Dear Summit Families,

Sincere congratulations to our Exceptional Volunteer of the Year, Melissa Ruiz. Melissa is such a huge support to our staff and students. She spends countless hours organizing various fundraisers, running community events, and supporting our teachers. Summit is so lucky to have her as our Exceptional Volunteers!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be the week of March 2nd – 6th, please be sure to sign up with your child’s teacher. Conference time reinforces our continued communication between home and school. A strong home-school partnership contributes to student success at school.

Just a friendly reminder to play nice in the parking lot. It is extremely important to

- Drive slowly and keep an eye out for small children, as they usually cannot be seen between cars and tend to move both quickly and unexpectedly at times.
- Keep in mind that ALL students being dropped off should be dropped off along the red curb in front of the school. Dropping students off anywhere else is not safe, blocks parking and slows the flow of traffic.
- One last thought, you must remain in your vehicle at all times, if you are waiting along the red curb for drop off/pick up.

Just a reminder, our Kindergarten registration is scheduled for February 24th – 28th. The district admissions office is located at:

District Admissions – East
5416 S. Riviera Way
Centennial, CO 80015
(On the corner of Picadilly St. – next to Thunder Ridge MS and Eaglecrest HS)
Phone: 720-886-7480  Fax: 720-886-7494

The Admissions office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. If you have neighbors with children who will start kindergarten next year, please share the registration information with them. For a child to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2020 – 2021 school year, he or she must be five years old by October 1, 2020. Further details regarding registration can be found below or on the district website.

Warmly,

Rachel Rubio
Principal
Looking Ahead

February 7     School Dance/Pajama Party, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
February 14    Spring Photos
               Valentine’s Day parties, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
February 17    Presidents’ Day, No school
February 18    No school for students
February 24 - 28 Kindergarten Round Up week for Summit at District Admissions office
February 25 - March 4   Book Fair
February 27    Summit at Skate City, look for flyers to come home
March 2        Community Night with Slithers Club, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 2-6      Conference Week
March 3        Summit at Papa John’s
March 5, 6     Conferences, No school for students
March 8        Daylight Saving Time begins, Set your clocks forward one hour
March 9-13     “Cherry Creek Reads” ~ Let’s all read for 67 minutes or more
March 10       PTCO Meeting, 3:00 p.m. Library
March 16-20    Spring Break, No school

Friday, February 7!!

Come one! Come all! For the best price, turn in your ticket order forms soon!

☆ Ticket pre-sales $3.00   ☆ Tickets at the door $5.00
☆ Concessions will be available for purchase   ☆ 5th grade VIP Room!
☆ Student must be accompanied by an Adult

Volunteers Needed Email: Shandraemallory@gmail.com Text: 303-877-5918
Or use Sign-up Genius link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EAFAF2EA0F49-pajama
It is Cold and Flu Season

The flu is a serious virus that affects breathing. People with the flu usually have a fast onset of body aches, chills, fever, and coughing. If you think that your student has the flu, please, keep them home. The flu is highly contagious. It spreads easily especially among children. If your student sees a doctor and is diagnosed with the flu, please let me know. I track cases of the flu so that I can stop the spread of it in our school. If your student does have the flu, they should stay home until their symptoms are gone, usually 5 to 7 days. When you call your student in sick, we will be asking questions about their symptoms. This is to track illness, not just flu. If I know that 3 kids in a classroom are home sick with vomiting, then I can do things in that classroom to hopefully stop the spread of that illness to other students and staff.

### How to Prevent Getting the Flu

1. **Get a flu shot** - This protects you and the people around you.
2. **Wash your hands frequently and teach your child HOW to correctly wash their hands.** Soap and warm water scrub for at least 30 seconds. Soap and water is always better than hand sanitizer but hand sanitizer is often better than nothing.
3. **Keep your hands away from your face.** Bacteria and viruses enter your body through your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you do need to touch your face, wash your hands before touching it or use a Kleenex. Then wash hands after.
4. **Stay at least 3 feet away from someone who is coughing or sneezing.** Viruses are carried in coughs and sneezes. Turn and move away from people who are spreading germs.
5. **Cover all coughs and sneezes.** Teach your student to cough into their elbow like Dracula and to wash hands after coughs and sneezes.
6. **Do not share food, pillows, and dishes with people who are sick.**
7. **Get enough sleep and fluids.** Children need about 2 liters of water a day and staying hydrated helps your body to fight disease.

