

MARCH 1, 2012



HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

OUR MISSION:

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

Greetings Heritage Parents,

Next week, our amazing third, fourth and fifth grade students will be assessed on the Colorado Model Content Standards in reading, writing, and math. Our fifth graders will also be assessed on the science standards. The **Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP)** is Colorado's standards-based assessment designed to provide a picture of student performance and growth to schools, districts, educators, parents, students, and the community. The primary purpose is to determine the level at which Colorado students meet the standards. The assessment program is now called TCAP as the state transitions to new academic content standards over the next two years. When the new standards are fully implemented, a new assessment to assess the full depth and breadth of those standards will be designed.

At Heritage, the Colorado State Standards and student learning needs drives our instruction. We examine and discuss the student performance and growth results from the Colorado assessments and make instructional decisions as a staff collaboratively, honestly, and actively. We develop school-wide, teacher team, individual teacher, and student instructional goals and action plans based on the state assessment results. Even though kindergarten, first, and second grade students are not assessed by the state, mastery of state standards at each grade level is critical.

A healthy breakfast, a good night's sleep, and a determination to "do our best" is in order for our intermediate students as they work through the Colorado assessments. Our students have worked hard and are prepared to take the assessments. We anticipate strong performance and solid growth gains from our students and wish them "Great Thinking" during the assessments. We thank our students' parents for their support and positivity around taking the tests.

Sincerely,
Mary Pirog

P.S. Please look for the revised TCAP schedule on PTO manager and in this newsletter.

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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

MARCH	
2	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
5-15	TCAP TESTING-SEE SCHEDULE BELOW
7	SCHOOL MARKETING MEETING @ 6:00 PM
9	PTCO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ 6:00 PM
12	CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM
17	SILENT AUCTION @ 6:00 PM
26-30	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

TCAP (formerly CSAP) SCHEDULE

3RD GRADE

Reading	March 6 & 7 @ 10:30 am
Writing	March 14 & 15 @ 10:30 am
Math	March 8 & 13 @ 10:30 am

4TH GRADE

Reading/Writing	March 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, & 15 @ 9:30 am
Math	March 7, 8, @ 1:30 pm March 13 @ 9:30 am

5TH GRADE

Reading/Writing	March 6, 7, 8, 13 @ 9:30 am March 14 & 15 @ 1:20 pm
Math	March 6, 7, 8 @ 1:30 pm
Science	March 13 @ 1:20 pm March 14 & 15 @ 9:30 am

MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT FOR 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE

Tournament starts Monday, March 5th. All forms are due Monday morning.

Games are played during lunch:

Mondays: 3rd grade

Tuesdays: 4th grade

Wednesdays: 5th grade

Final Game: Teacher vs. Students on Friday, March 23 @ 2:15-3:15 pm



SOAR

Excerpts From Bad Grades to a Great Life! By Dr. Charles Fay



Your Child Can Succeed!

- ◆ When we begin to embrace the notion that the road to wisdom is paved with mistakes, we begin to relate far differently to our kids. Instead of coming across to them as stressed and anxious, we interact with them in a far more relaxed and joyful way. Instead of sending, "This is probably too tough for you" messages, we begin to send ones that communicate. "You can handle this!" Instead of fretting that things will go wrong, we often find ourselves hoping that they will. Instead of flying off the handle when mistakes are made, we find ourselves in a far better state of mind to express love and sincere empathy.
- ◆ Don't be afraid to let your kids see you make mistakes. That is as long as you're not getting angry and frustrated with yourself for making them.
- ◆ If they see us beating ourselves up over our errors, they'll learn to do the same. If, instead, they witness us viewing goofs as golden learning opportunities, they'll be far less fearful of failure.
- ◆ When it looks like hardships won't overwhelm our children's and students' capabilities, allow them to struggle and provide loving guidance.
- ◆ There is nothing more demotivating than a constant diet of corrective feedback.
- ◆ We all know that kids need encouragement as they struggle. Unfortunately, many people find it difficult to give this encouragement. Generally speaking, these are the folks who never received this gift from their own parents. I'm often amazed and saddened by the number of people I meet who were raised with constant criticism and put-downs. Most of the time their parents were doing what they thought was best...giving plenty of "corrective feedback."

When a child says, "I'm stupid" reply, "Aren't you glad that I don't believe that?"

