Dear Summit Families,

As I stand outside during arrival and dismissal, I sometimes have the privilege of overhearing parents send their children off to school. I hear some say, “Work hard in class today!” And others say, “I love you! Have a great day!”

I can’t help but think how fortunate our kids are. Each parent gives them a send-off with a brief but powerful message about school. The first implies that school is a place to be enjoyed. It is clear to me that these are not simply “incidental” interactions.

The reality is, most of the messages we send our children about school happen at home. They may seem “incidental,” but we know that successful students get these positive messages in many ways. They come in the form of having a quiet place to read, a quick check on homework assignments, questions about their day at school or words of praise over a math test. And the opportunities to send these messages are available every day of the week.

It is impossible for me not to smile and feel even more positive about being the principal here at Summit because I know that what seemed incidental was, in fact, filled with intention and love.

Warmly,

Rachel Rubio

Principal

Looking Ahead

- November 16: Eaglecrest High School Craft Fair Saturday 9a.m.- 3:00p.m. in the East Gym
- November 16: Cardboard Challenge Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Smoky Hill High School
- November 26: Turkey Trot
- November 27 - 29: No School Wed. ~ Fri., Happy Thanksgiving!
- December 10: Panda Express Fundraiser Night
- December 13: Due date for Giving Tree presents
- December 16: PTCO Canvas & Cookies
- January 7: Tuesday School resumes
- January 9: Heart Heroes Challenge Assembly
- January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, No School
- Jan 21 - Jan 24: 2nd Grade Chopper Toppers
- January 30: Exceptional Volunteer Awards Reception (See more information on page 6).
Our Summit Family has planted a Giving Tree for the holidays again this year. This tree sprouts names of children and their special wishes. If you would like to make a gift donation to one of our children, please drop by and pull an apple off the tree starting November 15th. The apple will provide you with information regarding the child including age and gift wish.

Please WRAP the GIFT and deliver by 2:45 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2019 to Summit’s front office. Attach the original apple to the gift so we are able to keep track of all the gifts.

Please contact Summit with any questions at 720-886-6400, Heather - hthornton3@cherrycreekschools.org, Renee - rbaptiste@cherrycreekschools.org.

Thank You for helping to plant seeds of love and serving our community.

Parent Information Network (PIN)

PIN’s mission is to provide informative local and national speakers on topics relevant to current parenting and youth-related issues and to provide a forum for Cherry Creek parents to connect and create a caring community. And YOU are invited! Mark your calendars for these next meetings:

- **November 5th 9:15 am and November 12th 6:30 pm**
  The Hardest Workers: Identifying Learning Difficulties, Creating Solutions, & Improving Results
  By Corey Pollard, educational diagnostician and consultant

- **December 3rd 9:15 am**
  Cultivating mindfulness, Resilience & Wellness
  By Kami Gaurino, educational leadership consultant & founder of Excellence Team

- **January 14th 6:30 p.m.**
  Overwhelmed? Stressed Out? How to Make Stress Work for You
  With Corey Pollard educational diagnostician and consultant

- **February 4th 9:15 am and February 11th 6:30 pm**
  A New Look at Nutrition: The Way to the Brain is Through the Stomach
  By Anna Schwartz, RDN Registered Dietician Nutritionist, Paramount Health Directions

Unless otherwise specified, meetings will take place at: **14603 E. Fremont Ave., Centennial 80112**

Feel free to check the [www.pincsd.org](http://www.pincsd.org) website for more speaker details and subject matter updates.

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

Volunteer of the Year

“There can be no greater gift than that of giving one’s time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.” By Nelson Mandela.

This quote perfectly describes Melissa Ruiz! Melissa gives so much of her time to Summit students and staff and never expects anything in return. Melissa serves on the PTCO board organizes fundraisers, makes countless trips to various stories to gather supplies, and is always willing to roll up her sleeves and get things done. We are so thankful that she is part of our Summit family!
Volunteers of America provides Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to families and individuals. To receive a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket, you must get a voucher from the Volunteers of America Mission.

**When:** Monday **November 18** starting at 9:00 a.m. until vouchers are gone
**Where:** VOA Mission located at **2877 Lawrence St. Denver**
**What:** Vouchers for Thanksgiving Baskets will be given out in person on a first come first served basis until we run out. **One voucher per household**, adult from household must be present. **You must provide an ID and proof of residency (piece of mail) to receive a voucher.**

Baskets can be picked up Monday, **November 25** from 9:00 - 5:00 at the VOA Mission. **You must have a voucher to receive a basket.** Questions? Please call 303-297-0408. Happy Thanksgiving.

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**¿Necesita Comida para este Día de Acción de Gracias?**

Volunteers of America ofrece una canasta de cena de acción de gracias a familias e individuos. Para recibir una canasta, debe obtener un boleto de los Volunteers of America Mission.

