

Piney Creek Options

May 2021 Newsletter

Friday, April 30- School day

Friday, May 7- School day, 2:30 Kindie Graduation

Friday, May 14- Field day 8:45-12:00, last day of the semester

Yearbook orders- Yearbook cost is \$17 each if you placed an order. Please pay by cash, check (to Cherry Creek Options), or credit card. They should arrive any day. I still have a few extra, please email me if you would like one. A huge shout out to Kimmie for creating our small but adorable yearbook!

May 7- Marci Out of Town— On Friday, May 7, I will be out of town at my son's graduation from Gonzaga University. You will be in good hands with Neal, Kimmie, and Kendal. Please email Kimmie at kscott24@cherrycreekschools.org if you need anything. By the way, my son was homeschooled and attended Options for many years.

Electronic Dissections- Thank you to all the families who donated electronics. Mrs. Kehayas and the STEM students enjoyed dissecting them!

IOWA Testing- All participating families should have received results in an envelope.

Kindie Graduation- Friday, May 7 at 2:30, parents are invited to kindergarten graduation.

End of the semester- Friday, May 7 is the last day of the semester and the last day for students to turn in homework.

Field Day- On Friday, May 14 we are super excited that we will have a COVID friendly field day. We are planning many fun games, activities, and snacks. Field day is a half day from 8:45-12:00. 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.

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 Mr. Patrick- Our amazing administrator, Mr. Neal Patrick, will be retiring at the end of this school year. It's hard to imagine the Options Program without Neal's leadership, kindness, and dedication. We will miss you!

Thank you and goodbye- Teachers Dr. Ira Bigelow, Mrs. Hannah Pearman, and Mrs. Natalie Rachael will be leaving their teaching positions at Piney Creek Options and moving on to other adventures. Thank you for all you have done for Options, you will be missed!



Classroom Books- Students with materials used in the classroom (science, English, history) may return those items to the classroom on or before the last day of class. Or, these items can be returned at the family's check-in appointment.

Curriculum Return for Returning Families- *Sign-up Genius Link:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAFA928A5FF2-curriculum>

Due to Options upgrading to a new library system, all families *continuing* with the Program must return **ALL** materials by June 15, 2021. We will be offering a 1 time, 50% discount on future consumables to families that have ALL curriculum returned by **May 28, 2021!** Before returning your curriculum, carefully check that all your curriculum items are in their kits and CD/DVD cases! A list of curriculum checked out per student was distributed last week. Please, remember appointments must be made for any curriculum returns. For questions, call the Options main 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 Return for Withdrawing Families- For withdrawing families, all curriculum must returned by May 14. Please make an appointment with the SignUpGenius

link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAFA928A5FF2-curriculum>

Curriculum Check-Out in July- New curriculum checkout for 2021-2022 school year will begin in July as soon as we have integrated into the new library system. E-mails with information and links to Sign-Up Genius will be sent to all returning families to schedule new curriculum appointments.

Coming in July - Parent Online Forms In early July, I'll email you information about completing 2021-2022 parent online forms which must be completed each 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>

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.

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.

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>

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>. 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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