Dear Buffalo Trail Families,

Over the past few weeks, I have been able to visit every single virtual classroom and what I saw impressed me. The students and staff were working very hard to make learning feel as close as possible to the way it does when we are in the school building together. I heard students reading aloud, I saw students engage in mathematical problem solving – and I DEFINITELY saw a lot of future IT experts begin to emerge in our students.

I don’t think there is a single one of us who prefers Remote Learning over face-to-face, but there are a few things we get to do while learning remotely that we don’t get to do in our brick and mortar setting that brought some joy. Students are getting to see/hear our staff’s families and pets in the background during lessons and in turn, we are seeing students sharing their prized possessions, pets, and siblings that we wouldn’t normally get to see when we are in-person. It feels like we all grew a bit more as an extended family.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust during these difficult times. We appreciate how you reach out to us to share what is working for your students. We appreciate how you reach out to problem solve with us when things are not working for your students. We value the wonderful relationships we have built with our community and are so grateful for the respectful collaboration we have with you!

As our Superintendent communicated earlier this week, our hope is that conditions will allow us to begin the second semester as follows, but please stay tuned for any updates as we move into January.

- Monday, January 4 – Furlough day for all staff, no school for students
- Tuesday, January 5 – Teacher workday, no school for students
- Wednesday, January 6 – Remote learning day for all students
- Thursday, January 7 – Remote learning day for all students
- Friday, January 8 – Remote learning day for all students
- Monday, January 11 – Elementary students return to full In-Person learning

We hope that you will be able to find ways to safely connect with loved ones over the next few weeks. Please enjoy the time off school (and hopefully some time away from Zoom calls and computers!) with your children. May you read some good books, play some fun board games, and watch some good movies together!

Fondly,

Tamara Speidel
SCHOOL OF CHOICE

The Cherry Creek School District gives its district residents the opportunity to apply for enrollment in the Cherry Creek school/program of their choice. Families may request that their child attend a Cherry Creek school outside the assigned attendance area. The School of Choice application is available online during the month of January only. There is not a specific time that the forms will be made available or removed on Feb 1st. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your application as late applications will not be accepted.

There are NO PAPER FORMS available for the School of Choice application process. Applications are considered based on lottery and space availability. Priority is given to students with siblings currently attending the requested school and projected to return the following year. Priority is also given to children of district employees. There is a limit of one (1) application per student and all information is verified for accuracy. Parents are notified of the results by March 15th. Appeals may be submitted in writing to District Admissions by April 15th. The Appeals Committee will review all letters received, and parents will be notified of the final decision by May 15th.

If a student is currently at Elevation (middle and high school) or Cherry Creek Online (elementary students) for the 20/21 school year: If the student was accepted to a school on School of Choice or IntraDistrict transfer to the highest grade level, families do not need to apply again. Students will be returned to their managing school if they so choose.

Please click on the link below to apply for the School of Choice Application.

https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1769

CCSD Food and Nutrition Services is delighted to offer free meal pickup through the winter break. Please click on the link below to view the flyer for more information.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP INFORMATION

Kindergarten Round Up will begin in February again this upcoming year. Early registration allows principals and school staff to establish contact with parents and do adequate planning for the coming school year. Please click on the link below for more information.