

DECEMBER 2, 2011



HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

OUR MISSION:

*To Inspire every Student (& Teacher)
to Think, to Learn,
to Achieve, to Care.*

Dear Heritage Parents,

The family-oriented, warm, and welcoming feel at Heritage is something the staff and I deeply value in this precious neighborhood school. Alongside this quality, we have a strong sense of student safety; during class as well as before and after. Our hope is the execution of our safety procedures does not lessen the warm and welcoming relationship we have with you.

Since the installation of the doorbell system a few years ago in our Cherry Creek Schools, all doors at Heritage are locked with signs on the doors requesting visitors, including parents, to enter through the front door, sign-in, and put on a visitor tag. Our visitors do an excellent job signing in and putting on a visitor's tag before and during our school day.

At dismissal time, parents are entering into the side doors to help their children or speak with a teacher for a quick minute or two. It is important that our safety procedures are followed at dismissal time too. If you need to help your child at the end of the day or have an after-school appointment set with a teacher, please enter the front door, sign-in, and put on a visitor tag a few minutes before dismissal. When the bell rings, walk down to your child's classroom.

As we all know, the cause and effect of violent situations has not only diminished casualness in our schools but also in other environments. I think about what we must do to get on an airplane these days. Therefore, we appreciate your understanding, your support, and a warm and welcoming relationship with you as we work together to keep your children and our students safe and successful at Heritage.

Sincerely,

Mary

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**24 HOUR
ATTENDANCE LINE
720-554-3595**

Please remember when your student is going to be absent or late, **you are required to call the attendance line by 9:00 am.**

Letting the teacher know is considerate, calling the attendance line is a requirement.

**SNOW DELAY
SCHEDULE**

The elementary school bus pickup and school start times are delayed

1 HOUR.

Please check your local TV and radio stations or www.ccsd.k12.co.us, or call 720-554-4701

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER	
8	LAST DAY FOR CANNED FOOD DRIVE
11	FOOTBALL WITH DADS @ 12:30-5:00 PM
16	WINTER CLASSROOM PARTIES @ 2:50 PM
DECEMBER 19 THRU JANUARY 2	WINTER BREAK-NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

STUDENT COUNCIL CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

**DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOODS MAY BE TURNED INTO
CLASSROOMS UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8.**

**THE CLASS DONATING THE MOST ITEMS WILL ENJOY BREAKFAST FROM
THE STUDENT COUNCIL.**

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

LOST & FOUND

Remember to have your children check the lost and found box for any items they are missing. All items remaining are being donated to charity Friday, December 16.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME INSIDE THEIR CLOTHING. WE DO CHECK ALL CLOTHING BEFORE WE BOX IT UP.

SOAR

Excerpt from the book From Bad Grades to a Great Life! Unlocking the Mystery of Achievement for Your Child by Dr. Charles Fay

The most successful parents....and educators...provided a strong dose of empathy BEFORE they delivered consequences.

Anger, frustration, lectures, and volume make the child's problem the adult's. Empathy allows the child's problem to remain the child's.

Empathy is so critically important that no other Love and Logic techniques will work without it.

Memorize just one empathetic statement, or sentence stem for use anytime you feel anger, sarcasm, or frustration setting in.

- This is so sad...
- What a bummer....
- How sad...
- Oh, man...
- This stinks....



Many folks report that having a quick and simple empathetic statement on the tip of their tongue helps them take hold of their emotions and respond in ways they can be proud of later on.

When you are too angry or frustrated to use empathy, give yourself permission to delay your reaction or delay the consequence. The next time this happens, experiment with saying:

- *I'm so angry right now that I can't think too well.*
- *I make better decisions when I'm calm. I love you. We'll talk later.*

Always take good care of yourself!

POINTS OF PRIDE

412,259

"Most people sport stacking at multiple locations in one day"

28 countries from around the world represented

On Thursday, November 17 all Heritage students attended PE class where they helped set the new Guinness World Record for most people sport stacking at multiple locations in one day. Two thousand schools and organizations from around the world made this year's record happen. To see our school listed log on to www.theWSSA.com. Thank you Mrs. Sanford for organizing this very fun day.



THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAD
ICE CREAM WITH THE PRINCIPAL
ON NOVEMBER 3 OR 17

MINJOON J.	OCEAN J.	CHRISTIAN C.	NOAH C.	CARISSA D.
MAYA F.	CHRISTINA D.	KATIE J.	SAIDEE G.	LAUREN H.
AVERY F.	VICTORIA K.	QUINCY B.	ELI G.	JENSEN H.
DEVONTE J.	NEIL B.	SEBASTIEN B.	DEVIN D.	ADAM E.
KASEY K.	NATALIE L.	MAGGIE L.	HALEY L.	ERIC L.
PHILIP M.	ADI D.	MISTER D.	MOKOTO G.	JACK G.
GREG S.	LUCAS T.	KATE J.	ANDREA K.	ELAINE J.
MIA L.	MICHELE K.	FRANCINE L.	MADISON K.	MAYA K.

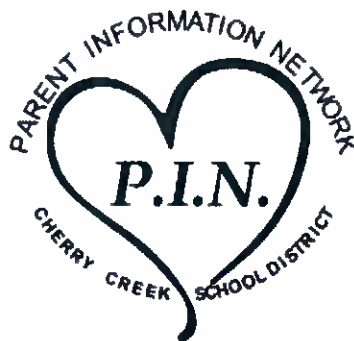
SOAR Class-November

This month as we continued to work on soaring as leaders, our focus was on trying to understand the difference between normal conflict and bullying. While creating circle maps, first graders talked about big and little conflicts and the difference between telling and tattling. Second through fifth graders read several scenarios and using a tree map, categorized them into normal conflicts and bullying. They discussed what the determining factors are to decide if a situation is a normal conflict or bullying. The children had some wonderful discussions, and lots of great thinking took place. In our January SOAR Class we will continue this work.

ARE YOU MOVING OVER WINTER BREAK?

If you are moving and will not return to Heritage after the winter break, please contact Toni Holroyd in the front office. (720-554-3501)





Tuesday, December 6, 2011

9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Give Yourself a Break, You're Doing Great - Celebrate You!"

Author Barbara Stoker has been an executive at Disney, Hallmark, Mattel and Coors. She is now one of the most influential speakers on personal leadership and risk, specializing in women's issues. Her books include: "Intelligent Risk-taking for Women" and "A Women with a Minute".

Barbara will provide an amusing and effective reminder that women are wonderful and that we need to stop being so hard on ourselves. She uses a fresh format that blends chic and humor to explain the maze of complex thinking and associations women make every day as they get an amazing number of things accomplished!

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 free and are held the first Tuesday of each month
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!

January 3rd

Students & Stress: A discussion by a panel of CCSD students

February 7th

Little Girls Can Be Mean

March 6th

Family Dynamics: When Child Requires More Time & Energy



WEATHER DELAYS AND CLOSURES

When extreme weather hits, Cherry Creek Schools officials decide whether to close, delay or hold school as scheduled, based on the safety of students and staff.

If classes are going to be delayed or cancelled, the information is posted on the district's website, www.cherrycreekschools.org, sent to families via Blackboard Connect phone calls, and sent to local media outlets. Families can also call the district's Weather Hotline at 720-554-4701.

The delayed start schedule is as follows:

- HIGH SCHOOL bus pickup and school start times are delayed ½ hour (30 minutes).
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes).
- MIDDLE SCHOOL bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes).
- CHALLENGE SCHOOL start time is delayed 1 hour (60 minutes).
- PRESCHOOL (AM only) NO bus transportation to or from school - school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes).
- KINDERGARTEN (AM Take-Home ONLY) buses will depart school at their regular times.
- MID-DAY KINDERGARTEN buses will pick up at their regular times.
- BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAY CARE programs operate on a normal schedule.

Afternoon dismissal times will be the same as usual for all schools unless otherwise announced.

Regardless of any decision made by the district regarding a regular schedule or delayed start, parents may keep their children home if they feel that is most appropriate, and any absence will be considered excused.

During the school day a decision will be made concerning after school athletics and activities. Before and after school care will continue as normally scheduled.

In the case of a closure, all school programs including before and after school care are cancelled.

Football with Fathers
December 11 @ 12:30 p
6299 E. Euclid Place
Broncos vs. Bears



\$25.00 includes food and drinks.
Game starts at 2:15 but show up early to register
for all the pre-game football contests.

Fill out the form below and drop off at the front
office . Please make checks payable to Heritage
PTCO. Call John at 3/619-5079 with any questions.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

\$25.00 Cash _____ Check _____

Sorry but this is a dad's only event.