**Cuándo:** Lunes, el **18 de noviembre**, empezando a las 9:00am hasta que los boletas se agoten
**Dónde:** VOA Mission en **2877 Lawrence St. Denver**
**Qué:** Los boletos para las canastas de acción de gracias se entregarán en persona por orden de llegada, hasta que se acaben. **Es solos un boleto por hogar**, debe estar presente un adulto del hogar. **Debe traer su identificación y comprobante de su domicilio (correspondencia) para recibir un boleto.**

Se pueden recoger las canastas el lunes **25 de Noviembre** de 9:00am a 5:00pm en VOA Mission. **Debe tener un boleto para recibir una canasta.** **¿Preguntas?** Por favor llama al **303-297-0408**. Feliz día de acción de gracias!

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**You are Invited to a Thanksgiving Feast**

Please join the Volunteers of America Colorado Branch at our annual Thanksgiving Day Meal!

**What:** The Volunteers of America Thanksgiving Day Celebration
**When:** Thursday **November 28** between 9:00 a.m. and 12 p.m.
**Where:** Jackson’s Sports Bar and Restaurant **1520 20th St. Denver, CO 80202**

*Free winter clothing give-a-way provided by ARC Thrift Stores
We welcome ALL to enjoy a FREE hot meal with us.*
Challenge School is a magnet school in Cherry Creek School District charged with the mission of meeting the needs of academically advanced students. Any K-8 student in the district may apply for admittance into Challenge School. The purpose of the admissions process is to select students based on demonstrated need for an advanced academic experience.

The best way to learn about Challenge School is to attend one of the Parent Information Sessions (beginning in October) which are held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings starting at 9:00am. Please use the ‘Sign Up Genius’ link to book your session: Sign Up Genius (Attendance at a Parent Information Session is not required in order to apply.) Challenge School is located at 9659 E. Mississippi Ave., Denver 80247.

New! Admission process for the 2020 - 2021 school year will be facilitated by the Office of Gifted and Talented Services for Cherry Creek Schools. The Challenge School admissions is an equitable process based on demonstrated student need, and it is meant to include students into the program rather than be exclusive. It is the intent of this process to draw broadly from qualified candidates across the school district as well as mirroring the racial demographics of the district.

Only students entering grades Kindergarten – 8th Grade and living within Cherry Creek Schools boundaries may apply for admittance to the Challenge School. Proof of residence will be required and must be submitted as part of a completed application packet. Printable Application Packet

Application Packets can now be downloaded from either the Challenge School website or the Gifted and Talented Services webpage on the main Cherry Creek Schools website. Application Packets and ALL supporting assessment documentation must be submitted either in person or via mail to reach the Office of Gifted and Talented Services no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019.

Office of Gifted & Talented Services
Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC)
14188 E. Briarwood Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112 Phone: 720-886-7050 Fax: 720-886-7094

Only Completed Packets will be Reviewed For more information use this link.

Summit Resource Links

Online Meal Pay/ Free & Reduced / 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 Email 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
Letter from Nurse Jackie

How sick is too sick to attend school?

As the school nurse, I get this question a lot. Parents wonder when they should keep their child home and teachers wonder when a student who is not feeling well should go home. There is a blurry line at times when making the decision for a student to miss school.

You know your child better than anyone. If they are not feeling well and are uncomfortable, you may decide to keep them home just to rest. There are reasons that you should keep them home, not only for their comfort but for the safety of the other students and staff at the school.

Fever- If your student has a temperature of 100 or higher, they should stay home especially if he has a fever with a rash, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, behavior changes, stiff neck, or difficulty breathing.

Cough- Your student should stay home if their cough is severe and uncontrolled, if he is having difficulty breathing or making high-pitched whooping sounds after coughing, or if he is vomiting after coughing.

Diarrhea- Your student should stay home if he has other symptoms along with diarrhea, such as vomiting, fever, or abdominal pain. He should stay home if the diarrhea cannot be contained in a toilet, if there is blood or mucous in the diarrhea or if the child is still in diapers.

Rash- Your student should stay home if there are other symptoms in addition to the rash, such as behavior change, fever, or joint pain or if the rash is oozing fluid or causes open wounds.

Vomiting- Your child should stay home if he has vomited more than two times in 24 hours or if the vomit appears bloody, if the child is vomiting after a head injury or if there are other symptoms such as fever or diarrhea.

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 student and the other student’s 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
Jrauch2@cherrycreekschools.org
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch provides Christmas Dinner Baskets to families and individuals. To receive a Christmas dinner basket, you must get a voucher from the volunteers of America Mission.