HERITAGE EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

4/2		School Resumes
4/2 – 4/6		Health & Fitness Week
4/4	All Day	Class Group Pictures
4/11	6:00-8:00 PM	Science Expo
4/17	2:00 & 6:30 PM	Spring Musical (Heritage Players & Fun with Music)
4/18	11:30 – 1:15	Volunteer Luncheon
4/18	6:00 PM	Accountability and PTCO General Meetings
4/26	6:00-7:30pm	Art Show
4/30-5/3	TBA	Spring Book Fair
5/4		Non-pupil contact day-NO SCHOOL
5/7-5/11		Teacher Appreciation Week
5/24	All Day	Field Day (rain date 5/25)
5/28		Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL
6/1	TBA	5 th Grade Pool Party
6/5	6:30 PM	5 th Grade Continuation
6/5	11:00 AM	Kindergarten Graduation
6/6	<u>dismissal @ noon</u>	L a s t D ay of School-progress reports go home



POINTS OF PRIDE**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Thank you students and parents for supporting the Valegram Sales. Student Council raised a total of \$320. Half the money was donated to the Dumb Friends League and the other half is being used to purchase playground equipment. Thank you Student Council and Mrs. Hutchinson for all your hard work.

SOAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the SOAR LEADERSHIP AWARD at our SOAR Assembly on Tuesday, February 28.

Natalie R.	Charlie L.	Morgan S.	Simon L.	Christine L.
Colletta S.	Haley L.	Addison P.	Kayla R.	Noah H.
Jacob H.	Kyah G.	Jade B.	Lucas T.	Kaden M.
Wesley R.	Madeline B.	Duncan B.	Sarah H.	Andrea K.
Andrew H.	Zac B.	Sage C.	Madison K.	

Congratulations to all the students who worked so hard and received classroom SOAR Awards.

WAY TO GO!

The following students were chosen to read their essays on "The Qualities of a Leader" at the SOAR Assembly.

Prescott S.	Jeet P.	Julianna M.	Chris W.	Alivia A.
Andrea K.	Carly T.	Della Grace S.	Gianna R.	Kaitlyn V.
Alejandro (Alex) B.	Kai B.	Lior Y.	Cecilia M.	Reese S.

ART NEWS

The following students have their outstanding artwork displayed at the Youth Art Month show. This show is located at Curtis Art and Humanities Center, located at 2349 East Orchard Road Greenwood Village 80121 303-797-1779 The show runs from March 2nd -March 30th. A reception is being held on Wednesday March 7th from 5-7pm.

Cecilia M.	Nathan G.	Katie J.	Daley C.	Daniel L.	Chloe P.
Skyler W.	Trinity R.	Maya F.	Madison S.	Logan O.	Lucie G.
Elizabeth L.	Connor H.	Avery F.	Mbone E.	Samantha L.	



THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAD
ICE CREAM WITH THE PRINCIPAL
ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10 OR FEBRUARY 24

HANNAH R.	TRINITY R.	CYNTHIA S.	CARMELA T.	LOGAN O.
LUCAS K.	AIDAN K.	JASON R.	QUINTEN P.	JAMISON W.
DOMINIK S.	DANIEL L.	JACKSON S.	HARRISON KT.	ISAAC S.
HOLLY S.	MADISON S.	LEIA T.	TRISTEN P.	JACK G.
UTKARSH M.	MICHAEL S.	DAMARI W.	ASHER N.	CAMILLA L.
OWEN M.	ELISABETH P.	ELLI R.	DELLA GRACE S.	ELIZABETH S.
BRIANNA T.	JORDAN S.	SAVVA S.	CHRIS W.	LIOR Y.
ANTHONY R.	PRESCOTT S.	CHASNEY S.		

Don't miss the 3rd annual Family Wellness Summit!

Saturday, April 14th at Grandview High School

open house from 8 am – 1 pm

Free for all CCSD families and community members of all ages

Interactive activities that promote lifelong health

Relay races for individuals or teams – win prizes!

Demonstrations and educational booths

Free food sampling

Entertainment from schools across CCSD

9Health Fair with free and low-cost screenings from 7 am to noon

(go to www.9healthfair.org to pre-register or to volunteer)

For more information, visit www.assetsconnect.org

To sign up to volunteer on April 14th, visit <http://tiny.cc/8k67m>



Tuesday, March 6, 2012
9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Family Dynamics: "When One Child Requires More Time & Energy"

Laura Ayres is a former teacher, a CCSD parent, a Parent Connector for PEAK Parent Center, the parent training and information center for the State of CO, and the co-chair of SEAC (Special Ed Advisory Committee) for the Cherry Creek School District.

Laura and her husband, Brad, have one son in college and another who is in 9th grade. She understands the dynamics that affect families when one child has needs that require additional parenting energy and time, whether its learning disabilities, behavioral issues, strong personality traits, or other concerns that take special attention. To quote Laura, "I am not famous, I have not written any books, but I have learned a lot about raising a child with a disability, and one without, and how to advocate for children in any situation".

