

Hello Piney Creek families,

Only 3 Fridays left! Lots of important info about field day, curriculum, August new start time, and fall calendar.

Piney Creek Options May 2022 Newsletter

Friday, April 29-Teacher appreciation luncheon

Friday, May 6- Parent coffee, Curriculum swap, Kindie graduation at 2:15

Friday, May 13- Field day 8:45-12:00, last day of the semester

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - April 29. Would you like to bring a food item or gift card to show our amazing teachers how much we appreciate them? Please drop off items in the morning or by 11:00. Thank you so much for your generosity. The teachers are so grateful! Sign up here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A5AD2AABFF2-teacher3>

Yearbook – Yearbook order has been placed. They should arrive by May 6 school day. The cost is \$16 each and parents can pay by RevTrak or check. I did order 10 extra, please email me if you would like one. A huge shout out to Kimmie for creating the yearbook!

Health Fair- Friday, April 29 from 3:30-5:30 at the Options Fremont Building (not FCC.) Come and learn about healthy habits. The address is 14603 E. Fremont Ave, Centennial.

Kindie Graduation- May 6 at 2:15. Kindergarten families are invited to attend. Please bring a snack to share with the group.

Curriculum Swap- May 6 Parents are welcome to bring used or unwanted curriculum to exchange with others Piney Creek parents. Everything on the table (brought by you parents) will be free to a good home. Any items left at the end of the day will be taken to Good Will.

Parent Coffee: We host a Parent Coffee on the first Friday of the month. **May 6**, we will have a coffee cart inside in the lunch room. All are welcome! There is no agenda, this is a time for you to meet and greet and support each other.

End of the semester- Friday, May 13 is the last day of the semester and the last day for students to turn in homework.

Field Day Permission Form- Field Day is May 13, we will be celebrating the school year with a half day of fun! We will have an inflatable obstacle course, water balloons, tie dye and many other activities from 8:45 am to noon. Students need to come ready for indoor and outdoor fun! Students should bring a water bottle, wear tennis shoes, wear sunscreen, and have layers depending on weather.



Every student must have a signed permission form to participate. Please fill out this form by May 9 <https://forms.gle/tmGYqTxzNhW63jRF7>

We will also need a few volunteers to help supervise. Please email me if you would like to volunteer.

Field Day After School Picnic- In the past, some families have gathered for a picnic after school. Those who are interested, please meet at Centennial Center Park, located at: 13050 E. Peakview Ave., Centennial, CO 80112. This is not an Options organized event. Hopefully, it's a warm, dry day!

Thank you and goodbye- Teachers Mrs. Angelle Frilot and Mrs. Brook Ruis will be leaving their teaching positions at Piney Creek Options. Thank you for all you have done for Options, you will be missed!

New School hours 8:45-3:15- For Fall, starting Friday, August 12, the Piney Creek school day will be from 8:45-3:15 (not 8:30-3:00.) We will start and end 15 minutes later.

22-23 Fall Calendar- I've linked the 22-23 school year calendar here [22-23 PC Calendar](#) The school dates are set. I'm still working on activity dates, such as performances, coffees, science fair and more. The 1st day of school is Friday, August 12. The first day will be a full day of school (not a half day.) Please note that the first day of the second semester is January 13 (one week later than usual). We still have 2 fall breaks and 2 spring breaks.

Pizza Account Balances- We will send home pizza balances this week with the oldest sibling in the family. Please pay your pizza balance by the last day of school by RevTrak or check (to Cherry Creek Options.) Yes, your balance will roll over to next school year.

Curriculum Check-Out List- Families will receive of list of curriculum items checked out for each student. We will send the list home with the oldest sibling on April 29. Please review before returning curriculum. Even the secondary student's classroom textbooks will be on that list. Secondary (6th and up) students who have **only** checked out science or English textbooks for core classes may leave those textbooks with the teacher on the last school day May 6.

Curriculum Return and Checkout: Families will return used curriculum and checkout new curriculum in May and June. We have a wonderful library of curriculum that is available to Options families. The Options office address is 14603 E. Fremont Avenue, Centennial. The curriculum office is a different location than where Piney Creek Options school takes place. I'm happy to chat with you about curriculum if you have questions. May 6 and May 9 are curriculum days designated for Piney Creek families. Or you can sign up on the Open Curriculum link for other May and early June dates. [Piney Creek Curriculum Sign-Up](#) (May 6 and May 9 only)

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If you would like to volunteer your time and receive 50% off your consumable purchase click here [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Curriculum Return for Withdrawing Families- For withdrawing families, all curriculum must returned by May 13.

Coming in July - Parent Online Forms In early July, I'll email you information about completing 2022-2023 parent online forms which must be completed each year.