**When:** Monday **December 16** starting at 9:00 a.m. until vouchers are gone

**Where:** VOA Mission located at **2877 Lawrence St.** Denver

**What:** Vouchers for Christmas Baskets will be given out in person on a first come first served basis until we run out. **One voucher per household,** adult from household must be present. **You must provide an ID and proof of residency (piece of mail) to receive a voucher.**

Baskets can be picked up on Monday **December 23** from 9:00-5:00 at the VOA Mission. You must have a voucher to receive a basket. **Gifts** will be available for **children who are present,** on a first come first served basis. **Questions? Please call 303-297-0408.**

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### ¿Necesita Comida para esta Navidad?

Volunteers of America Colorado Branch ofrece una canasta de cena de navidad a familias e individuos. Para recibir una canasta, debe obtener un boleto de los Voluntarios de America Mission.

**Cuándo:** Lunes, el **16 de Diciembre,** empezando a las 9:00am hasta que se agoten los boletos

**Dónde:** VOA Mission en **2877 Lawrence St.** Denver

**Qué:** Los boletos para las canastas navideñas se entregarán en persona por orden de llegada, hasta que se acaben. **Debe traer una identificación y comprobante de domicilio** (correspondencia) **para recibir un boleto.**

Se pueden recoger las canastas el lunes **23 de Diciembre** de 9:00am a 5:00pm en VOA Mission. **Debe tener un boleto para recibir una canasta.** Los regalos son para niños de 0-18 años. **No hay regalo de garantía,** los regalos se entregarán **por orden de llegada.** **Niños necesitan estar presente para recibir un regalo - sin excepciones.** ¡Preguntas? Por favor llame al 303-297-0408.

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### Cherry Creek Special Olympics 2020

#### Practices

**Sky Vista Middle School Gym**

at 4500 S. Himalaya St. Aurora 80015

**6:30 to 7:30 pm,** January 7, 14, 21, February 4, 18, 25 and March 3, 10, 17

#### Tournaments

Regionals TBD State March 21-22

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**Sign up soon** by contacting Coach “G” at **ngilardino@gmail.com** and please include the following information:

1. Athlete’s first name and last name
2. Athlete’s birthdate
3. Level Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced
4. Parent email address
5. Parent name (first and last)
6. Parent cell number
The Cherry Creek School District allows its resident students to apply for enrollment in the Cherry Creek school of their choice. In other words, you may request that your child attend a Cherry Creek school outside your assigned attendance area. The School of Choice applications are an electronic application that you can **access online anytime** during the **month of January** from any computer. There are **no** paper forms available for the School of Choice application process.

There is not a specific time that the forms will be made available or removed on February 1st, so please do not wait until the last minute to submit your application.  **Late applications cannot be accepted.** For more information, use this link: [https://www.cherrycreekschools.org](https://www.cherrycreekschools.org)

**Please note:**
- Non-Resident student applications will be available online starting **April 1, 2020.**
- Requests to attend preschool, charter schools (Cherry Creek Academy & Heritage Heights Academy) and a magnet school (Challenge School) - **do NOT** use the School of Choice process. Please contact the school directly for assistance on their application process.

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**Lost and Found**

Summit Families, our Lost and Found is located outside the cafeteria doors inside of the building. There are over 200 items in the lost and found that have accumulated over the last 3 months. The items include clothing items, coats, gloves, hats, jackets and water bottles. Please make the time to come check for your child’s belongings before winter break.

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**School Visitors**  All visitors to Summit or to our playground **must check in** at the front office, **provide** a picture ID, and receive a visitor sticker for each and every visit. Even though the front office knows who you are, there may be staff in the building who do not know you. It is important that you sign in, provide complete information regarding what area of the building you are visiting, and sign out upon departure. Regarding classroom visits, please contact the respective classroom teacher beforehand to arrange for your planned visit.

**Attendance & Absences**  Students should arrive at the Summit front door **no earlier than 7:45** to give them time to reach their classrooms, hang up jackets, retrieve homework, stow backpacks, greet friends and **be in their seats by 7:59**. To begin the day promptly, class attendance is taken at **8:00.** Students finish their day at **2:45.**

Absences, late arrivals (plus family travels) during school days must be reported to our 24-hour attendance line **720.886.6495 by 8:20 a.m.** The Automated Attendance Call System send out calls to your family, when parental notice is **not** made to the attendance line. Also, please let the nurse know when **a doctor has diagnosed** your child with the flu or strep.

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**Heart Heroes Challenge**

**Kick-off Assembly**  
**January 9th**

Learn more about the upcoming challenge at [www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge](http://www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge)
PTCO Meeting
You are Invited!
Tuesday, November 12
3:00 p.m. Library

From Our Parent Teacher Community Organization

• **PTCO Meeting:**  You are Invited!  Tuesday, **November 12**, 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 PTO to support our school. Thank you!

• **PTCO Contact Information:**
  *Emails*  summitptcopres@gmail.com ; summitptcotreasure@gmail.com
  *Facebook*  [www.facebook.com/SummitElemPTCO](http://www.facebook.com/SummitElemPTCO)
  *Text Reminders*  @SummitPTCO to 81010