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CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE ELEMENTARY

720-747-2700 Main

720-554-4701 Storm Schedule

720-747-2795 Attendance

720-747-2788 Fax

February 1, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 6	Reach Out – 3:30PM
Friday, February 8	Student Council – 8:00AM
Friday, February 15	All Pro Dad Breakfast – 8:00AM
Monday, February 18	NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day
Tuesday, February 19	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day
Thursday, February 21	Accountability Meeting – 7:45AM CLAW – 8:00AM PTCO Meeting – 9:15AM
Friday, February 22	Student Council – 8:00AM Report Cards Go Home
February 25 – March 1	Spring Book Fair
Thursday, February 28	NO SCHOOL - Conferences
Friday, March 1	NO SCHOOL – Conferences
Wednesday, March 6	Reach Out – 3:30PM
Friday, March 9	Student Council – 8:00AM
Friday, March 15	All Pro Dad Breakfast – 8:00 AM PTCO Sweetheart Dance
Tuesday, March 26	First Grade Zoo Field Trip
Wednesday, March 27	Second Grade Program, “Gotta Be Healthy” – 7:00 PM
April 1 – April 5	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

Dear CHVE families,

Report cards, conferences, standardized testing, performances, tournaments...the upcoming months are packed with excitement and stress. Our positive climate and culture is the foundation for student success. Thank you for setting the tone at CHVE. Students are smiling, safe and valued at school. Keep up the good work.

February is Black History month. This is an appropriate time to examine how we teach about African Americans in our history, not for one month, but all throughout the year. The experience of African Americans, women, immigrants, Native Americans...this list goes on and on... *is* American History. At CHVE, we should not need special months or laws to commit ourselves to teaching American history that is inclusive of all Americans. I want our students to celebrate Black History all year long. As we roll out the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts in the state of Colorado, one noticeable shift will be a greater emphasis on non-fiction text. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for grade level teams to supplement resources and instructional content to honor people of all cultures deliberately and all throughout the year.

The new Common Core 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. I have attached an article about Common Core Math. I hope this will help you better understand the depth of our new math standards. If you would like more information on the Common Core State Standards, check out www.corestandards.org.

Safety Tidbit: If there is an unknown person in a car sitting in the parking lot, I will call the police. I do not want to put anyone in potential danger to question a person in an unknown vehicle. Each car the police have approached in recent weeks has been here for legitimate business, usually early for an appointment or pick-up. So far, parents, grandparents, and community members have been very understanding when questioned by police. Please understand this is for the safety of your children. I am not trying to make anyone feel unwelcome.

“YIPPEE, YAHOO, YOU SPLASH” sentiments go to:

- African Americans for your perseverance, achievement, beauty, and success!



- Thanks to Wendy Sawyer and Kristen Corporon for a great Family Ice Skating event.
- Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers on Newcomers for all their help with our "Winter Wonderland Coffee" to welcome new families to CHVE.
- A special thanks to Katharine Honnen, Christi Grossman, Bonnie List, Nan Baumbusch and Keli Loehr for all your help throughout the year with Newcomers and Hospitality!
- A big thanks to Christina Jones and Jen Gallo for their help in the library.
- And Alison Hovermale and all the parents who volunteer the countless hours helping on the playground.
- Thanks to Diane Kreider and all the lunchroom parents who volunteer in the cafeteria.
- Thanks to Kacy Adams for all her help with Communications and Website. We love chve.org! Kacy and her team keep it looking great day after day.
- Students and staff on the basketball court on Tuesday night, you rocked! It was a student game victory, but staff tried really hard and if you heard Mrs. Drvenkar dribbled the ball the wrong direction on the court...it's totally untrue.



I love my job!

Together in education,

Handwritten signature of Molly B. Drvenkar.

Molly Drvenkar,
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Kindergarten Roundup for CHVE is February 15 – 19. Please spread the word to parents. A flier regarding Kindergarten Roundup is attached to this email. Please follow this link to the District Admissions page for more information.

<http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Admissions/Pages/Roundup.aspx>

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

grobert67@comcast.net.



Tours at West Middle School

Parents are also invited to schedule a private tour of the West Middle School Campus by calling the Counseling office at [720-554-5156](tel:720-554-5156). The tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays are guided by trained parent volunteers and students who can provide information ranging from general class sizes, school testing data, clubs, special programs, electives and advise for how to manage homework workload from students who have experienced it. Parents are encouraged to bring their incoming sixth grade students (*especially those who are reluctant*) with them so that they can be more familiar with the campus and all that it offers.



Principal Coffee at West Middle School

Have you ever wondered about how things work at West Middle School or the plans for the new incoming larger class of sixth graders? This is your chance to speak intimately with Principal Dave Strohfus in an informal setting about all of your concerns regarding West or incoming West students. Mr. Strohfus hosts a monthly coffee for parents in the library or Commons on the West campus. As stated before the groups are small and informal such that parents really get the opportunity to speak about their specific interests and concerns as well as get general information about West Middle School. Mark your calendars for the upcoming coffee dates or simply visit the West PTCO website: <https://westptco.org> to view the calendar of upcoming events. The scheduled dates for West Coffee with Mr. Strohfus are:

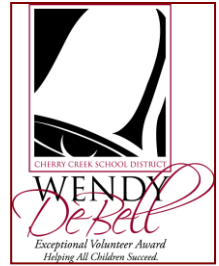
December 18
January 22
February 26

March 19
April 9
May 21

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Event Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013

2013 Honoree Selection



This award recognizes volunteers of the Cherry Creek School District for their dedication to our students, faculty and community. The criteria and process used for selecting a volunteer to represent your school is left to the discretion of the principal, in cooperation with your school's PTCO officers. The individual that you nominate need not be a member of the PTCO Board or active in your school's PTCO in order to be considered. Please consider **ALL** volunteers supporting your school. **Each school may have only 1 honoree and a volunteer can only be honored once.**

To select an "exceptional volunteer" from your school or community, please complete the form at the bottom of this page. Each school principal will be responsible for submitting **one completed honoree selection form and a photograph of the volunteer at work** (one volunteer will be recognized from each school) to Cherry Creek Schools, Exceptional Volunteer 2013, C/O Wendy DeBell, 4700 South Yosemite Street, Room 235, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. You may also send your forms and photos via district email to Wendy DeBell or Nora Titterington or by fax to 720-554-4422.

Deadline for nomination forms is February 25, 2013. We will be sending a congratulatory letter to your 2013 Exceptional Volunteer on March 4, 2013. Please inform your honoree of their selection prior to that date.

Questions: Please contact Wendy DeBell at 720-554-4231 or Nora Titterington at 303-690-7760.

(Please Print)

Honoree: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____

Honoree Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Please tell us why you nominated this exceptional volunteer. **NOTE:** This description will be read the night of the event as your honoree is recognized. Please limit to 100 words:

The following are qualities to consider when describing your volunteer: inspires students and staff; selfless in dedication to others; recognizes needs of school and community; exhibits good citizenship; participates in school and community activities; shows positive leadership; inspires others to participate; is committed to excellence; is a team player.

THIS FORM MUST INCLUDE THE PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE

Principal's Signature: _____ Extension: _____

Principal's Name (Please Print): _____ Date: _____

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