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 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!

April 3rd Creating a Peaceful Family Environment

May 1st Annual PIN Brunch at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church

Keynote speaker: Michael Gurian-NY Times Bestselling author of
 "The Minds of Boys" and "The Wonder of Girls"

You're Invited!

Join Us March 5-9, 2012 for National School Breakfast Week



Learn more about our
school meals at
www.ccsdcafe.org

It's National School Breakfast Week and this year's theme, "School Breakfast – Go for Gold" highlights how eating a healthy balanced breakfast allows children to shine.

Why School Breakfast?

Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day for kids, as it provides the necessary energy to get set for a day of learning and achievement. Eating a nutritious breakfast at school can give children that extra edge. For example:

- **Higher Academic Scores** – Studies have shown eating breakfast at school results in higher test scores¹.
- **Improved Behavior** – Hungry children are more likely to have discipline problems. But kids who eat regularly are less likely to be suspended from school².
- **Reduced Tardiness** – Kids who participate in the School Breakfast program are late or absent from school less often².

¹www.schoolnutrition.org

²"School Breakfast Scorecard" - January 2011, Food Research and Action Center

Monday March 5	Tuesday March 6	Wednesday March 7	Thursday March 8	Friday March 9
Cheese Omelet	Yogurt Parfaits	Breakfast Sandwich	Oatmeal Breakfast Round	Cinnamon Roll and Turkey Sausage

An Evening With Dr. Donna Ford

March 8, 2012

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Overland High School

12400 E. Jewell Avenue

Aurora, Co 80012



Dr. Ford will share her expertise on successful parenting practices for ALL parents with school-age children, with particular emphasis pertaining to ways to successfully parent children who are identified as gifted and advanced.

Breakout sessions after Dr. Ford's keynote address will include topics such as:

- Twice-Exceptional learners
- Sharing the power of a great book read aloud
- Using databases with your children
- Differentiation at the elementary level
- Cultural immersion classes
- The arts as a universal language
- 21st century skills
- Perfectionism
- Causes of underachievement
- Playing chess with your child
- Writing at home
- Profiles of the gifted
- And more!

This event is co-sponsored by:

***The Offices of Gifted Education & Advanced Learning, and
Excellence & Equity***

No registration is required for this free event.

Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network



Day at the Capitol

March 20, 2012

New Date!

Members of the Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network invite parents, teachers, administrators, and community members to participate in our annual Day at the Capitol.

- 8:30 AM Bus leaves ESC parking lot (southeast corner of Yosemite St. and Union Ave.) for the Capitol Building. Riding the bus is optional. We encourage riding the bus because parking is limited.
- 9:00 AM Meet in Old Supreme Court Chamber, 2nd floor of the Capitol, for two guest speakers: Kathy Gebhardt, the lead counsel in the Lobato lawsuit, and Natalie Mullis, Chief Economist, Colorado Legislative Council Staff.
- 11:30 AM Legislators will join us for lunch to answer our questions. Lunch will be served across the street from the Capitol at the First Baptist Church of Denver, 1373 Grant St.
- 1:00 PM Bus departs for the return trip to ESC parking lot.

Day at the Capitol Reservation Form

Please complete this form and mail it with your \$10 payment by **March 13** to:
Rita Gomez
7978 S. Clayton Circle
Centennial, CO 80122

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

No. of Registrations _____ Amount enclosed @ \$10 /person _____

*Make checks payable to CCCLN (Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network)

For more information please call Mariellen Guerra 303-549-5627

Bad Weather Alert: CCCLN follows Cherry Creek Schools snow emergency policy. If schools close, the event is cancelled.

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?



CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS
can help you get free or low-cost health insurance for your child!

What can CCSD help you with?

- Answer questions and determine if you qualify
- Sit down for a one on one appointment
- Share additional resources that may be available

You can now apply online for Medicaid/ CHP+ !

- The State of Colorado recently launched the PEAK website. (Program Eligibility and Application Kit)
- It is an online service for residents to screen themselves and apply for medical, food and cash assistance programs. You can also report any income or address changes on the site.

For more information regarding the site go to <https://peak.state.co.us/selfservice/>

Did you know that a family of 4 with a yearly income of \$55,875 (or more) can qualify?

New CHP+ Income Guidelines for 2012

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
1	\$2,269	\$525	\$13
2	\$3,065	\$708	\$17
3	\$3,861	\$892	\$22
4	\$4,657	\$1,076	\$26
5	\$5,453	\$1,260	\$31
6	\$6,248	\$1,443	\$36



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to access additional information.

Call or Email Clinton Whatley (Outreach and Enrollment Specialist) with questions or to schedule an appointment

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