Hearing & Vision Screening- Students were screened on April 8. Families will be notified in a few weeks only if there was a concern.

Electronic Dissections- April 22- Thank you Mrs. Kehayas and elementary STEM students and parents for participating in electronic dissections. The students has a great time!

Options Prom: Our Options high school students organized and participated in the Options Prom. It was a huge success! Thank you to all the students, parents, and staff who helped with decorations and donations.

Music Performance- A huge thank you to Mrs. Dreger and all the elementary music performers and keyboarding students. We truly appreciated your hard work and enjoyed being together!

World Cultures speaker: Thank you Mrs. Klennert for sharing a speaker from the Japan America Society of Colorado with her World Cultures students.

IOWA Standardized Testing: We had a successful testing day. Results arrive in May. We will send an envelope home with results when they arrive.

Snow Day and Late Start- If we have a late start due to weather, classes will start at 9:30. I try to email snow days and late starts by 6:00am.

Piney Creek Options new families: Thank you for referring your family and friends. Interested new families should complete this google form [New Family Interest Form](#). Be sure to list Piney Creek as your first choice. Of course, new families are always welcome to contact me directly. I'm happy to answer questions. [Classes are filling up fast.](#)

Parent Volunteers: Would you like to volunteer for lunch duty from 11:30-12:45? Here is the SignUpGenius link to volunteer at school <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A5AD2AABFF2-parent1> Our greatest need is additional lunch time supervision. It's fun to be with the students. Volunteers are required to sign in at the front desk, show ID, and wear a visitor nametag.

Music Curriculum: For this semester, you can access this amazing curriculum to enhance music at home. Go to: <https://musicplayonline.com/login/>
Click on: Student
Enter this access code: m464852

RevTrak payment system is up and running. Starting November 1, Options will only accept credit card or check payments. **Options will not accept cash anymore.** Using RevTrak you will be able to add money in your pizza account, pay for activity fee, IOWA testing, yearbooks and more. Here is the process to use RevTrak:

- Go to Options website at <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/133>
- Select Payments (top right)
- Create new account (first time only) or login- This is a separate account from your parent CCSD account

- Select Other Schools
- Select Options Homeschool Program
- Select Piney Creek/Friday at FCC
- Select lunch (family pizza account) or activity fee (remember, the activity fee is \$25 per family – do not pay for multiple children, just one time)
- Enter amount and complete the process
- You will receive an email when you make a payment, and I will be notified

Raz-Kids for Radical Readers students- All 1st-5th grade students in Mrs. Mattle’s Radical Readers class have access to Raz Kids at home. Raz-Kids is a dynamic website where kids can listen to, read, and even record themselves reading literary and informational eBooks. With Raz-Kids, students have access to hundreds of interactive books covering a wide range of subjects. The website gives students access to the practice they need to become better, more confident readers. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Mattle at emattle@cherrycreekschools.org. Here is the information to access Raz-Kids at home:

- Go to www.raz-plus.com
- Click on Kids Login (green and top right)
- Your Teacher’s Username: emattle 6
- Or, the following students 6 students Teacher username is emattle7 : Levi M. , Mateo N, Emillia O., Josephine P., Olivia T. and Alisia V.
- Find your student’s username
- Password is opt123

2nd hour Snack: Elementary students (1st-5th grades) have snack time in their 2nd hour class. Please send a quick, non-messy snack with your student in their backpack, not their lunchbox. We are an allergy aware school, please try to send nut free snacks. Thank you!

Pizza Hut: We offer Pizza Hut hot lunch each school day. Pizza is \$1.50 per slice. We offer cheese pizza and sausage pizza. Students order pizza in their first period class. Kindergarten parents, please order with Mrs. Fisher when you drop off in the morning. Each family has a pizza account. You can add money in your pizza account by paying with RevTrak or check (to Cherry Creek Options.) For example, you could add \$10 to your pizza account. Then, each time your student has pizza, we deduct from your account. We don’t handle any money during lunch when we are serving pizza. All money transactions are done ahead of time. Once a month, we will send home with your students your pizza account balance.

Drop Off and Pick Up: Please drop off your K-5 students between 8:30-8:40 at the main entrance. K-5 teachers will greet your students and lead them into the building at 8:40. Secondary students may enter the building between 8:30-8:40 and go straight to their first class. Please pick up your students outside the main entrance. School ends at 3:00.

Meal Distribution: I have attached a flyer for meal distribution available through Cherry Creek to Options families.

Attendance: If your student is absent, please call our new **Attendance Line 720-554-5795** before 8:30 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.

Medical concerns: Does your student need a current action plan for medical concerns? For students with asthma and/or life-threatening allergies, please go to the CCSD health pages and fill out the appropriate forms (with your doctor) ASAP: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1743> Yes, these medical forms do need to be completed each year.

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.

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