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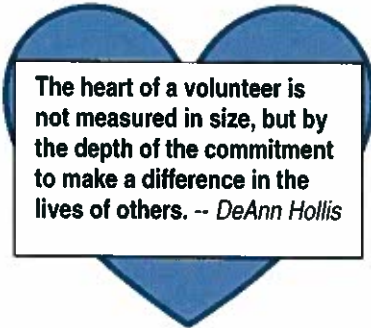
HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

OUR MISSION:

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

DEAR HERITAGE PARENTS,

GIFT WRAP SALES



The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -- DeAnn Hollis

ART SHOW

Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.
--Helen Dyer

BINGO NIGHT

AUCTION

BACK TO SCHOOL BARBECUE

FIELD DAY

EAGLE EXPRESS

BOOK FAIR

WE APPRECIATE YOU!
PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE
VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON
APRIL 18 11:30 – 1:30

SCIENCE EXPO

HOSPITALITY

COFFEE & KLEENEX

CLASSROOM PARENTS

FIFTH GRADE CONTINUATION



Volunteers don't just do the work ~ they make it work.
-Carol Pettit

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.
- Mother Theresa

KING SOOPER CARDS

BOX TOPS CAMPBELLS LABELS

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Heritage Elementary
A Cherry Creek
Focus School
6867 E. Heritage Pl. S.
Centennial, CO 80111
720-554-3500
Fax: 720-554-3588
SOAR Club
720-554-3540

Principal: Mary Pirog
Office Mgr: Janice Docter
Secretary: Toni Holroyd
Nurse: Ann Duffy
Health Tech: Tommi Martin

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

APRIL	
2	FIRST DAY BACK FROM SPRING BREAK
3	1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE ARVADA CENTER
4	CLASS PICTURES-(may also do individual)
4	PLANETARIUM PROGRAM FOR 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADES
5	ROCKETS PROGRAM FOR 2ND GRADE
10	KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION @ 6:30-7:30 PM
11	SCIENCE EXPO @ 6:00-8:00 PM
13	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ 6:00-9:00 PM
14	FAMILY WELLNES SUMMIT/9 HEALTH FAIR AT GRANDVIEW HIGHSCHOOL 7:00 AM-12:00 PM
17	SPRING MUSICAL @ 2:00 & 6:30 PM
18	VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON @ 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
18	ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING @ 6:00-7:00 PM
18	PTCO GENERAL MEETING @ 7:00-8:00 PM
26	ART SHOW @ 6:00-7:30 PM
26	3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP TO DISNEY EARTH DAY FILM
27	FAMILY BINGO NIGHT @ 6:00-8:30 PM

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you know you will not be returning to Heritage Elementary or moving (except 5th graders), please call 720-554-3501 or email tholroyd@cherrycreekschools.org or as soon as possible.

This is very helpful as we plan for the next school year.

Thank you,
Toni Holroyd



SOAR

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

Children Can Make a Difference in the World! *Kids who have a purpose in life are far more likely to find a purpose in school.*

Those courageous enough to give children the gift of selflessness need a thick skin! When the going gets tough, maybe it'll help to remember the following:

Those absorbed with self are typically absorbed with unhappiness and burnout.

Those absorbed with making the world a better place are absorbed with excitement and enthusiasm.

Can you really help children develop a sense of purpose? Absolutely! Like any other attitude or aptitude, a sense of purpose can be transmitted to children through the three E's of the Love and Logic approach.

The first E stands for Examples.

As we all know, children learn many of their most important life lessons by watching others in their lives. Albert Bandura, the father of Social Learning Theory, observed that children are most likely to emulate others they view as powerful and loving. As powerful and loving people in children's lives, are we modeling an attitude of purpose and servitude...or are we neglecting to take on this powerful teaching tool?

*Talk about helping others and what others do to help.

*Provide volunteer experiences for children.

The second E of the Love and Logic Approach stands for Experience.

Are children regularly involved in experiences that force them to place the needs and desires of others in front of their own? The best place to start with this is by making sure they are contributing to the family by doing chores without reminders and without pay.

***If we can't get our kids to do chores at home,
we should never expect their teachers
to be capable of motivating them to do
their schoolwork at school.***

Like anything else, our focus on providing children with the gift of purpose can fade over time. That's why it's helpful to develop some family traditions that keep it ever present in our minds...and our children's. One example involves developing a simple dinner table ritual where family members are encouraged to share examples of how they helped others during the day.

Of course, it's helpful if the adults go first by describing how they have served. This increases the likelihood that the children will as well.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that the examples have to be huge and impressive. Simple things like holding a door open for someone, helping another child who was being bullied at school, smiling and greeting an elderly neighbor, etc., are all small yet wonderful examples.

The goal is to establish a family identity heavily anchored by a sense of purpose extending beyond one's own desires.

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POINTS OF PRIDE

SILENT AUCTION

From our Chairperson, Tim Balfe

"Wow! Thank you to every single person who contributed their time, talent, experience, and money to a fantastically successful 2012 Heritage Elementary School PTCO Silent Auction last Saturday night. What a collective effort!!

