Dear Cimarron Community,

As we write this letter, the sun is shining and the last bit of snow is melting! It is difficult to believe that we are in the middle of December and have already had snow days that have impacted our school year!

We are excited to continue our Grandparents Day tradition, despite having to move it to December 20th. Attached you will find the new form for you to fill out if you plan on attending or cannot attend and need a refund from November! Please check with your child’s teacher if you have any questions about our rescheduled Grandparents Day!

One of the things we take great pride in at Cimarron is honoring every child and their cultural beliefs. As we come upon this time of year, we know that not every family celebrates the same religious and cultural holidays. We also know that holiday traditions look different in every household. Our traditions are a part of us and help shape our views of the world. You will find that we teach our students holidays celebrated across our nation and the world. No single religious holiday is celebrated within our school.

As you spend time with your children over break, we encourage you to continue to take time to share stories, let them ask fun questions as you drive around running errands or write a letter to a family member, friend or an organization! In the midst of this crazy time of year, take an extra hour to spend time outside going for a walk, playing a game (NOT a video game) or reading a book together. Those are memories that will last a lifetime with you and your children!

Finally, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for every single one of YOU! You send your most prized possession to us each day. You trust us to create a safe, loving space for your child where they can learn and grow as humans. Thank you for partnering with us and for all that you do to provide your children with so they are ready to be challenged to learn at Cimarron.

We look forward to continuing the journey as we celebrate an incredible first half of the year!

Your Partners in Education,

Mandy Sheets and Megan Carkhuff

Supporting OUR Community

Every single family has times when they need a little extra support from their community. Each year the Cimarron staff join together around this time of year to make sure our families have gifts to celebrate with their children and food for the long winter break. It is a priority for us that our students and families

We know that every family gives what they can to their children and community. Time, love and a listening ear are just as important as the physical gifts. We all have to rely on each other at times to survive. Together we are stronger for our children and for each other.

If your family would like to help, we are accepting gift cards, toys, games, new clothing and food in the Cimarron office until Dec. 18th. You can also donate online to the Cherry Creek Foundation, (please include Cimarron Elementary Holiday Drive in the comments section so the donation goes directly to our school. This is the non-profit entity for tax purposes).

If your family would like support for purchasing gifts or food over winter break this year, please reach out to Emma Andrews, our community liaison in the front office. This is completely anonymous.
BIRTHDAY TREAT POLICY

Non-Edible Birthday Treats
We will continue the tradition of allowing non-edible birthday treats to celebrate students' birthdays. This practice is directly aligned with our wellness initiatives. It also promotes a safe classroom environment in light of the ever-increasing number of students with life-threatening food allergies and sensitivities. A life-threatening allergic reaction can be unpredictable. While food manufacturers are required to list ingredients on labels, the risk of trace amounts of allergens in foods is always present. We want to ensure all of our students' safety, and eliminating the dangers associated with food being distributed to others in the classroom is one way of making that happen. We value the unique, complex layers that each learner brings to the learning space. It is our job to keep their physical, social, and emotional safety at the forefront of our thinking. Thank you so much for understanding our need to continue with our non-edible birthday treats practice. If you would like suggestions for age-appropriate, non-edible birthday treats for your child to share with his or her classmates, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your support and your

SAFETY MATTERS

Slow down when driving near school the school! We would rather your child be a few minutes late than put another person in an unsafe situation. Drive slow and safe!

CHERRY CREEK FOUNDATION EVENTS

Nuggets vs. Orlando Magic
December 18, 2019
Avalanche vs. Washington Capitals
February 13, 2020
Discounted Tickets Here

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found will be donated over winter break. Check it out now so your child's jacket, hat, sweatshirt, shoes, water bottles, socks or whatever else lands in that bucket can be claimed!

Lost & Found Donation Day: December 20, 2019

STEAM NIGHT

Another incredible night of learning for our students and families!
We all enjoyed the Lego car races, building boats, launching paper airplanes, dancing in the gym and solving new math problems!

There was SO much joy in our community that night!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and staff for this amazing community event!

Join us for Literacy Night on February 21, 2020!

P.A.S.S. MEETINGS

WHAT IS IT AND WHY DOES IT MATTER
Partnership for Academically Successful Students (P.A.S.S.)
Please join us as we spend time talking about Cimarron and the impact of race within our school. We want to hear from YOU.
Any parent or guardian is welcome. This is a safe place where we come together to share, plan and provide feedback on the experiences of our students of color to ensure every child receives the educational experience they deserve. We will be spending time hearing from our students, examining our discipline data and beginning to plan a career fair for this spring.

January 16th from 5:30 - 7:00-Dinner is provided for the
CIMRARRON Elementary School

Due to the snow day, we have rescheduled Grandparent’s Day for Friday, December 20, 2019.

There has been a menu change.
Thank you for your flexibility.

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<td>Pepperoni Pizza</td>
<td>Cheese Pizza</td>
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_______________________’s class cordially invites you to celebrate Grandparent’s Day with us. We would be honored if you would join our classroom from _____ to ______. Please also plan on joining us for lunch from _____ to ______.

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<td>Please refund ___ meals that were purchased earlier. (Send home month with my child.)</td>
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Please return your RSVP to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday, December 13, 2019. Thank you!
Signs and Symptoms of Strep Throat

**Usually include:**
- Sore throat starts quickly
- Pain when swallowing
- Fever
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny red spots on the roof of the mouth
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck

**Typically do not include:**
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Hoarseness
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)