



# DolphinChronicle

## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE ELEMENTARY

720-747-2700 Main

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October 12, 2012

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 18	Accountability Meeting – 7:45AM CLAW Meeting – 7:50AM PTCO Meeting – 9:15AM
Friday, October 19	All Pro Dad's Breakfast – 8:00AM
October 22 – 26	NO INTRAMURALS THIS WEEK
October 23 – 25	Science Fair
Tuesday, October 23	Science Fair Open House – 5:00-7:00PM
Wednesday, October 24	First Grade Field Trip to the Aquarium
Thursday, October 26	Student Council – 8:00AM Report cards go home
October 29-November 2	NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK
November 5-9	Parent/Teacher Conference Week Book Fair Week
Tuesday, November 6	Election Day
Friday, November 9	NO SCHOOL – CONFERENCE DAY

Lost and found is full already – Please look for your lost items – Everything will be given away after conferences.

Dear CHVE Families,

Are we back in the swing of things or what? We've had community events, a fundraiser, Red Ribbon Week, before and after school activities, math teacher meet and greet, EVEN A FULL SCHOOL EVACUATION, and there's more to come! It's only October, my friends. If this is not evidence of an extraordinary school, I don't know what is. We continue to raise the bar with our collaborative efforts to promote a safe, united, positive educational environment for students, staff, parents, and community members and it's wonderful to be involved with such greatness. Thanks for everything, here goes...

**The evacuation:** Just before noon on October 3, a construction crew working on the grounds for the new Cherry Hills Village Fire Department struck a gas line. We first evacuated the building, and then successfully transported students to West Middle School with CCSD school buses. We activated emergency plans that were developed by our dedicated CHVE Safety Team and we were very pleased with the professional and orderly response of both CHVE staff and students as well as West Middle School and Cherry Creek School District. I have not needed to evacuate a school in my career and I reflect on this event as a blessing. All students were safe and well taken care of, and now we have the opportunity to reflect and improve systems and procedures so we are even better prepared for potential dangers. We have been gathering feedback from staff for our safety team to ponder, discuss, and revise current plans; but we'd like to hear from you.

It's important that we gather as many perspectives as possible to ensure we're covering all the bases in our procedure revision. Please e-mail your thoughts, concerns, and/or recommendations to CHVE office manager and all around superstar, Christine Mayerle, [cmayerle@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:cmayerle@cherrycreekschools.org). Your input will be relevant for our district and school procedure feedback and revision.

Thank you for the celebrations already shared by community members. Here are a few quotes:

“Our children were full of stories of excitement about today's events after I picked them up from West. There was no fear, no concern, and no worry in any of them. They always felt safe. From the automated call to the West administration greeting us when we arrived and having a secure sign out, we felt our kids were in safe hands. The West administration was warm, polite, efficient and most helpful. There is nothing more valuable to us than the safety of our children, so a thank you to you all is most warranted.

“Just wanted to give you and your staff a shout-out for the way you handled the events of today!! Everything ran rather smoothly ... and it makes me happy to know that my kids are in such capable great hands!!”

“Thank you for taking such great care of our kids. You are all pros and I'm so impressed at how well organized the whole thing was! Feeling very grateful tonight that my kids are in a wonderful school with amazing teachers and staff!”

“Thank you, your staff, and all of the Cherry Creek School District personnel that engaged to pull off a very smooth "handling" of the situation today. Hats off to everyone! And, very proud of the kids, as well. Another sign of how great our school and district are....”

Thanks to those who reached out immediately with such supportive feedback, WE NEEDED THAT LAST WEEK!

**Science Fair:** Our Science Fair is a beacon of excellence in CCSD. We nurture high participation, rigorous learning and incredible community involvement, year after year. We want to maintain our tradition of excellence but we're short a few community judges. I've been thinking... we're missing a Grandparents/Special Person event at CHVE. I'd love to add something for next year, but with our packed calendar for the 2012-13 school year, I can't make it happen this year. Instead, let's grab grandparents and special people like neighbors, aunts and uncles to be judges at our Science Fair on **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:15 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.** Check out the Science Fair judging opportunities below and recruit a judge or two!

- **Individual project judging** – Judges work in pairs to judge projects on display in the gymnasium. This involves standing in front of a student's project board for a short presentation and discussion; and repeating the process for 5-6 students. Breaks are offered! Judges are asked to provide brief written evaluations of the student presentations.

- **Group project judging** – 4-8 judges are needed to tour the kindergarten classrooms to hear descriptions of class experiments and talk individually with students about their experience (more sitting than standing required). This assignment will require only about an hour. No written evaluations necessary.

Please contact CHVE Community Representatives, Eileen Griffin and Sherry Sargent if interested. They are full of CHVE Science Fair wisdom and enthusiasm.

**Sherry Sargent**, 303-773-3317, or **Eileen Griffin**, [ezgrif@msn.com](mailto:ezgrif@msn.com), 303-762-9616

**Veterans Day:** CHVE will have a "Wall Of Honor" as a tribute to Veterans in our lives November 5-16. We will feature photos and memorabilia to honor Veterans of the past and present, as well as student art and essays. CHVE also presents: "The Patriots," a musical performance, and a living wax museum honoring our Veterans of the Armed Forces on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 10am and 7pm. Students will discover, celebrate and learn about those courageous Americans who possessed strong beliefs in truth, justice and freedom, and about our veterans, whose deeds still define patriotism. Our incredible music teacher, Michele Ienna, has been the creator and inspiration behind our Veterans Day tributes in collaboration with our fourth grade students and teachers. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Mrs. Ienna, [mienna@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:mienna@cherrycreekschools.org).