Please **DO NOT** send any medications, **including cough drops**, to school with your child unless I have a doctor’s written order. This form can be found on the Summit webpage. As a registered nurse, I cannot give any medication without a doctor’s order and students are not allowed to take any medications on their own in elementary school without a doctor’s order and permission from me. Sending medication to school with a student is a safety hazard for that child and the other children in the building.

There are medications that I can give with parent’s permission. These include acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Motrin), and Benadryl. I can also give cold and cough medicine if it only contains guaifenesin or dextromethorphan. I can give these medications a few times but if your student needs them for any extended period (more than three times), I need an order from your child’s doctor to give them.

I know that these rules are sometimes inconvenient, but they are state law for student safety. Thank you so much for your cooperation. As always, if you have questions or need to tell me something about your child’s health, give me a call or stop by. The more I know the better able I am to support your child throughout their school day.

**Jackie Rauch BSN, RN, NCSN**
720-886-6409
frauch2@cherrycreekschools.org
Visual Art News

Thank you to everyone that helped support the school art program by purchasing *Square One Art*. I hope you are enjoying your child’s creations. If you didn’t get to purchase anything through our fundraiser this year then hopefully next year some unique art keepsakes will grab your eye.

In Visual arts, first semester students were learning how to draw themselves using the correct proportions and experimenting with different mediums. Students then started to create fall landscapes. All grade levels do different projects but sometimes we stay with the same theme throughout the grade levels. We will be starting to experiment with clay in the 2nd semester, and more painting. I look forward to creating more art with our students and hope you enjoy seeing their artwork when it comes home.

I don’t send artwork home until after it has been displayed at Summit, and the students have a new project to hang up in the hallways. I might also hold students’ artwork for the upcoming spring art show.

Thank you for your support.

*Mrs. Christopherson*

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**Parent Information Network (PIN) presents**

*An Innovative Look at Nutrition: The Way to the Brain is Through the Stomach*

*February 4th 9:15 a.m. and February 11th 6:30 p.m.*

With Anna Schwartz, RDN Registered Dietician Nutritionist at 14603 E. Fremont Ave., Centennial 80112

**Fueling the Brain… Emotionally and physically through proper nutrition**

- How do I know what foods are best for my body?
- How do I build a healthy, lasting relationship with food?
- What foods improve brain health in my children?
- What foods decrease inflammation, and risk for brain related conditions such as Alzheimer’s?
- Do I need supplements for balanced nutrition?

**Learn to optimize your body and brain with food!**

- Learn to make confident choices and build a lasting relationship with food
- Learn which positive, lifestyle-focused foods to promote in your home
- Learn how diet and exercise can improve body and brain health

**About Our Speaker Anna Schwartz, MS, RDN.** Ms. Schwartz is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist at Paramount Health Directions in Cherry Creek. She works with clients of all ages to improve health and relationships with food; and develop sustainable lifestyle skills. She specializes in nutritional counseling, weight management, and disordered eating patterns, and has experience in both adult and pediatric large acute care hospitals, as well as outpatient clinics. Ms. Schwartz graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Christian University with a BS in Dietetics and a MS in Nutrition.

Presentations are **Free.** No need to RSVP — Just come to the **morning** or **evening** session.

[www.pinccsd.org](http://www.pinccsd.org)

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**Save the Dates** for these next PIN presentations

- **March 3rd 9:15 a.m. and March 10th 6:30 pm**

**Money Doesn’t Grow on Trees! Creating Financially Responsible Kids**

With Craig Kaley, founder of Moneyletics at 14603 E. Fremont Ave., Centennial 80112

Feel free to check the [www.pinccsd.org](http://www.pinccsd.org) website for more presentation details/updates.

Parents, school administrators and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend PIN’s presentations. Presentations are **Free.** Come to the **morning** or **evening** session.
Calling All 5th Grade Parents!
Horizon Community Middle School

Husky Highlight Night
For Incoming 6th Grade Families

Thursday, February 13, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Horizon Gymnasium 3881 S. Reservoir Rd., Aurora 80013

Learn about:
- Selecting Electives
- The 6th Grade Schedule
- Transitioning to Middle School
- Clubs, athletics, activities

This informational night will be presented by Horizon’s administrators, counselors, teachers and support staff. An open house will follow.

Parents are the most important part of successful student transition into middle school.

Yearbook Help Needed
Summit families, it is time to start thinking about our 2019 - 2020 school yearbook! Your help is needed to fill our pages full of memories from this school year. Please upload any photos you would like to share, just by clicking on the following link:
https://yearbook.treering.com/school/143407/photos/shared-photo-folders/144859446 Please send in your pictures from the dance as well! Thank you.