First and foremost, due to the enormous and widespread support by the Heritage Community, the outcome surpassed every expectation we had. We had 192 people in attendance. The final number remains to be confirmed but it appears we raised over \$30,000.00.

A special thanks goes to our Auction Committee:

Tim Balfe, Silent Auction Chairperson

Jennie Christenson, Donations/Much More, with special thanks to Julie Harris, Donations

Don Plum, Event Operations

Jennie Small, Decorations

Brian Benson, IT

Jeff Simpson, Marketing

Tami Bourke, Ticket Sales

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Congratulations to our "Super Lego Creators Inventors Triceratops Club" team who competed in the Destination ImagiNation competition on Saturday, March 17. Thank you Noah H., Jacob H., Connor H., Laura H., Noah C. & Jonah S., for working so hard to represent our school. A big thank to you to their coaches, Michelle H., Heidi H., Katie C. and Lara L. for coordinating. Way to go!

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT

We had four students Minjoon J., Nicholas A., Brenden P., and Jason P. participate in the CCSD Chess Tournament on Saturday, March 3. Congratulations to Minjoon who took 1st place for his age group. Thank you for doing such a great job representing Heritage Elementary.

SOAR CLASS-MARCH 2012

As our students continue to become soaring leaders at Heritage we are empowering them to become problem solvers. We decided to work on Conflict Resolution in our Wednesday SOAR classes. This has been our focus over the last few months.

One issue we saw was that not all of the students were clear on when and how to ask for help. We began by defining Normal Conflict and Bullying in second through fifth grade. First graders used the labels Little Problems and Big Problems. The students were given scenarios of each topic and in pairs created tree maps. These hung on the bulletin board outside of the cafeteria. This also led to some great discussions of why a certain situation was bullying or not. From these discussions, each class created a list of determining factors to define Normal Conflict/Little Problems and Bullying/Big Problems:

BIG PROBLEMS/BULLYING

- imbalance of power
- not between friends
- repeated over and over
- purposeful
- serious threat/harm
- attempt to get something
- blames victim/no remorse
- manipulative
- breaking the law

LITTLE PROBLEMS/NORMAL CONFLICT

- equal power
- between friends
- happens occasionally
- accidental
- not serious
- not seeking power/control
- takes responsibility/remorse
- non manipulative

The next step was to create a toolbox of tools to solve Normal Conflict/Little Problems. The students were each given one of the same normal conflict/little problems from before. They wrote down ways to solve the problem. Then they paired up with another person who had the same scenario. Together they compared solutions and tried to come up with others. We then came together as a large group and came up with a list of tools they can use to solve normal conflicts/little problems.

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| -Walk away | -Tell them to stop | -Share feelings/thoughts |
| -Let it go...move on | -Do or choose something else | -Compromise |
| -Ignore it | -Take turns | -Chance/luck (rock, paper, scissors) |
| -Go to the Peace Plant (I messages: "I don't like it when you...") | | |

The goal is to keep normal conflicts/little problems from becoming big problems. However, there are times when more help is needed. If the child has tried two or three things, they may still need help. The children have learned to use the following three part script when they need help from an adult:

"_____ (did) _____. I (we) tried _____ and he/she keeps doing it.
I (we) need your help."

This identifies the problem, tells what they have already tried, and has them specifically ask for help. The children know that they have to be able to tell 2-3 things they've tried when they ask for help. The staff at Heritage is aware of this procedure and we are working together to empower each child to solve problems. Of course, if the situation involves Bullying/Big problems, the children know to come to an adult immediately.

We are encouraged that this new way of solving problems will be beneficial to Heritage. Already we are seeing positive growth in this area. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

Spring Musical

Fun With Music is performing "The Little Red Hen"
The Heritage Players are performing "Everybody Has Music Inside"

April 17
2:00 & 6:30 PM

ART NEWS

Our biannual show will be Thursday, April 26, from 6-7:30 pm! This is the year we host our art show. Your child's art from the school year will be on display. We are asking families to consider donating during the show to supplement the art budget. The wonderful variety in your child's art experience at Heritage is due, in large part, to the generous donations that parents make to our program. This event only occurs every other year, and the funds raised at the show are the only supplemental funds the art program receives. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to sharing this special night with you and your child.

HERITAGE EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

4/2		School Resumes
4/4	All Day	Class Group Pictures /Individual if wanted
4/10	6:30-7:30 PM	Kindergarten Orientation
4/11	6:00-8:00 PM	Science Expo
4/13	6:00-9:00 PM	PTCO Family Movie Night featuring "RIO"
4/17	2:00 & 6:30 PM	Spring Musical (Heritage Players & Fun with Music)
4/18	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Volunteer Luncheon
4/18	6:00 PM	Accountability and PTCO General Meetings
4/26	6:00-7:30 PM	Art Show
4/27	6:00-8:30 PM	Bingo Night
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
5/30		5th Grade Civil War Ball
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





THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAD
ICE CREAM WITH THE PRINCIPAL
ON FRIDAY MARCH 16 OR MARCH 23

COLLETTA S.	SYDNEY S.	SYDNEY Z.	JULIAN D.	KATRINA Z.
SETH S.	AVIV Y.	COLLIN S.	MATTHEW S.	BRYAN P.
JOEY S.	DECLAN T.	BRYSON S.	JACK T.	GEHRIG S.
JEET P.	JASON P.	LEIA T.	ADARA W.	NICHOLAS A.

