



July 30, 2021

Hello, Summit Elementary School Community!

I am beyond excited to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. I cannot wait for this year of learning and growing together to begin. I eagerly await the sounds of your voices and seeing your faces fill our school's hallways and classrooms once again.

For me, this is a year of connection. You may have heard me say it before, but a very dear friend of mine reminds me that, at the core of who we all are, there is a need to feel connected to each other and this special place called school. The past year and a half has challenged our abilities to connect in authentic and deep ways. The 2021-2022 school year provides a new opportunity for us to create the kinds of connections that lead to deep learning and a strong community that supports our Summit students. I look forward to this journey together!

I want to make sure you have a few dates on your calendar and are aware of other updates. Here are important specifics as we begin the school year.

[Early Release Wednesdays](#)

All Cherry Creek elementary schools will have early release days **every Wednesday at 1:45 pm** to enhance professional development and training opportunities for our elementary teachers. By having this specific time set aside, there will be less need to pull teachers out of the classroom during the day, which creates continuity for students and less of a reliance on substitute teachers. With this change, our elementary schools will still exceed the class time required by the Colorado Department of Education. For families who participate in after-school childcare, the after-school program will be extended every Wednesday at no additional cost. For families who need care, you can register by contacting Laura Sandoval at 720-886-6467. Our first early release Wednesday will be August 18th.

[Meet & Greet](#)

You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see your child's classroom, and meet additional staff members on **Wednesday, August 11th** from 4:00-6:00pm. Please enter the building from your child's grade level door. This is where class lists will be posted on the windows. Staff members will meet you there to guide you to your child's classroom. Please visit our [school's website](#) to see grade level door entrances.

[Phase-in start by Grade Level](#)

Similar to our phase-in schedule from last year, we will have a phase-in start during the first week of school. Here is the schedule...

Monday: Grades 3-5 ONLY (Kindergarten assessments by sign-up schedule)

Tuesday: Grades 1-2 ONLY (Kindergarten assessments by sign-up schedule)

Wednesday: ALL grades K-5, early release at 1:45pm

School Hours

Students can arrive at school at **7:45am**. Breakfast will begin at this time. Students who arrive at school after 8:00am will be marked tardy.

Students will be dismissed from school at **2:45pm**. Early dismissal on Wednesdays will be at 1:45pm.

Refillable water dispensers

We have a refillable water dispenser in each pod of classrooms. Students will be able to fill water bottles as needed throughout the day. We no longer have traditional water fountains, so students will need to pack a water bottle each day.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. Breakfast and lunch meals are available to every student. Please fill out this [form](#) in the Titan system. This information determines federal funding for our school, so it is very important that all families complete the form. Thank you for taking time to do so.

Please continue to check our school website for information about our school and the school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Again, I cannot wait to see you all very soon.

In learning,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Missy Matthews".

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