

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT'S MARK YOUR
CALENDAR:

Feb. 1st -

5th grade PARCC/Outdoor Ed
Night - 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 7th -

3rd Grade Play
Performance - 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 16th -

PTCO BINGO Night - 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 19th & 20th

President's Day - NO SCHOOL
Non-Contact Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 23rd -

Report Cards Go Home

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Parent Conferences and Book Fair

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FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Dear Aspen Crossing Community,

We had a wonderful PTCO meeting with Mr. Felker last week about supporting our students, and I wanted to share the information with you so you can support your children at home.

As a part of our work at Aspen Crossing, we have developed systems to support student's social development. Mr. Felker meets with classes throughout the year to teach about our Pillars (character traits) and gives examples of ways we can demonstrate and practice those traits. Our Pillars include Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Fairness and Citizenship.

We also have systems to support our students with deciphering the difference between normal conflict and bullying. In the primary grades, students have lessons around using these strategies: 1. Talk (ask the person to stop), 2. Walk (move to a different activity or place away from the individual, and 3. Go for Help (find an adult to help you). As children progress into the intermediate grades, the strategies become a little more detailed. In these grades, students are taught to Stop, Think, Pick a Plan, which involves 2 concepts: Walk away (taking time to cool down, doing something else, or getting help) or Stay (ignore it, say what you want, make a deal, flip a coin or say sorry). Each classroom has posters to support students and remind them of their choices. Finally, we teach our students to "let words roll off you. . .like water off a duck's back."

We have found these skills are an essential part of supporting our students and helping prepare them for the future. We also want our students to know that we (school and home) are a team supporting them. Please let us know if you have any questions or hear any information from your children that we should know.

We truly appreciate your support and partnership in our work each day. Thank you for helping us make Aspen Crossing such a wonderful place!

Your partner in education,

Karen Puga

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ACT Summative Reports :

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 took the ACT Summative test in December. You will be receiving a report about the results of this test next Thursday. After you review the information, please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions.

February Environmental Tip:

Stop using plastic utensils -

Did you know that every year we throw away enough plastic forks, knives, and spoons to circle the equator 300 times? And, only 1% of plastic utensils can be recycled. Use silverware instead. Just add a fork or spoon in your reusable lunch, and you will be able to use this silverware over and over again!

Exceptional Volunteer:

We would like to congratulate Rick Stephens, who was selected as the 2017-18 Exceptional Volunteer for Aspen Crossing. Rick has supported our school through PTCO, Destination Imagination and Watch D.O.G.S. Thank you for your support and dedication to our school!

Safety Tip:

We do have students and parents who need to utilize the Handicapped Parking spaces in our lot. We do ask that you please help us reserve those spots for those individuals to ensure they are able to get into and out of the building each day safely.

Mark Your Calendars:

We will have our next Storytelling Night on March 8th at 5:30 pm. Come enjoy some cookies, community time and hear about some of our families traditions. If you are interested in sharing one of your traditions on this evening, please let us know.

On Feb. 8th, you will be receiving information about signing up for our Spring Conferences. Your child's teacher will be sending this information.

Feb. 19 – 20th, students will not have school. Feb. 19th is President's Day and Feb. 20th is a non-contact day for teachers to prepare for our final trimester.

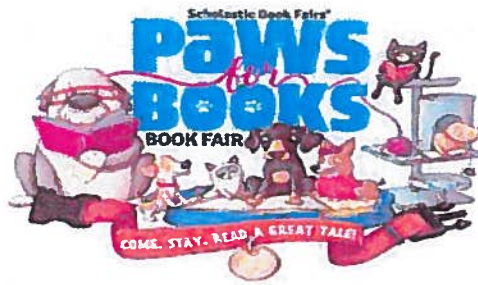
Our District will soon be moving to one calendar, the Traditional calendar to support families with the same calendar throughout the year. This change will occur in the 2019-2020 school year. Next school year (2018-19), Aspen Crossing Elementary will following the Transitional Calendar for the final time. We wanted to begin sharing this information now so that you may begin planning for the change.

*Don't forget
to call the
attendance
line
720-886-3795,
if your student
is going to be
absent or late.*

Cherry Creek Schools began the school year with new start times designed to support student learning and wellbeing. Since that time, two metro-area districts have followed suit and additional districts are considering doing so. While existing sleep research indicates the change in start times will have an overall positive effect, we are committed to understanding the impact this change has on our own students, parents and staff. Thus we are asking students, parents/guardians, teachers, and staff to complete a brief survey about sleep, daily routines, and general wellbeing.

You will receive an email on February 8th with information on the student survey, including opt out instructions. A later email will be sent with instructions on how to access the parent survey. All surveys will need to be completed between February 26th and March 10th.

Thank you in advance for completing the survey, which should take no more than 10-15 minutes. Your feedback is extremely important.