**City Council Meetings:** Cherry Hills Village Mayor, Doug Tisdale, is looking for CHVE students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at City Council meetings in the upcoming months. They are the first and third Tuesday of each month. The children will lead the Pledge at 6:30 pm. They would then be free to leave. What a wonderful opportunity for our children to demonstrate citizenship in the community. Please contact scheduling coordinator, Kelley Digby, if your child or student group is interested [kellydigby@me.com](mailto:kellydigby@me.com).

**Dolphin Club:** We will be OPEN over Fall Break! There will be special events like bowling and pizza, monster mini golf, and the Denver Museum. All five days will be packed with activities and games that your students will love. Space is limited on field trip days, so please sign up as soon as possible. Contact Alli Wozniak for more information, 720-747-2754, email: [awozniak@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:awozniak@cherrycreekschools.org)

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

- YOU, yes YOU! I'd like to shout my appreciation from a mountain top, "THANK YOU CHVE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR APPROVING \$17,500 OF PTCO FUNDS TO PURCHASE A SET OF 30 IPADS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO ACCESS!" I'll post my 3 year PTCO budget proposal in the next chronicle to define my long term budget request after review with my PTCO executive board, staff leadership team, and accountability team.
- West Middle School and Cherry Creek School District for superior support and collaboration during the CHVE evacuation

Together in education,



Molly Drvenkar

## 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 schools/programs of their choice. In other words, you may request that your children attend a Cherry Creek school outside your assigned attendance area. Please check the district website in November 2012 for information about how and when you will be able to access the electronic School of Choice Application to request a transfer for the 2013-14 school year.

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## 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and no reservations are necessary for this evening meeting. For further information please call Challenge School at 720-747-2100.

## Voter information

Dear Families,

Did You Know. . . .

That Arapahoe County is changing their practice of voting at neighborhood polling places to voting at Vote Centers. That means that there will be significantly fewer locations to vote this election year. This could result in longer lines. To avoid the lines you can request a mail in ballot. Please do not assume you will receive a mail in ballot. If you did not vote in the last election you may not receive a mail in ballot. You can check your status at this link:

<http://www.arapahoevotes.com/my-voting-information/>

**Here is more voter information:**

Arapahoe County will be using Vote Centers on Election Day.

They will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Vote Centers will be in place of individual polling places.

If you are registered to vote in Arapahoe County, you may vote at any  
Vote Center.

### **Election Day! – November 6, 2012**

Mail Ballot Applications must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately preceding the election in order for voters to receive a ballot in the mail. Voters who wish to vote a Mail Ballot in the County Clerk's office may file an application until 4:30 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2012.

The election office will begin mailing Mail Ballots approximately 22–18 days prior to Election Day. Voted Mail Ballots must be received at the Clerk & Recorder's office **no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day**, in order to be counted. Mail Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted.



Tuesday, November 5, 2012 ~ 9:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

## ***"Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies-What You Should Know about Wellness in CCSD"***

Research shows that students who eat right, exercise, and develop effective social-emotional skills have higher levels of academic achievement, healthier relationships and are better positioned for career success. Learn what CCSD is doing to actively promote healthy nutritional choices and the prevention of substance use and suicide, as well as, what parents can do to reinforce these efforts at home.

Our speakers are members of the district's Wellness Leadership Team: Lisa Reddel, Director of Health, Wellness and Facilities Support; Janise McNally, Wellness Coordinator; Beth Wallace, Food and Nutrition Services Director and Erika Edwards, Food and Nutrition Services Wellness Supervisor. With collective expertise in nutrition education, food services, mental health, risk and resilience and educational administration these speakers will provide information and resources on supporting the physical and psychological well-being of CCSD students.

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](http://www.PINccsd.org).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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

## **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 [groberty67@comcast.net](mailto:groberty67@comcast.net).

# FUTURE BRUINS DAY

**Open House at Cherry Creek High School**  
**Friday, November 9th, 10:30 am to 1 pm**  
**For 5th – 8th graders and their parents**

**Meet:** ■ Core Teachers ■ Fine & Performing Arts Faculty  
■ Varsity Coaches ■ College Counselors  
■ Academic Advisors ■ School Administrators

**Learn About:** Student Clubs, Activities and Athletics

**Campus Tours:** Departing every 15 minutes, led by student/adult teams

**Creek Apparel:** Available for sale

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
ACADEMICS, ACTIVITIES, and ATHLETICS FAIR	10:30 am to 12:30 pm	East Gym
CAMPUS TOURS <i>(offered continually)</i>	10:30 am to 12:30 pm	Depart from East Gym
PANEL featuring faculty, students, and parents	11:15 am to 12:00 pm	Fine Arts Theatre
CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES* <i>For 8th graders only</i>	11:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Meet in East Gym

\*Online sign up is required for 8th graders wishing to participate in a classroom experience. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged for all families. Sign up will begin on 10/15; please visit [www.cherrycreekschools.org/schools/CherryCreek](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/schools/CherryCreek) for a link and further information.

Parking will be available in the lot next to the East Gym.  
Questions? Call: 720-554-2222 | [www.cchs.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.cchs.ccsd.k12.co.us)



*As members of the Cherry Creek High School community, we value scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. We respect the dignity of all cultures and honor every individual's passion and chosen path toward success.*