Haven’t ordered your yearbook yet? Order online by March 21st:
1) Go to www.treering.com/validate
2) Enter your school’s passcode: 1015023781601516 …

You are invited by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children Panel

This panel’s goal is to facilitate interactions children with special needs and their parents might encounter in the healthcare and educational environments. The panel will share techniques that have been helpful to them as providers, navigators, parents and educators. Comments and questions are welcomed; but be aware the panel will not be able to answer questions on specific personal health information.

Who: CCSD parents, guardians, and caregivers who have children on IEPs and 504s
When: Thursday, February 13 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Room 164 at 14603 E. Fremont Ave. Centennial 80112

We will provide regular coffee from Equal Grounds before the meeting. Equal Grounds is a coffee shop run by students with developmental disabilities in the Transition Program. Come for coffee at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events: March 12 - Police and Safety April 16 - Golden Heart Awards
Kimberly A. Avalos 720.554.4408 kavalos@cherrycreekschools.org

Cherry Creek Reads
Read Together, Change Lives Together!
March 9-13, 2020
Parents are encouraged to pre-register their kindergarten aged children for the coming school year during the Cherry Creek Kindergarten Round Up in February. This helps us provide parents with the needed information to help prepare for that important first year of school, and plan for our school staffing needs.

Families from the Summit Elementary attendance area will be able to register for their new kindergartner at the District Admissions office during **week of February 24-28.**

### Kindergarten 2020 - 2021

To register your child for Kindergarten for the 2020 - 2021 school year.  
(Students now attending a Cherry Creek preschool do NOT need to register for Kindergarten.)  
~ Non-Resident applications will be available online April 1, 2020

Early registration allows principals and school staff to establish contact with parents and do adequate planning for the coming school year.

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#### Questions?
To help shorten the wait times, please attend on the week listed below. If you are unable to attend during your assigned week, you may come *any time* during the month.
For more information use this webpage [link](#).

**February 3 - 7**  Belleview, Cherry Hills Village, Coyote Hills, Dry Creek, Heritage, Independence, Meadow Point, Pine Ridge, Polton, Rolling Hills, Sunrise

**February 10 - 14** Aspen Crossing, Black Forest Hills, Buffalo Trail, Cottonwood, Creekside, Dakota Valley, Eastridge, Mountain Vista, Red Hawk Ridge, Village East

**February 18 - 21** (Closed on Monday 2/17) Altitude, Antelope Ridge, Arrowhead, Canyon Creek, Highline, Homestead, Peakview, Ponderosa, Sagebrush, Willow Creek

**February 24 - 28** Cimarron, Fox Hollow, Greenwood, High Plains, Holly Ridge, Indian Ridge, Mission Viejo, Summit, Timberline, Trails West, Walnut Hills

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### Registration Requirements

1. **Birth Certificate:** Must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2020  
2. **Immunization Records**  
3. **Proof of Residency:** Current Xcel Energy bill *(visit our website for additional options)*  
4. **Photo ID** of parent / guardian  
5. **Registration Forms:** Available in Admissions or use this [link](#)

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### From Our Parent Teacher Community Organization

- **PTCO Meeting:** *You are invited!* Tuesday, **March 10,** 3:00 p.m. meeting, Library ~
- **Shopping for Summit:**  
  - Box Tops- Clip Box Tops and turn them in! Every Box Top earns our school 10¢.  
  - King Soopers Cards- Purchase a reloadable gift card from PTCO for $2.50. Every reload earns our school 4%.  
  - Amazon Smile- Shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) just like you would on Amazon. It is your same account/information. Then select Summit Elementary PTCO to support our school. Thank you!

- **PTCO Contact Information:**  
  - *Emails:* [Summitptcotreasure@gmail.com](mailto:summitptcotreasure@gmail.com), [summitptctreasure@gmail.com](mailto:summitptctreasure@gmail.com)  
  - *Facebook:* [www.facebook.com/SummitElemPTCO](http://www.facebook.com/SummitElemPTCO)  
  - *Text Reminders:* @SummitPTCO to 81010
Preschool Proud

Cherry Creek School District  

**Preschool Roundup 2020-2021**

The month of February is Preschool Roundup in the CCSD. The program features an extremely low staff-to-student ratio and a comprehensive, scientifically based, early childhood curriculum. The preschool program helps youngsters develop the academic and social skills they need for kindergarten and beyond. "We are an exceptional preschool program," said Stacey Peoples, director of Early Childhood Education for Cherry Creek Schools. "And now we have an exceptional, one-stop registration process that is much more parent-friendly and kid-friendly."