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

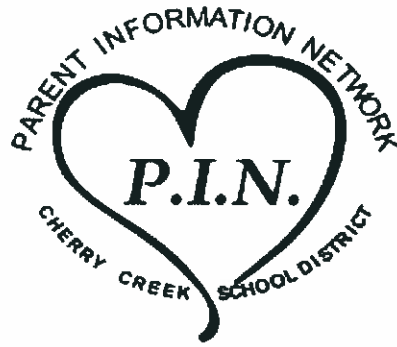
Entertainment from schools across CCSD

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, April 3, 2012
9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

“Creating a Peaceful Family Environment”

Many parents struggle to find moments of peace as they face the growing demands placed on families today. Children are growing up in a world filled with stimulation, packed schedules, and considerably more stress than previous generations. Join us to hear Dr. Kristen Race, founder of Mindful Life, and a discussion on how today’s world is affecting your child’s development and how to find peace in chaotic times. ***Discussion points will include:***

Stress – How is it affecting your children?

Hidden Environmental Factors – What are they and how do they affect brain development?

Schedules, Stimulation, and Sleep – How does your family measure up?

Simple Family Activities – What can you do to increase your children’s ability to pay attention, increase cognitive functioning, reduce stress and promote family happiness?

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!

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”

CALLING SYSTEM KEEPS PARENTS INFORMED

Keeping parents informed – especially during unusual or emergency situations – is a top priority for the Cherry Creek School District. That's why the district and its schools have been using the Blackboard Connect parent notification system since early 2009.

The district and its schools use the system to let parents know about unusual situations, such as a lockdown or secure perimeter, or when buses have been delayed because of police activity in a certain area, as well as weather delays and closures.

Schools also use the system to let parents know about important educational issues including their child's attendance, homework and parent-teacher conferences, as well as school events like field trips and family nights.

"We know parents want direct and up-to-date information when it comes to their children," said Superintendent Mary Chesley. "We are fortunate to have a tool that allows us to provide information to parents in a direct and timely manner."

Non-emergency calls are sent to parents' primary number, usually their home number. Emergency calls are sent to all numbers listed on students' emergency contact cards, usually home, cell and work numbers.

Parents can select which number they list as their primary number. Parents, who prefer not to receive early morning weather calls on their home phone, can designate a cell phone number as their primary number, then turn that cell phone off or to silent on nights when the forecast calls for bad weather.

Parents can change their primary number and update other numbers that may have changed, by contacting their children's schools.



SUMMER CAMPS

**THE CCSD SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
MID-APRIL AT: cherrycreekschools.org/AthleticsActivities/SummerCamps**

Long Range Facility Planning Committee Recommendation

The Long Range Facility Planning Committee unanimously recommended that the Cherry Creek School District Board of Education call for a bond issue for renovation, new technology, and security; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) focused facilities; and building additions, across the district at the board's regular meeting March 12, 2012.

The \$125 million bond issue would be used, in part, to fund expansions at Cherokee Trail and Grandview high schools where enrollment already exceeds capacity. Thirty-seven million dollars also would be used for renovations and upgrades to security cameras, electrical, fire protection, HVAC and plumbing at all schools.

"These maintenance projects are just like the ones people do to keep up their homes," Assistant Superintendent of Educational Support Services Scott Siegfried said. "They will help ensure that schools remain safe places for students to learn."

The LRFPC is a citizens advisory group, established by the Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education more than 30 years ago. It is made up of district residents and employees who advise the board on facility utilization including construction, renovation, boundary and calendar issues. The committee is responsible for making sure new schools are built just when they're needed to handle student growth, and ensuring that existing schools are maintained and improved to protect the taxpayer's investment.

Five high schools – Cherry Creek, Cherokee Trail, Eaglecrest, Grandview and Smoky Hill – will receive funds for classroom and equipment renovations for STEM programming. Overland High School received funds for a STEM focused addition from the 2008 bond issue.

"At least 90% of all jobs in the future will require technical education," Siegfried said. "We need 21st Century classrooms to support 21st Century learning."

The committee recommended the expansions at the high schools rather than building a new high school, which would have cost \$125 million, the same amount as the all of the other bond projects combined. The district recently refinanced some of its existing bond debt for a savings to taxpayers of \$4 million. Cherry Creek has an extremely strong credit, as evidenced by the Aa1/AA ratings assigned by Moody's and Standard & Poor's, respectively.

The bond issue would not result in a property tax increase, Chief Financial Officer Guy Bellville said.

The Board of Education will consider the recommendation and decide whether to call for a November election at its April 16, 2012 meeting.

View the entire recommendation on the Cherry Creek Schools website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

