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CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE ELEMENTARY

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November 20, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, November 21	NO SCHOOL – Non Contact Day
November 22-23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 30	Student Council – 8:00AM
Friday, December 7	Student Council – 8:00AM PTCO Meeting -9:30AM Meet the Principals from West Middle School and Cherry Creek High School
Wednesday, December 19	Winter Choir and Handbell Show – 7:00PM
Thursday, December 20	CLAW – 7:50 AM 4 th & 5 th Grade Choir Field Trip 1 st Grade World Feast Day
Friday, December 21	Student Council – 8:00AM 3 rd Grade Choir Field Trip 5 th Grade Field Trip to Skate City
December 24 – January 4	Winter Break

Dear CHVE Families,

At this time in the year, we pause to reflect on all things for which we are grateful. We spend time with our families and friends to celebrate life and express gratitude. I give thanks for the family and friends I have developed at Cherry Hills Village Elementary School. I feel truly blessed to work and grow with you each day. I'm grateful for my students, my staff, my families and community members at CHVE!

I also give thanks to the voters for supporting Cherry Creek School District on issues 3A and 3B, giving the district critical funds needed to fund academic programs, maintain existing schools, and build additions.

Issue 3A, the budget override for operating expenses, will allow the district to:

- Maintain class size
- Provide curriculum and instruction necessary for success in college and the workplace
- Continue the district's commitment to academic excellence
- Ensure technology and instruction for student success in the 21st century

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 will form a committee to work with architects and designers to make efficient and responsible use of tax dollars. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact me directly at mdrvenkar2@cherrycreekschools.org

Fall conferences are complete. We're already invested in learning and achievement for the second trimester of the 2012-13 school year. We appreciate parent participation and partnership in conferences. I am always impressed with the care, diligence and expertise that teachers and parents devote to the success of each child.

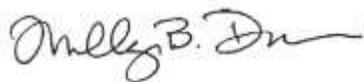
And thank you to the parents and staff members that serve on our accountability committee. This bright group of people dedicates time and energy to the overall achievement and performance of our student body. They analyze data and serve as a compass and advisory council to keep our great school at the top.

I give thanks for our staff, PTCO and all of our wonderful volunteers! I often field the question, "What makes CHVE such a great school?" I am proud to say, it's the people. Community support and involvement make our school second to none! We accomplish amazing things for our children due to the countless hours of hard work dedicated by teachers, staff, parents, and volunteers. I also give thanks for our children. I give thanks for every conversation I share with a child throughout the day. I give thanks for their smiles and hugs, their joy and enthusiasm, their kindness and their learning. We have so many things to be thankful for. Take a moment to share your thanks with your loved ones this holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving!

"Yippee-Yahoo-You SPLASH!" sentiments go to:

- I know I forget people all the time. Please let me know if I have overlooked someone...
- AMY VENTURI, thanks for all of your hard work on "CHVE at the Movies" and sorry I forgot you! =) You rock!
- Mrs. Jenna, what an incredible program to honor Veterans and celebrate "The Patroits." Fourth grade students performed beautifully, parents and classroom teachers put in hours of support to help students memorize speaking parts, songs, and choreography. Great team effort and OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE!
- Hayden Collins and Jen Sax for their hard work on the Veterans "Wall of Honor" and decorations for the 4th grade program. Thanks to all who helped decorate.
- Anonymous donations to the book fair that provided books for 25 unsuspecting students. Kids were thrilled!
- PTCO hospitality committee for a wonderful conference week dinner for teachers and breakfast treats for Mirna's going away celebration.
- Congratulations to GIRLS ON THE RUN for a great season. Coaches: Jonna Mulqueen (Site Coordinator and Head Coach), Bridget Marx, Julie Maxey, Kingsley Parsley, and Jennifer Bendell.

Together in education,



Molly Drvenkar,
Principal

PRIVATE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline for all private school applications is JANUARY 11, 2013. 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. **PLEASE REMEMBER ENVELOPES WITH APPROPRIATE POSTAGE ADDRESSED TO THE SCHOOLS YOU ARE APPLYING TO MUST BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS AND OFFICE!** 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 electronic application that you will be able to access 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.

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 starts accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year November 5. Challenge is a K–8 magnet program in Cherry Creek School District designed to meet the needs of academically advanced and motivated students. Applications and information are available on the school's website at challengeschool.info. Completed applications are due by January 29, 2013.

Tours of the Challenge School are available on select days at 9 a.m. Determine the date that works for you and sign up by calling Challenge. There is one informational evening. The parent information night is December 5th at 7pm, and no reservations are necessary for this evening meeting. For further information please call Challenge School at 720-747-2100.

Cherry Creek **Community Legislative Network**

2012-2013 Calendar

November 28, 2012

Legislative Breakfast

7:00 – 8:30 a.m., SARC

Join CCCLN members, Cherry Creek School Board members, and our superintendent as we hear from CCSD legislators about their plans and views on education policy for the upcoming legislative session.

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.



Tuesday, December 4, 2012 ~ 9:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Generation Stress: "Mindful Solutions to Create Happy Families"

From the demands of modern society to the price of perfectionism, children and adults are experiencing higher levels of stress than any generation on record. This workshop includes a brief overview of the neuroscience of stress, and then goes deeper into practical tools and strategies for families to become more resilient to the stress in their lives.

Discussion Points:

The Neuroscience of Stress- The stress response in the brain, how it affects all of us, and ways we can help our kids learn to self-regulate.

Put on Your Oxygen Mask First - How we, as parents, influence the stress level in the house and tools to make our lives calmer.

Praise - How the way we praise our kids may contribute to anxiety and perfectionism AND ways to praise kids so they will persist in the face of adversity.

Sports- How to incorporate athletics in ways that foster healthy development rather than adding pressure to an already stressed out kid.

Family Adventures & Rituals - How to create family adventures and rituals that foster positive family engagement, increase self-esteem, and reduce perfectionism.

Plan ahead to take a little time out of your day or take a few hours off of work and come to **connect** with other parents, **be informed** by local and national speakers, and **get empowered** to take a proactive approach to parenting. All parents, school administrators and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend Parent Information Network (PIN) presentations.

Presentations are held the first Tuesday of each month and are FREE

Held at the **Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC)**.

14188 Briarwood Avenue, Centennial, south of Arapahoe Rd., between Potomac and Jordan Roads

Come at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and networking

For further information go to: www.PINccsd.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| Dec. 4 | Kristen Race - "Generation Stress: Mindful Solutions to Create Happy Families" |
| Jan. 8 | "Balancing Boundaries & Freedom" - A panel of CCSD Students & Parents |
| Feb. 5 | Positive Parenting Strategies to Support School Success |



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Cherry Creek Schools Foundation will participate in Colorado Gives Day on December 4th.

Colorado Gives Day is an initiative to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day will take place during a 24-hour period on **Tuesday, December 4, 2012**. Donations can be accepted during a 24-hour period starting at 12 a.m. **Tuesday, December 4, 2012** or scheduled in advance.

100% of your donation goes directly to the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation to fund the future of every student by giving grants directly to teachers and funding district wide initiatives that have been affected by state budget cuts. These grants reach every grade level, every corner of the district and every type of learner.

Mark your calendars to support us on Colorado Gives Day, December 4, 2012 or schedule your donation TODAY,

<https://www.givingfirst.org/CherryCreekSchoolsFoundation/overview>