

December 7, 2012

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday, December19 Winter Choir and Handbell Show – 7:00PM Thursday, December 20 CLAW - 7:50 AM 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Field Trip 1<sup>st</sup> Grade World Feast Day Student Council – 8:00AM Friday, December 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Choir Field Trip 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Skate City December 24 – January 4 Winter Break Wednesday, January 16 Second Grade Music Program Thursday, January 17 Accountability Meeting – 7:45AM CLAW Meeting – 7:50AM All Pro Dad's Breakfast – 8:00AM Friday, January 18

#### Dear CHVE Families,

Next school year, Cherry Creek School District will implement the new academic content standards that address English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, with ELA standards including literacy standards for science and history/social sciences: the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards will provide greater learning opportunities for our students. The transition for CHVE is well underway. Our current staff development efforts focus on the new curriculum. We are also in the process of examining current materials and resources to ensure teachers are equipped to address the CCSS with thoroughness and integrity starting in the fall of 2013.

#### The Common Core State Standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable, and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build on strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top-performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in a global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based.

Source: <a href="http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/">http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/</a>

The Common Core State Standards address global as well as detailed literacy and math skills. The CCSS are fewer in number than current curricular tradition, but more rigorous. Students will be able to read, comprehend and analyze more sophisticated text. There will be a greater emphasis on non-fiction text. You may notice more frequent writing assignments. This includes more writing within core subjects of science and history/social science. The math standards provide students with a solid foundation in whole numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals—which help young students build the foundation to apply more demanding math concepts and procedures successfully, and move into applications. They also provide detailed guidance to teachers on how to navigate their way through knotty topics such as fractions, negative numbers, and geometry, and do so by maintaining a continuous progression from grade to grade. Having built a strong foundation in K-5, students can move to more complex work in geometry, algebra and probability and statistics in the middle grades to gain a rich preparation for high school mathematics.

For more information on the Common Core State Standards visit <u>www.corestandards.org</u>. You can also download a CCSS app for your mobile device. We will be ready and excited for the change!

Current "YIPPEE, YAHOO, YOU SPLASH" sentiments go to:

Ms. Marie and the Math Challenge Team: Owen Claymon, Kylie Hoboy, Tucker Lefevre, Will Adam, Shannon Bierne, Natalie Huttner, Josh Honig-Frand, Lauren Huttner and Mia Malden for all of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations for a job well done!

Jacquie Hemphill and Betsy Darabaris ran a superior book fair with the help of Jen Gallo, Christina Jones, Melinda Haymons and a whole bunch of splendid volunteers. Another terrific success!

Stephanie Shalhope, Molly Wolff and a terrific crew of volunteers that organized hearing and vision screening. Our wonderful new nurses REALLY appreciated your support. You rock! One of the most plentiful gifts any of us have to give is kindness and support. Tis the season... all year long for CHVE volunteers. I treasure the caring community behaviors I witness each day at our school. Thank you!

Together in education,

Only B. Dr

Molly Drvenkar, Principal

#### **DOLPHIN CLUB NEWS**

We are doing fun things in Dolphin Club in December!! December 10-14 is Science Week and students will be exploring the world around us through experiments. The following week we will be looking at Holiday traditions from around the world and comparing them to our own. We will be trying new things and eating different foods as well!

Dolphin Club is NOT open over Winter Break, but if you need child care please contact Alli Wozniak as soon as possible.

We WILL be open (7am - 6pm) on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21. Our game plan includes; experimenting with food, a variety of activities, and indoor/outdoor games. Please contact Alli Wozniak with any other questions or concerns.

720-747-2754

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https://sites.google.com/site/chvedolphinclub/

#### PRIVATE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline for all private school applications is <u>JANUARY 11, 2013</u>. Please remember you must sign and turn in the 'Independent School Form' that we are using this year for all private schools. These forms are available in the front office if you need them. If you have questions, please call the school at 720-747-2700. <u>PLEASE REMEMBER ENVELOPES WITH APPROPRIATE POSTAGE ADDRESSED TO THE SCHOOLS YOU ARE APPLYING TO MUST BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS AND OFFICE!</u> Thank you

# **School of Choice**

The Cherry Creek School District allows its resident students to apply for enrollment in the Cherry Creek school/program 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 application process beginning with the 2013-14 school year will be an <u>electronic application</u> that you will be able to access online from **January 1**<sup>st</sup> - **February 1**<sup>st</sup> from any computer, at <u>any</u> time. Please note that there will be NO PAPER FORMS available for the School of Choice application process.

More information will follow.

#### Parent Information Nights at West Middle School

Will your child be attending West Middle School next year? Join us for an informational evening to explain the registration process for next year. Be sure to save the following dates:

5th to 6th Grade
 Thursday, January 17, 2013 or Wednesday, January 23, 2013
 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at West Middle School in the Cafeteria

• 6th to 7th Grade and 7th to 8th Grade

Thursday, February 7, 2013 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at West Middle School in the Cafeteria (7th) & Commons (8th)

Please note these meetings are for parents only. Fifth grade students will be touring West Middle School with their classmates during Buddy Days in May. The counselors will begin handing out registration materials at the elementary schools in January.

# **Challenge School Information**

Challenge School is currently accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school-year. Challenge is a K–8 magnet program in Cherry Creek School District designed to meet the needs of academically advanced and highly motivated students. Applications and information are available on the school's website at <a href="http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Schools/Challenge/Pages/Get-Started.aspx">http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Schools/Challenge/Pages/Get-Started.aspx</a> Completed applications are due by January 29, 2013.

Tours of the school are available on select days at 9 a.m. Determine the date that works for you and sign up by calling Challenge at 720-747-2100.

Thank You

## Community Legislative Network 2012-2013 Calendar

February 13, 2013 Overview of 2013 Legislative Session 9:30 – 11:00, ESC, Rm 210

Get an up-to-date report on the legislation proposed in the 2013 Legislature and how it may affect education in the District and throughout Colorado.

March 13, 2013

Day at the Capitol
8:00 – 1:30 State Capitol

Come to see firsthand what takes place at the Capitol. Meet and hear from legislators that represent our District, and learn about current legislative proposals that may impact education.

May 8, 2013 *Legislative Update 2013* 9:30 – 11:00, ESC, Rm 210

Get an up-to-date report on the legislation proposed in the 2013 Legislature and how it may affect education in the District and throughout Colorado.

The Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network (CCCLN) is a non-partisan committee promoting awareness of education issues, legislation, and the legislative process. The Committee sponsors regular meetings and events to help community members learn about education issues within the District and provides opportunities to meet State Legislators, the Cherry Creek School Board, the Board of Education, and education advocacy groups. Everyone in the Cherry Creek School District community is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about CCCLN or would like to receive monthly information from the meetings, please contact Mariellen Guerra at <a href="mailto:grobert67@comcast.net">grobert67@comcast.net</a>.



Cherry Creek School District is committed to the health and wellness of the whole student and has set a goal to be the healthiest community in the nation.

In order to further this goal CCSD Health Services is excited to partner with CIIS (Colorado Immunization Information System) and CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) to help maintain current immunization records and increase immunization rates for our students. CIIS is a confidential, population-based, computerized system that collects and disseminates consolidated immunization information for Coloradans of all ages.

Under Colorado law you have the option to exclude your child's immunization information from the Colorado Immunization Information System at any time. Please click the below link or contact your school nurse for Opt-Out instructions.

http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-DCEED/CBON/1251610401039