



Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Oct. 7, 2010

Meadow Point 720-886-8600
Attendance Line 720-886-8695
Weather Line 720-554-4701

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 13 PTO / MPAAC 5:30-6:30
- Oct. 15 School Carnival
- Oct. 18-22 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 21 Pre-School Fall Festival
6-7:30pm (cafeteria)
- Oct. 25-29 Fall Break
- Oct. 28 CiCi's Pizza Night

In the event of inclement weather.

Please watch your local television channels, listen to the radio, or call the storm delay / closure hotline (720-554-4701) to learn this information. Late start time is 9:45.

En caso de condiciones de tiempo severas.

Por Favor prenda su televisor o radio en su estación local o llame a la línea de horario modificado (720-554-4703) para enterarse de ésta información. El horario modificado empieza a las 9:45.

Dear Parents,

One of our Meadow Point goals is providing a safe environment where teachers can teach and students can learn. In order for students to reach their academic potential, it is important for students to feel safe in the school environment. The aspects of school safety include students feeling safe on their way to and from school. **Please remember to not leave cars unattended in the drop off/pick up lanes** so we can keep cars moving and please **keep children off of the playground before and after school, especially after school until 3:30.** This will help us make sure that all students are accounted for and those students that are not picked up will be brought to the office to call home. It takes an effort from everyone to help make Meadow Point a safe and inviting place for students. Thank you for your help! Below is some information about our school and district efforts to make sure Cherry Creek Schools are safe and prepared to handle emergency situations.

Emergency Response and Crisis Management in the Cherry Creek Schools

As a result of funds received from an Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) grant from the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, all leadership and school safety/crisis teams in the Cherry Creek Schools have been receiving ERCM training and have developed updated and effective emergency response plans and procedures that align with state and federal Homeland Security Emergency Management and the National Incident Management System. We have 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.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents about recent changes to the Cherry Creek Website that now give parents needed information about school safety and related issues. The website explains the district's efforts to provide for both the physical and psychological safety of our children, and gives parents links to excellent on-line resources. This section of the district website continues to be under construction and materials will be updated as needed. You can view the information by going to www.cherrycreekschools.org, District Departments, Safe Schools or view directly at http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/dist_info/safeschools/index.html

Topics and information include:

- Recent School Safety News
- What to Do in the Event of an Emergency
- Information about the CCSD Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan
- Care Line Information
- Other Resources, Links and/or Handouts:
- Bullying/Harassment
- Crisis Resources
- Internet Safety
- Parenting
- Personal Safety (neighborhood, strangers, etc.)
- Violence Prevention

For more information about your school's crisis planning, please contact your school's Principal. For further information about ERCM planning in the schools, please contact Randy Councill, Director, Office of Safety and Security, 720-554-4489 or Ronald Lee, Psy.D. Intervention Coordinator, Safe Schools Design Team, 720- 554-4406.

**Openings On Long-Range Facility
Planning Committee**

Long-Range Facility Planning Committee is a standing committee that makes recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the construction, renovation, and remodel of school facilities; boundaries; calendar; and other matters related to facility utilization. Upcoming tasks include boundary recommendation for the next elementary school and an update of the district's facility plan.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact:

Angela McCain
Director of Planning, Admissions & Records
720-554-4453; Fax 720-554-4477
eland@cherrycreekschools.org

**Attention Parents:
Airsoft, Pellet, BB Guns Are Not
Toys at School**

At this time we want to reiterate our message regarding state law and school district policy relative to airsoft, pellet, and BB guns. We understand that these guns, which can be difficult to distinguish from real guns when being held by a person, have become very popular. We further understand that many view these guns to be toys. As such, some of our students are purchasing these guns, receiving them as gifts, and playing with them at home and in neighborhoods with parental permission. However, **these guns are not allowed on school premises.** Both Colorado state law and Cherry Creek School District policy require a **mandatory expulsion** for the possession on school property of "any pellet or BB gun or other device designed to propel projectiles by spring action or compressed air."

Please be reminded and reinforce with your child that the school must recommend an expulsion if these guns are brought onto school premises.

KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

We have openings in our morning Kindergarten Enrichment program. The program is a tuition-based extension to our Kindergarten classes. If you are interested or need more information please contact the office at 720-886-8600.



In Case of Bad Weather

In case of bad weather, it is important that you check to see if the school is on a late start or closed for the day. Please tune to your local television or radio station for any announcements for Cherry Creek Schools. You can also go online to WWW.ccsd.k12.co.us or call the storm delay/closure hotline at 720-554-4701.

If there is a late start school does not start until 9:45 a.m.



EARLY ARRIVAL

Children should not arrive before **8:10 a.m.** if they are coming for breakfast otherwise not until **8:30 a.m.** The first bell is 8:35 a.m. and all students should be lined up at that time. If a child arrives before 8:10 a.m. the office will be making a call home to inform the parent/guardian that their child has arrived too early for school. Please be aware that we have no supervision on the playground until 8:30 a.m.

School of Choice

School of Choice applications for the 2011-12 school year will be available starting at 7:30am on November 15, 2010 in all schools and the District Admissions offices. Forms must be fully completed before being submitted, and will then be date & time stamped by district staff as received. All transportation arrangements become the responsibility of the family choosing this option.

Requests are approved based on available space with priority given to siblings of current students already attending that school and the children of district staff according to negotiated employee policies. Notification of acceptance or denial of the request will be sent from the schools to parents by March 15, 2011.

If your student is currently attending a School of Choice or IntraDistrict Transfer to the highest grade level, it is NOT necessary to complete a School of Choice application each year. Non-Resident application will be available starting April 1, 2011.

CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE NETWORK ***“Breakfast With Our Legislators”***

Date: November 10, 2010

Time: 7:00 AM

Place: SARC (Student Achievement Resource Center)
14188 E. Briarwood Ave., Centennial 80112

Directions: South from Arapahoe Rd onto Jordan Rd, then west onto Briarwood

Cost: \$7.00

Members of the Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network cordially invite you to join us for breakfast with members of the Colorado General Assembly representing the schools in the Cherry Creek School District.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with members of our delegation in an informal setting as we work together for a successful 2010-2011 session benefiting Colorado students.

***Mail reservation form with payment
by Wednesday, November 3, 2010.***

Breakfast with our Legislators Reservation Form

(Please print)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please reserve _____ breakfast(s) at \$7.00 each. Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to CCCLN (Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network) and mail before November 3 to:

Bart Prieve

5287 S. Geneva St.

Englewood, CO 80111

For more information, please call 303-549-5627

CCCLN follows Cherry Creek Schools snow policy. If schools close, the event will be cancelled.



PTO Agenda:

- Review of Bingo Night
- Fall Carnival

Accountability Agenda:

- DI Presentation – Pearl Schwartz
- 5th Grade GT Enrichment Students-
Presentation on Water Service Learning
Project
- Meadow Point Code of Conduct – John
Cramer & Parent Discussion

October
PTO/Accountability
Meeting

***Wednesday,
October 13th***

5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Meadow Point