

SEPTEMBER 2, 2011



# HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## OUR MISSION:

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

Greetings Heritage Parents,

Happy New School Year to all of you. We are off to a fantastic start with your children who are eager to be back at school and ready to learn. Our teachers are also excited to be back and look forward to all the engaging teaching and learning that will take place in our classrooms. Our goal is to provide an excellent educational experience for every student, and we welcome you as our partner in your children's education. We value, appreciate, and rely on your involvement and collaboration to help us achieve this goal.

One essential factor that influences our students' success is for our parents to know everything about their children's schooling. With the amount of information we plan to give you about your children's educational experience; we changed **Back to School Night** from one night to two nights with one night primary and the other intermediate. Each night begins with a presentation in the gym about our "Focus," new curriculum, specials classes, school-wide safety procedures, communication, and PTCO community events and fundraising. After the presentation, parents visit their children's classrooms to hear specifically what takes place in the general education classrooms.

September 13 @ 6:00 in the Gym – Primary (Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) Back to school Night. 6:30 in the classrooms

September 14 @ 6:00 in the Gym – Intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Back to school Night. 6:30 in the classrooms

Another essential factor in providing an excellent educational experience is for our students to maintain regular and on-time attendance. Missing several days of school and being late even a few minutes, disrupts the learning momentum for our students. Research clearly shows regular and punctual attendance is vital for the success of children in school. **No single factor interferes with a student's progress more quickly than frequent tardiness or absences.** Our hope is to have all children present in school every day and on time. We depend on you to minimize your children's absences as much as possible by keeping them home only when they are sick, getting them to school on-time, taking them to appointments outside of their school day, and traveling out of town when school is not session.

We thank you for all you do to set your children up for success in school and look forward to partnering with you to ensure an excellent educational experience for your children.

Sincerely,

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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.

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### 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](http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us), or call 720-554-4701

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

**NEW HERITAGE WEBSITE COMING!** In a few days an updated Heritage School website will be launched. Lots of information is available for you and updated periodically. Please check us out @ [www.her.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.her.ccsd.k12.co.us)

**HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER:** This is the only hard copy of the newsletter you will receive this year. Future newsletters will be posted on our website ([www.her.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.her.ccsd.k12.co.us)). You will receive a message through PTCO Manager when a new newsletter is posted.

**SCHOOL HOURS:** Our school day is 9:00 am-3:30 pm (Kindergarten AM, 9:00 am-11:50 am/Kindergarten PM, 12:40-3:30 pm). First bell rings at 8:55 am. Second bell at 9:00 am. If students arrive after the second bell they must enter through the main doors and pick up a late slip.

**BEFORE SCHOOL:** Unless your child is in a program before school or having breakfast in the cafeteria (breakfast starts at 8:30 am), they should arrive at school after 8:45 am. Adult supervision is provided at that time. Also, playground use is not allowed before school.

**AFTER SCHOOL:** Please be on time to pick up your children. Outside supervision ends at 3:45 pm. Children may not play on the playground after school unless supervised by their parents.

**WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR LATE:** You are required call the attendance line, 720-554-3595. This is a 24 hour call line.

**EXTENDED ABSENCE:** If you know ahead of time your child will be absent for more than a day, you will need to fill out a NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED ABSENCE form (located in front office). Please note vacation days are unexcused absences and make-up work will not be prepared prior to a student's absence.

**HAVING LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD:** You are welcome to come and have lunch with your child during their lunch time. If you plan on buying lunch in the cafeteria, please call the school by 10:00 am (720-554-3500) so you can be included in the lunch count.

**DRESS CODE:** We expect students to dress in a way that helps them focus on learning and feel comfortable in the classroom. Please follow these guidelines:

1. Regular shorts and tops are recommended. T-shirts must be worn under muscle shirts especially those with large arm openings. Shoulder straps must be two fingers wide. **Spaghetti strap tops or dresses need to be worn with a shirt underneath.** Shirts need to cover the entire stomach and back.
2. Shorts need to cover the thighs. Short shorts and short skirts are not acceptable.
3. Shirts with advertisements for products not used by children and inappropriate language are not acceptable.
4. Tennis shoes are required to participate in P.E. and to play on the playground equipment.
5. If a child dresses inappropriately he/she will be asked to change into proper clothing.

