *Certificate of Immunization* with their school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the [Colorado Immunization Information System \(CIIS\)](https://Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS)). Visit COVaxRecords.org for more information, including directions for how to use the CIIS Public

Portal to view and print your student’s vaccine record.

Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of **medical reasons**, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption* to your school, signed by a physician (MD, DO), advanced practice nurse (APN), or delegated physician assistant (PA). You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student’s school or information changes. You can get the form at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.
- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to Colorado’s school vaccine requirements for reasons that are nonmedical, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* to your school. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1 through June 30). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.
 1. File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* WITH the signature from an immunizing provider in Colorado who is a physician (MD, DO), advanced practice nurse (APN), delegated physician’s assistant (PA), registered nurse (RN), or pharmacist licensed in Colorado; OR
 2. File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption*, which you will be able to access upon completion of the state’s online immunization education module.
- Downloadable certificates and a link to the online education module are available at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

How’s your school doing on vaccinations?

Some parents/ guardians/caregivers, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest immunization rates. Annually, schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in [§25-4-911, CRS](#). Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at COVaxRates.org.

School name	2021-2022 MMR immunization rate REQUIRED IN LETTER	2021-2022 MMR exemption rate REQUIRED IN LETTER
<i>Schools may also include the rates for the school-required vaccines shown below in this annual letter to parents/guardians</i>		
Vaccinated Children Standard 95% immunization rate for all school-required vaccines	2021-2022 DTaP/Tdap immunization rate	2021-2022 DTaP/Tdap exemption rate
	2021-2022 HepB immunization rate	2021-2022 HepB exemption rate
	2021-2022 IPV immunization rate	2021-2022 IPV exemption rate
	2021-2022 Varicella immunization rate	2021-2022 Varicella exemption rate

NEW FAMILIES!

Welcome to ECS Before & After School Programs

Step 1 – Login* to your CCSD Parent Portal account at: <https://my.cherrycreekschools.org/>

*Chrome, Safari, Firefox recommended. IE9 requires compability mode for registration

Step 2 – Click on the *New Families Enroll Here for SchoolCare Works* tile.



Step 3 – Choose the school that you are enrolling in Before & After School program with.

Step 4 – Select *Enroll* for the school you choose to enroll with.

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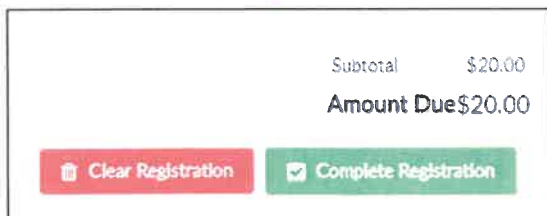
Step 5 – Complete all required fields under *Registration*.

Step 6 – Select Add to Cart.

A green rectangular button with a white shopping cart icon and the text "ADD TO CART".

Step 7 – If you have additional children to add, you can select *Add Student*.

Step 8 – Complete the fields and Complete Registration.

A white rectangular box with a thin border. It contains a summary of registration costs and two buttons. At the top right, it says "Subtotal \$20.00" and "Amount Due \$20.00". Below this, there are two buttons: a red button with a trash icon and the text "Clear Registration", and a green button with a checkmark icon and the text "Complete Registration".

Step 9 – Enter credit card information to pay the Registration Fee.

Step 10 – Check the boxes to agree to terms and conditions and input your electronic signature.

Step 11 – Answer the Confirmation Questions.

Step 12 – You will receive a *Registration Successful* message and will be able to print a copy.

Step 13 – You will receive a receipt for payment to the email address provided. Once the registration has been approved, you will receive a confirmation email and then will have access to an attendance calendar to sign up for child care (attendance tab).

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Cherry Creek School District 2023-2024 School Year Calendar ALL SCHOOLS

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- No School for Students and Staff
- School Starts
- Last day of School

- Days marked with colors below are non-pupil contact days:
- Teacher-Work Days Prior to Start of School
 - K-12 Non-contact
 - K-8 Non-contact/conferences

If for any reason the school district must close schools for more than two days, this 2023-2024 calendar will be amended by the Board of Education to provide additional school days.