**Registration** is the first step in what we hope will be a long and positive relationship with Cherry Creek. The Cherry Creek School District has over 80 different classrooms at 24 different locations. We have three different preschool programs (Colorado Preschool Program, Special Education, and Tuition).

Parents can start the registration process by answering the following three questions:

1. **Will your child be 3 years old by August 18, 2020?**
   - **YES** - please continue to the next question
   - **NO** - then visit our webpage 2 weeks prior to your child's 3rd birthday to register for preschool. Children under 3 cannot be in our classrooms due to licensing requirements. You can stop here; we cannot register your child at this point in time.

2. **Will your child be 5 on or before October 1, 2020?**
   - **NO** - please continue to the next section.
   - **YES** - then your child is kindergarten age and qualifies to register for kindergarten. Children who are kindergarten age should not be in our preschool due to licensing requirements. Please visit the Cherry Creek School District web page for more information about kindergarten registration. (Or see above for kindergarten round-up registration info.) You can stop here; we cannot register your child at this point in time.

3. **Is your child receiving services from Developmental Pathways, or are they identified with special education needs?**
   - **NO** - please follow through with the Child Find Evaluation. That is the process that will register your child for preschool. You can stop here; we cannot register your child at this point in time.
   - **YES** - please visit our Early Childhood website for information regarding preschool registration. Preschool registration appointments will be available through a link on February 1st for preschool registrations beginning on February 18th. At the registration appointment, a Cherry Creek Schools Early Childhood expert will help parents fill out the district enrollment forms and any state forms that may be necessary.

   - Parents can request their child to attend morning or afternoon classes, four days a week.
   - Some families may be eligible for free or reduced-price tuition if their child has special needs or risk factors that qualify them.

Cherry Creek Schools offers preschool at 24 locations across the district. During their enrollment appointment, parents can select their priorities for placement. Parents will be notified of their placement and their child’s new teacher in May. The new preschool year begins in August. We look forward to welcoming your family to Preschool.
It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.
"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun to Be Around at All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun to Be Around at All, would you now."

Poo looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"
"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun to Be Around at All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all. Somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were there.
No more; no less.

By A.A. Milne, E.H. Shepard

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**Give Kids a Smile  Free Dental Care for Uninsured Children**

Adventure Dental Vision and Orthodontics is a proud sponsor of the National Give Kids a Smile program. Our 3 locations will provide free dental care to uninsured children on the dates below. Call SOON to schedule an appointment. Services include dental exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, fillings, x-rays, sealants and extractions.

- **February 3-7** 6695 W. Colfax Ave. Lakewood 80214
- **February 10-14** 9333 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora 80010
- **February 24-28** 7405 E. Iliff Ave. Denver 80231

Call 720-961-6155 now. Availability is limited and appointments are required. www.Mydentalvisioncare.com/givesmiles

All dental care provided by Colorado licensed general dentists. Ron Montano, DDS, owner. Adventure Dental Vision Orthodontics

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**Dele Una Sonrisa A Los Niños  Atención odontológica gratuita a niños sin seguro**

Odontología, oftalmología o ortodoncia Adventure se enorgullece de patrocinar el programa “Dele una sonrisa a los niños”. Nuestra sucursal en Lakewood, Aurora y South Denver ofrecerá atención odontológica GRATIS a los niños sin seguro en las siguientes fechas. **Llame para solicitar una cita.** Los servicios incluyen: exámenes dentales, limpiezas, tratamiento con flúor, empaste, radiografías, selladores y extracciones.

- Del 3 al 7 de Febrero 6695 W. Colfax Ave. Lakewood 80214
- Del 10 al 14 de Febrero 9333 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora 80010
- Del 24 al 28 de Febrero 7405 E. Iliff Ave. Denver 80231

Resource Links

Online Meal Pay / Free & Reduced price form / Menus  https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/2808

Parent Portal https://my.cherrycreekschools.org

Summit Elementary website https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/summit

CCSD homepage www.cherrycreekschools.org

School Nurse Contact jrauch2@cherrycreekschools.org

Summit in Facebook® https://www.facebook.com/SummitElemPTCO

Summit Calendar https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/82#calendar43/20191115/month

Before & After Care https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/2640