

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011



# HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

*OUR MISSION:*

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

Dear Heritage Parents,

Our Cherry Creek School District is dedicated to the safety and well being of each student and staff member. Since 2005, the District has improved communications with our community agencies, trained key staff to provide for the emotional impact of a crisis on students and staff, and developed sustainable training materials and crisis response kits for our schools. This year, the Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) process has changed to Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (REMS). We are committed to continue our efforts with safety through the REMS training.

To view the information about the District's efforts to provide for both the physical and psychological safety of our children, we invite you to go to the Cherry Creek website [www.cherrycreekschool.org](http://www.cherrycreekschool.org) and select the Safety & Security Quick Links.

#### **Topics and information include:**

- What to Do in the Event of an Emergency
- Information about the CCSD Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan
- Care Line Information

#### **Additional Resources**

- Bullying/Harassment
- Crisis Resources
- Internet Safety
- Parenting
- Personal Safety (neighborhood, strangers, etc.)
- Violence Prevention

For specific information about Heritage's crisis plan or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary

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

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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**

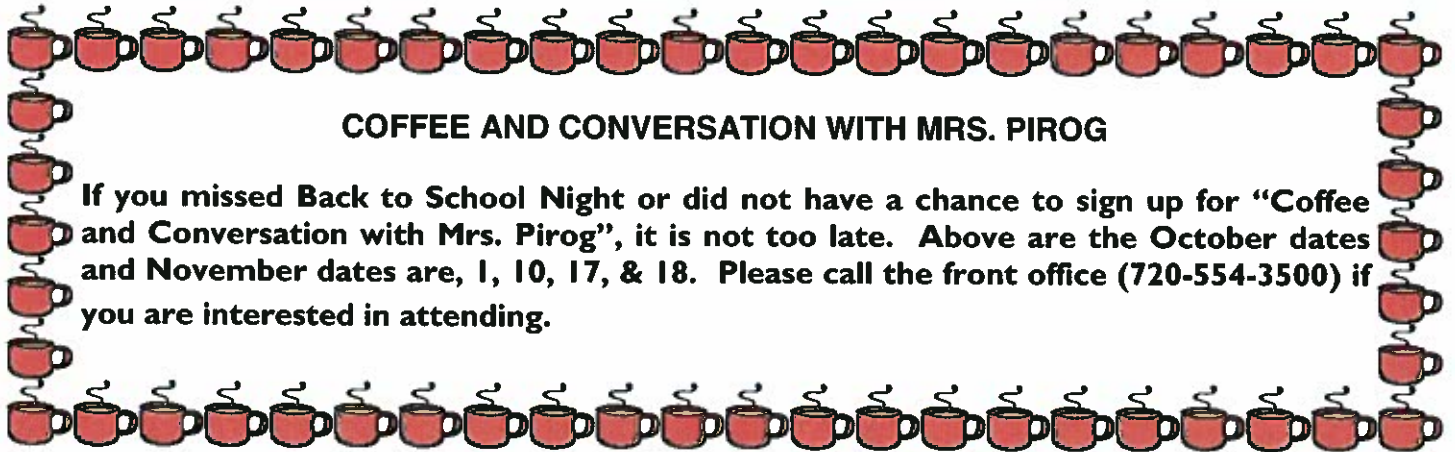
The elementary school bus pickup and school start times are delayed

**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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| OCTOBER        |  |
|----------------|--|
| 4              | COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH MRS. PIROG @ 8:15-9:00 AM |
| 4              | HEARING CHECKS FOR PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, & 1ST GRADE    |
| 5              | NATIONAL WALK OR RIDE YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY          |
| 6              | VISION SCREENING FOR ALL GRADES                        |
| 7              | MOM'S NIGHT OUT @ 6:30-9:00 PM                         |
| 10,13,14,18,21 | COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH MRS. PIROG @ 8:15-9:00 AM |
| <b>24-28</b>   | <b>FALL BREAK-NO SCHOOL</b>                            |



### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH MRS. PIROG

If you missed Back to School Night or did not have a chance to sign up for "Coffee and Conversation with Mrs. Pirog", it is not too late. Above are the October dates and November dates are, 1, 10, 17, & 18. Please call the front office (720-554-3500) if you are interested in attending.

