January 2021 Newsletter

Friday, January 8 - School resumes in person
Friday, January 15 - Remote Learning day
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Friday, January 29- School day
Friday, February 5- School day
Friday, February 12- School day/Valentine parties
Friday, February 19- School day
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January 8 - School Resumes In Person: Welcome back! The teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing your students. Student drop off is from 8:30-8:40. Teachers will greet students in their first period classroom. Classes begin at 8:40. School ends at 3:00.

Friday, January 15: We will not have in person school on Friday, January 15. We will have a mini remote learning day. The church notified us that we cannot be in the building on Friday, January 15. They are having their HVAC system installed all week. No one can be in the building for safety reasons, there will be cranes and heavy equipment involved. The timing is disappointing since we are just returning to in person school. Each student will have one Zoom check in/attendance. Teachers will also post lessons in Schoology. I’ve attached Schoology login instructions. Secondary students will only Zoom with their first period teacher (not all 5 teachers like the November schedule.) Thank you for your flexibility!

Remote Learning Schedule for January 15:

Elementary
9:00-9:30 - Kindie and 1st grade virtual class/attendance with 1st period teacher
9:30-10:00 - 2nd and 3rd grade virtual class/attendance with 1st period teacher
10:00-10:30 - 4th and 5th grade virtual class/attendance with 1st period teacher

Secondary
10:30-11:00 - 6th grade and up virtual class/attendance with 1st period teacher

New Secondary Science teacher: We are so happy to introduce Ms. Ruthie Trias, our new secondary science teachers. Ms. Trias comes to us with excellent teaching experience. Welcome to Options Ms. Trias! We are so grateful to Mrs. Cooley, our long term sub, for all her hard work. Thank you Mrs. Cooley!

Dorian Pictures: Dorian student pictures have arrived for those who placed orders. We will give the pictures to your students in their backpacks. All students had a picture taken. Yes, you can still order pictures at http://dorian.mydorian.com or 1-800-826-3535. You will be given a personalized access key and your order will be shipped directly to your home for a $7 shipping fee.
AmeriTowne: Flyer coming soon with details and sign-ups. Ameritowne Virtual Trainings – Tuesdays Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 from 3:30 – 5:00 online/virtual trainings. AmeriTowne is open to 4th-6th graders. Unfortunately, there will not be an in person field trip this year.

Free COVID testing: Students and parents can receive no-cost COVID tests at either of our drive-up facilities at Cherry Creek High School and our Instructional Support Facility located next to Thunder Ridge Middle School. Below are the sign-up links for anyone in the Cherry Creek family who needs a test: For Cherry Creek Students: https://www.primarybio.com/r/ccstudents?registration_type=student For friends and family of Cherry Creek: https://www.primarybio.com/l/cdphe

Fan Day: January 29, all students are invited to wear their favorite team jersey, even their own teams.

Valentine’s Parties: February 12, Kindergarten-5th grades will have a Valentine party in their last class at 2:00. Students will give Valentines to each student in the student’s grade only, make crafts, play games, eat snacks and drinks. Secondary students will have snack and drinks at lunch, but will not share Valentines. Sign-up Genius and Valentine name list coming soon.

Overdrive Digital Library: Options students can access the Overdrive Digital Library. There is no specific list to follow, all titles are your own choice. All CCSD students can Log in at: my.cherrycreekschools.org. Select the myLibrary tab at the bottom. Select the image for Overdrive. Log in with your school computer username (active directory) and password (active directory).

Student Resources: BrainPop, BrainPopJr, Britannica School and other student resources are now available for use through your students’ myCherryCreek login, in the myLibrary tab. National Geographic is accessible through the following link: https://link.gale.com/apps/NGMK?u=option_hs.

Florissant Art show: Congrats to our young artists in Ms. Klem’s art classes for their accomplishment of exhibiting their artwork as part of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument Show. Secondary art classes are the prints found in the second picture in the photo album. Kindergartners are the leaf prints in the 6th picture. Here is the link to the art show photo album at https://flic.kr/s/aHsmHWA7ZZ

Snow Days and Late Start: We follow Cherry Creek School District for snow days and late starts. I will try to email by 6:00 am or sooner. If it’s snowing, please check your email. If we have a late start, classes will begin at 10:00.

Attendance: If your student is absent, please call our Attendance Line 720-554-5795 before 8:00 am on the day of the absence. Cherry Creek will be making automated calls/texts to those who have an unexcused absence. Secondary students, don’t forget to email your teachers for homework.

Activity fee: $25 per family per year towards various activities, such as Field Day. We accept checks, credit card, and cash. Please place your money in an envelope with your last name on the front.

Curriculum Checkout: To checkout curriculum, please make an appointment with the Options office at 720-554-5700 or email leppersstone2@cherrycreekschools.org. The address is 14603 E. Fremont
Avenue, Centennial. The curriculum office is a different location than where Piney Creek Options school takes place. Curriculum checkouts are not available after March 1.

**Moving?** Have you moved recently? Please email me your address and I can forward it onto our office. You are not able to change the address in the parent portal, sorry. As an Options family, you do not need to provide “proof of residency” to the district, so we can change it via email.

**Scholastic Books:** We place a book order the second Friday of the month. It’s easy to order online with the following instructions.

- **Web address:** [https://orders.scholastic.com/DWPXD](https://orders.scholastic.com/DWPXD)
- **Class Activation Code:** DWPXD

Dear Parent,

Now it’s easier than ever to find the perfect books for your child—shop the online Book Clubs Web site. Choose from a much-wider selection of books than in the printed flyer. Plus, you can send your orders directly to me online and use your credit card to pay. Best of all, **we earn a FREE book for the end-of-year gifts every time a parent places an order online.** It’s so simple!

Here’s how it works:

**SIGN UP** at [https://orders.scholastic.com/DWPXD](https://orders.scholastic.com/DWPXD). On the parent page, click the “Register” button in the “First Time Here?” section. Register for your own user name and password. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code shown above. This unique code ensures that your order is sent to our Options School.

**SELECT** the books you’d like to order—choose from thousands of titles—many more than in our monthly flyers.

**SEND** your order to me online by the due date and your child’s books will be delivered directly to my classroom. (We turn in the order the second Monday of the month.)

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