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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

January 18, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 21	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday, January 23	West Middle School Parent Information Night
Thursday, January 24	Coffee for New Families – 9:00AM
Friday, January 25	Student Council – 8:00AM Kindergarden Cowboy Day
Wednesday, February 6	Reach Out – 3:30PM
Friday, February 8	Student Council – 8:00AM
Friday, February 15	All Pro Dad’s 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
Friday, February 22	Student Council – 8:00AM Report Cards Go Home

Dear CHVE Families,

Across the country, the state of Colorado, and in the Cherry Creek School District, we celebrate School Board of Education Recognition Month in January, to acknowledge the hard work of our board members and thank them for their valuable service in the education of our children. We are grateful for our Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education members: Jennifer Churchfield, Claudine McDonald, Jim O’Brien, Randy Perlis, and Dave Willman. As citizen leaders, they face complex and demanding challenges. We appreciate their continued dedication and hard work to promote academic excellence and equity in a safe learning environment for all Cherry Creek students.



I attended the January Board of Education meeting this week to receive two awards on behalf of CHVE. I am proud to announce, Cherry Hills Village Elementary received the John Irwin Award from the Colorado Department of Education which is given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement. We “exceed” expectations on the academic achievement indicator and “exceed” expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps. We also received the Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Award. This award is given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, we “exceed” expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and “exceed” expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.

The credit for these awards of excellence belongs to the students and the teachers who have collaborated to master rigorous instruction and learning at CHVE. The assessments validate that our students are functioning at the highest levels in the areas of mathematics, science, reading, and written communication. We must also acknowledge the efforts of parents for their diligence and support in helping our children take achievement seriously. We are fortunate to have a community that values education and challenges us to elevate the tradition of excellence at Cherry Hills Village Elementary School even higher. We are approaching the 2013 testing season. Let’s keep up the great work.

In health news I am proud to announce we have not had any known lice cases in many months. Let’s try to prevent the flu as well. The flu (influenza) is making national headlines as the number and severity of influenza cases continue to grow nationwide. Colorado was one of the early states to be identified as having wide-spread flu activity. I want families to be prepared for the possible surge of this serious illness. Please see the attachments.

The safety of our students, staff and community members remains a top priority at CHVE. Our safety and crisis team has met to examine safety policies and practices. We have tweaked our systems and crisis response procedures as a result of the tragedy in Connecticut. I will post the actual emergency procedures on our website to keep parents in the know. Be aware this is an ongoing dialogue and we welcome your input always. Please e-mail me directly with thoughts, concerns, and suggestions at mdrvenkar2@cherrycreekschools.org.

As you know, the passage of 3B authorizes the district to sell \$125 million in bonds for renovations and new school construction. Cherry Hills Village Elementary will receive

\$2,729,000 to renovate the La Tronico Center, repair ceilings, replace windows, provide classroom casework and flooring, upgrade restrooms, repair sidewalks, and much more. I want you to be aware the CHVE renovations are scheduled for summer of 2014. I will form a committee to work with architects and designers to make efficient and responsible use of tax dollars. I have a large number of parents and staff willing to serve on this committee. I will follow up with all volunteers in the fall.

In district news, the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation is sponsoring the Exceptional Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes volunteers of the Cherry Creek School District for their dedication to our students, faculty and community. We are blessed with an incredible number of outstanding volunteers at Cherry Hills Village Elementary School. It will be extremely difficult to choose just one. Please take a moment to nominate an extraordinary volunteer from CHVE. The nomination forms are attached and the collection box is in the front office.

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

Music teacher, Michele Ienna, for being such an incredible inspiration to our children. The singing choir and hand bell choir performance in December was outstanding.

Jen Sax and Hayden Collins for all their help with the music program.

Jean Barnard, Nicole Seawell and Liz Rollins for a fun Lego event.

Melissa Grossman and Kelly Matthews for implementing a fantastic foreign language program at our school.

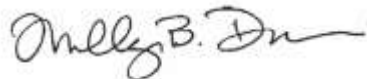
Lisa Schatz & Casey Perry (Apple for a Teacher) & all the generous families at CHVE who donated to the staff gifts at the holidays. The CHVE support staff was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our great community.

Thanks to all the Reach Out members who put together so many generous gift cards for families at the holidays.

Thanks to Buffy Chonchol & Jen Untermeyer for all their hard work all year. What fantastic PTCO Treasurers we have!

Each day I feel blessed to be a part of this incredible school community. I look forward to the challenges and successes of 2013. I wish you good health and much happiness this year!

Together in education,



Molly Drvenkar,
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Kindergarten Roundup 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>

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 is an electronic application that is accessible online from **January 1st - February 1st** from any computer, at any time. Please note that there will be **NO PAPER FORMS** available for the School of Choice application process.

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

<http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Schools/Challenge/Pages/Get-Started.aspx> 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

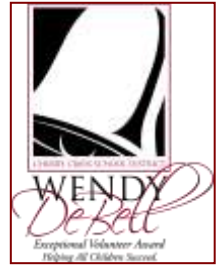
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The Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network (CCCLN) is a non-partisan committee promoting awareness of education issues, legislation, and the legislative process. The Committee sponsors regular meetings and events to help community members learn 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 grob67@comcast.net.

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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