## SOAR



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

**Love and Logic Experiment** - Start today by making a list of things your child is naturally good at. Keep this list in a place where you see it each and every day. Use this little exercise to begin a commitment to helping your child lead a life focused on the joy of their strengths rather than the frustration of their weaknesses.

**Love and Logic Experiment** - Start today by saying this to your child: "I do things for people who say 'please' and 'thank you.'" In a very polite and respectful way provide what they want only when they can use these two magic words. Expect them to get pretty annoyed in the short-term and more fun-to-be around in the long-term.



THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAD  
ICE CREAM WITH THE PRINCIPAL  
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

|              |              |            |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| LOGAN B.     | HAYDEN T.    | LUKE B.    | CADEN K.     | BRYNN A.     |
| LILLI F.     | KYAH G.      | KATIE F.   | SARAH J.     | KAYLEY L.    |
| JADE B.      | DANIELLA C.  | REESE C.   | SEBASTIAN R. | ALEX B.      |
| MATTHEW G.   | NATHANIEL A. | ZACH B.    | DEVON F.     | DEMETRIUS L. |
| SAVANNAH F.  | LAURA H.     | SAI A.     | JASALINE A.  | ASHWATH B.   |
| JOE H.       | NATHAN G.    | CAMERON H. | SAQUIB A.    | NOAH H.      |
| ALEXANDER L. | ANNABELLA D. | SUMIN L.   | EMILY B.     | CARLEY B.H.  |
| ALIVIA A.    | PHOEBE G.    | DALEY C.   | SAGE C.      |              |

## POINTS OF PRIDE

Thank you to all the families, teachers, and staff who ran in the "Fitness Festival". It was a great day with a great turn out.

We are so proud of all the students riding their bikes to school. Thank you for remembering your bike safety by wearing your helmets and walking your bikes on school property.

Next Wednesday, October 5 is the National walk or ride your bike to school day. For those of you who are able, we hope you will participate in this event.

## SOAR CLASS

We are continuing to SOAR at Heritage! We remember "Filling Our Own and Other People's Buckets" as we work in SOAR classes this year. This month we talked more about what it means to "SOAR at Heritage" and owning our choices. We also learned about our learning characteristics as each child completed a survey. We talked about how everyone learns differently and that knowing how we and others learn can help us to be more understanding. This information was shared with both of each child's grade level teacher.



## LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure all items that might be taken off during the day are marked CLEARLY with last name. Any lost items are returned to their owner when they are marked. Anything not marked or claimed is donated to charity.

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS ARE LOCATED IN A BOX BY THE CAFETERIA**

**THE NEXT LOST AND FOUND DONATION WILL BE MADE DURING  
WINTER BREAK**

## SAVE THE DATE

### WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

5th Grade Parent Information Nights

Tuesday, January 17

OR

Wednesday, January 25 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

West Middle School Cafeteria

6th to 7th Grade

And

7th to 8th Grade Parent Night

Wednesday, February 1 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

West Middle School Cafeteria and Commons

## FLYERS

The following flyers are available in the front office

Tyler Weaver's Champion Martial Arts

Mom's Night Out

Colorado Storm Soccer

Future Bruins Day at Cherry Creek

## Parent Information Network (PIN) 2011-2012



Tuesday, October 4, 2011  
9:15 am - 11:15 am

### Using the Collaborative Problem Solving Approach: Think Differently About Your Children

The Collaborative Problem Solving Model is a proactive approach that looks at children's behavior differently from conventional wisdom. CPS is based on the philosophy that children do well if they can, instead of "children do well if they want to". Understanding children from this perspective shifts our focus away from blaming the child for their behaviors, to understanding what a child's behavior is telling us about the skills they may be lacking. We can then work with the child to teach them the skills they need to learn in order for them to be more successful and meet our expectations.

Dr. Lisa Wolff, CCSD psychologist and instructor for Parent Academy classes, will share the CPS model as an approach for solving problems and building relationships with kids of all ages. The Collaborative Problem Solving approach is currently being used in the Cherry Creek School District with kids at all grade levels, and with a wide array of behavioral needs.

