Dear Cimarron Families,

This week marks the beginning of third trimester in Cherry Creek! Your children have grown so much over the last seven months of school! We are so fortunate to have all of your amazing children fill our school with joy and learning every day! For those who have been able to make it to conferences, we hope that you have been able to celebrate the growth of your children!

At the end of the month, our third, fourth and fifth graders will begin taking CMAS, Colorado’s state assessment. Every student will take three assessments in math and literacy. They will be expected to read passages and problems and express their knowledge through writing, multiple choice, highlighting and showing their mathematical thinking. The assessments reflect the grade level standards and expectations. We know that every student at Cimarron will bring their best selves as they show off their knowledge and problem solving skills! To help your child, please make sure they are well rested and arrive to school on time!

Due to the high volume of families calling the office to have students pulled from class at the end of the day, beginning at 2:30 pm, we will no longer call students up to the office to be released. We know this may be inconvenient, however we ask that you wait until they are released at the end of the school day to pick up your children. If you have an appointment, please plan to pick up your child prior to 2:30 pm.

Your Partner in Education,
Mandy Sheets and our Cimarron Staff

Get Ready for Cimarron Reads

Grab a new book or an old favorite and get ready to read! The Cherry Creek School District will celebrate the joy of reading during Cherry Creek Reads, coming up March 9-13.

Across our district, students, parents, teachers, staff, friends and family members are encouraged to read for 67 minutes or more during Cherry Creek Reads. That represents one minute for every Cherry Creek school. The goal is simple: to create a community of readers and foster a lifelong love of reading.

The theme for the week is “Read Together, Change Lives Together,” and is based on the inspirational book Because by Mo Willems, a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator. Because takes readers on a journey of self-discovery, with the realization of how one small event can change your life forever and make one wonder.... What’s my Because?

Because of you... join us for Cimarron's Literacy Night on March 12, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Dinner and Experiences for the WHOLE family! Take home books and new learning!
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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 patience.

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

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found will be donated over Spring 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: March 13, 2020

CIMARRON READS THEME DAYS

Monday: Because...
Tuesday: Poetry Day
Wednesday: Family Read In Day and PJ Day...Join your child/children and read together for the first hour of the school day. Everything stops and we all spend the first hour of the day READING!
Thursday: Literacy Night - 6:00 - 7:30 PM - ALL family members welcome. Dinner provided and AMAZING learning experiences!
Friday: Dress as your FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER

ROBOCON COMPETITION

First Annual Cherry Creek Robocon

A group of second and third graders from Cimarron showed off their talents at the first Annual Cherry Creek Robocon. With the support of three fifth grade coaches and their leader, Ms. McMillan, our students programmed the Dash Robot and a Lego structure at West Middle School.

This group of students have spent the last few months learning how to code and applying their knowledge in various challenges that led up to Saturday’s competition.

CIMARRON’S 2019-2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NANCY FIREBAUGH

Congratulations to Nancy Firebaugh for being this year’s Cimarron Elementary School’s Volunteer of the Year! Nancy has been volunteering across Cimarron for over a decade. For many years, Nancy has been working with our fifth grade students. This year she can be found in the kindergarten wing of the school singing and reading with our amazing five and six year olds! Thank you Nancy!