**PETS:** Please do not bring your pets to school when picking up your children. Many children are afraid or allergic to pets.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	
5	NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
9	GIFT WRAP SALES START
10	FITNESS FESTIVAL- SEE ATTACHED FLYER
13	BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR GRADES K, 1, 2 @ 6:00-7:30 PM <b>PARENTS ONLY</b>
14	BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR GRADES 3, 4, 5 @ 6:00-7:30 PM <b>PARENTS ONLY</b>
20	CHOOSE YOUR LIFE PROGRAM ASSEMBLY
20	PRESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT @ 5:00-7:00 PM
21	<b>INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES</b>
21	ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING @ 6:00-7:00 PM
21	PTCO GENERAL MEETING @ 7:00-8:00 PM
23	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-TEACHER WORK DAY

### SOAR – Love and Logic Neutralizing Arguments



What if there was a tool you had ready to use in a situation where you are moving into an emotional state of mind; perhaps you are becoming frustrated or angry:

1. *Stop!* Yes, I know this sounds simple, but I want you to practice it. Stop! Rather than say anything, or do anything, I want you to simply stop.
2. *Look.* Take a moment to look around you. Notice where you are and what is happening.
3. *Listen.* What is being said? What was it that got you ramped up? Were you accused of something? Did someone talk about you in an unkind way? What happened?
4. *Step back.* Take a break. Breathe. Create a bit of distance between you and the other person and the tense situation.

*Set a boundary.* Tell the person, "I care about you too much to argue with you." Now give yourself some time to process what is happening. Let them know you will talk to them about the situation once you feel comfortable again.



THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAD  
ICE CREAM WITH THE PRINCIPAL  
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

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|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| SYARA G.    | SIYEON L.  | ARUNDHATI N. | ADDISON P.   | TY B.    |
| MASON B.    | CALEB B.   | JUNHYEOK C.  | NICHOLAS R.  | DEVIN R. |
| ZEEYN B.    | BOBBY G.   | SOYEON J.    | ELIZABETH L. | RAYNE A. |
| XIAOMENG G. | KENDALL A. | AVERY R.     | BAYAN A.     | ANAHI M. |



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
PRIMARY (K, 1, 2)  
&  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
INTERMEDIATE (3, 4, 5)

6:00-6:30 PM IN THE GYM

6:35-7:30 PM IN THE CLASS ROOM

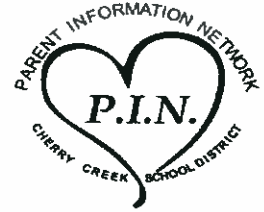
**These two nights are for parents only please.**

**CHILDCARE NOT AVAILABLE**

### POINTS OF PRIDE

What a great start to a new school year! Thank you parents and students for picking up and returning your registration packets early. This made everything go so smoothly. This is going to be a wonderful school year.

## Parent Information Network (PIN) 2011-2012



*Join us for an exciting year of dynamic speakers and become part of a powerful network of proactive parents. The Cherry Creek School District Parent Information Network (PIN) has helped to connect, inform and empower parents for over twenty years! Through monthly programs PIN provides captivating and informative speakers discussing parenting issues that are relevant now.*

**WHO:** All are welcome and encouraged to attend at no charge! Attendees include parents, school administrators, and the community at large.

**WHEN:** First Tuesday of each month from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (come at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and networking)

**WHERE:** SARC – Student Achievement Resource Center 14188 East Briarwood Ave. – south of Arapahoe Rd. & Jordan Rd.

For questions or more information, go to [PIN@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:PIN@cherrycreekschools.org) or contact Carla Johnson, PIN Chair, at [PINChair@msn.com](mailto:PINChair@msn.com) or Janise McNally, CCSD Wellness Coordinator, at 720-554-4247 or [jmcnally@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:jmcnally@cherrycreekschools.org)

### **September 6th: Loving Your Kids Enough To Let Them Make Mistakes**

Kerry Stutzman, MSW, Certified Love & Logic Instructor talks about how to prepare children for the real world by letting them make affordable mistakes when the price tag is small. Come and learn how to up the odds of raising a responsible and successful child.

### **Attention all Registered Nurses**

Cherry Creek Schools has an urgent need for full time, part time and substitute positions for Nurses with a Bachelor's Degree. If you would enjoy a schedule that is family-friendly (M-F, no nights, weekends or holidays), please call Health Services at 720-554-5067 for more information, or go online: [www.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us) to submit your application.

Ask any of our nurses and they will tell you that school nursing is an interesting and rewarding career.

Nurses are able to address acute health situations and manage chronic conditions. There are also many opportunities to educate students about healthy behaviors. Come join our team of 63 nurses and impact the future!