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

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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|--------------|---|
| November 1st | Teaching the Value of Character and Leadership              |
| December 6th | Give Yourself a Break, You're Doing Great-Celebrate You!    |
| January 3rd  | Students & Stress: A discussion by a panel of CCSD students |

#### 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!



## When Should My Sick Child Stay Home?

**Sick children belong at home. Here are some guidelines to make your decision easier.**

**FEVER...** A fever is a warning that all is not right with the body. The child may have an illness that can be passed on to others. A child with a fever **GREATER than 100 degrees F** should not be sent to school. They should not return until they are **fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Motrin).**

**COLDS/SORE THROATS/COUGH....** A child with a cold, having a lot of **congestion** and a **hacking cough** belongs at home, even without a fever. Children with **strep throat** need to be on **antibiotics** for **24 hours** before returning to school.

**RASHES.....** A rash might be the first sign of a childhood illness. All rashes are considered contagious unless a doctor states otherwise. **DO NOT send your child to school with a rash.**

**DIARRHEA....** Diarrhea is a bowel movement that is watery or looser than normal for a child. If your child has **more than one** loose stool in a day, they should be kept at home and not sent to school until they are 24 hours without symptoms.

**VOMITING....** Keep your child home until they can keep their food down for **at least 8 hours** and **have not vomited for 24 hours.** If your child awakens with an upset stomach, try breakfast and give them a couple of hours before you have them at school.

**INFORMING THE SCHOOL....** If your child goes to the doctor, write down the following information for the school:

- the name of the illness
- is it contagious to others

**Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a healthy place to be for your children.**

**Our goal... a healthy child in every seat!**

## Call for Nominations for Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame Award

The Cherry Creek School District is seeking nominations of exemplary individuals and groups who have left a lasting legacy in their dedication and commitment to excellence in the district for induction into the Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame.

Past Legacy Wall of Fame inductees are former Superintendents Richard Koeppe, Robert Tschirki and Monte Moses, as well as educator George Mansfield and community volunteer Robin Thorsen.

Efforts of nominees must have revolved around the district's mission "To inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care." Specifically, nominees must be individuals or groups who demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Capture the "spirit of excellence" that permeates the district
- Demonstrate effective and inspirational leadership
- Demonstrate and encourage creativity, innovation and best practices
- Foster cooperation between the district and the community
- Maintain a continuing dialogue with students and parents as well as faculty and staff
- Keep abreast of developments in the field of education
- Encourage team spirit and unity
- Exemplify commitment to the vision and mission of the district

Nominations must be submitted by October 15, 2011 and include:

- No more than five significant and substantive letters of support by individuals, including the person making the nomination
- A career summary

A description of contributions in one or more of the nomination criteria described above

For a nomination form and more information about the Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame award, visit <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/News/Pages/LegacyNominations.aspx>.

Dedicated to Excellence



CherryCreek  
Schools

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September 2011

Dear Parents,

In Cherry Creek, as you know, we are fortunate to have an excellent teaching staff. However, as good as our teachers are, they always want to improve. As part of our district's strategic plan (approved by the Board of Education), we are committed to providing teachers with opportunities to get meaningful feedback on their instructional practice. Part of that process involves teachers observing each other teach and providing feedback to one another.

Research shows that this process leads to system-wide improvements in teacher effectiveness. In order to document the impact of the program, we will be asking students to complete a survey in the fall before the program gets underway and in the spring after it has been implemented for seven months. We want to know if students notice positive changes in their teachers' instructional practice as a result of getting feedback on their teaching. The questions on the survey focus on various aspects of the teacher's classroom practice (e.g., how they present new information and the effectiveness of daily routines).

All student responses will be confidential and teachers' names will not be connected to the results. The data will be used to judge the effectiveness of this professional development program. An outside research firm will analyze the data and report the results (this work is being paid for with federal grant funds, not district dollars).

If you do not want your student to participate in the survey, please call your school's main office. If you would like to see a copy of the survey or if you have questions or need more information, please call me at 720-554-5586 or email me at [eadp@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:eadp@cherrycreekschools.org). Thanks for your support of this project and Cherry Creek Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Asp".

Elliott Asp, Ph.D.

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