Spring Book Fair

Fri. 2/23	8am - 1pm
Mon. 2/26	8am- 4pm
Tues. 2/27	8am- 4pm
Wed. 2/28	8am- 7pm FAMILY NIGHT
Thurs. 3/1	8am-1pm

FEBRUARY PILLAR OF CHARACTER



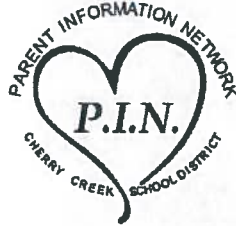
Justice

DO: Be fair and just • Treat people equally • Make decisions without favoritism or prejudice • In imposing punishment be sure the consequences for wrongdoing are consistent, certain, and proportional (not too harsh or too lenient)

DON'T: Take more than your fair share • Take advantage of or blame others unfairly

Openness

DO: Be open-minded and impartial – consider what people have to say before you decide • Be careful – get the facts, including opposing viewpoints, before making decisions (especially blaming or accusing another)



10 Wise Ways: From Lizard Brain (Reacting) to Wizard Brain (Thinking)

Tuesday, February 6th, 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Plus an evening presentation from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Have you ever wondered: *What was I thinking?* When you think about the problems and challenges in your daily life, do you resolve them by using your Wizard Brain? Or does your Lizard Brain cause you to act in ways that make things even worse?

Join Patricia Gorman Barry, Ph.D., R.N., and founder of BrainWise, who will take you behind the scenes of your mind's emotional mechanics to help you learn how to stop, think, and make the right decisions, even in the worst possible situations. Come learn how the evidence-based BrainWise program can help your children:



- ✓ Improve their critical thinking and decision-making skills
- ✓ Increase their executive function to control emotions and impulse behavior
- ✓ Help them lead happier, more productive lives

In addition, Kelli Buffo, CCSD CTE Program Specialist, will join PIN to share information on internship opportunities for students through the Career and Technical Education program (CTE), and talk about the new Career Innovation Academy.

Parents, school administrators and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. No need to RSVP! Presentations are FREE and are held the first Tuesday of each month at:

Student Achievement Resource Center
14188 E. Briarwood Avenue, Centennial
(South of Arapahoe Rd., between Potomac and Jordan Roads)

✪ [Mark Your Calendars](#) ✪

March 6th & 7th: Supporting Kids during Family Separation, Divorce and Blending

April 3rd: Reconnect to your Passions: Turning Transitions into Opportunities

Visit www.PINccsd.org for Podcasts and Meeting Highlights • PIN@friendsofccsd.org

TOGETHER WE CAN



PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Parents and staff share ideas and develop solutions together.



FEBRUARY 8, 2018

You Are Invited: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

Please join us as we welcome our Superintendent. Dr. Harry Bull will discuss topics related to Special Education in the Cherry Creek School District.

MARCH 8, 2018

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

APRIL 12, 2018

HIDDEN DISABILITIES

MAY 16, 2018

GOLDEN HEART AWARDS

Nominate By Feb. 2nd <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goldenheart1718>

**Who: CGSD
parents,
guardians, and
caregivers who
have children on
IEPs & 504s**

**When: Thursday,
Feb 8th, 2018
9:30 - 11:30 am
ESC Room 147**

**Educational Support
Services/ESC
4700 S. Yosemite St.
Greenwood Village,
CO 80111**

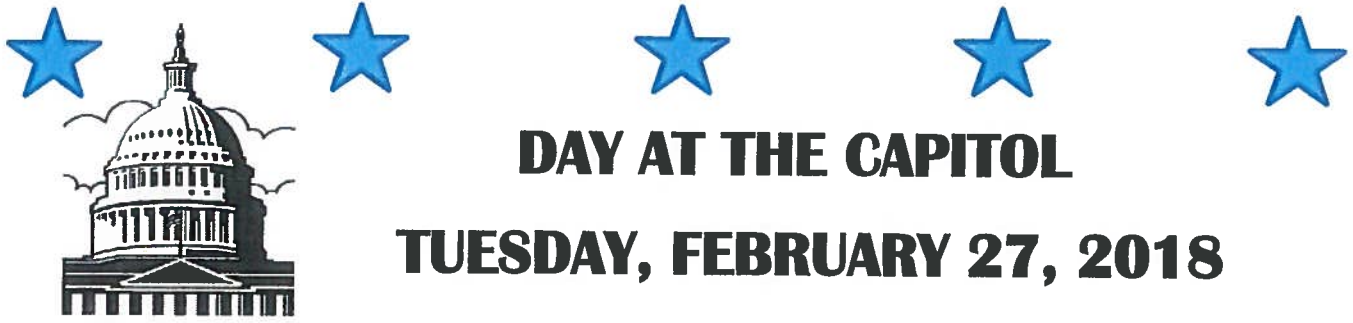
**SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

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CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE NETWORK



DAY AT THE CAPITOL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Members of the Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network invite parents, students*, Teachers, administrators, and community members to participate in our annual Day At The Capitol.

- 7:45 a.m. Bus leaves ESC parking lot (SE corner of Yosemite St. & Union Ave.) for the capitol building. Riding the bus is optional, but strongly encouraged as parking is limited.
- 8:30 a.m. Meet at the State Capitol, Senate Room 352.
Welcome from District Leadership and CCCLN.
Floor observations and guest speakers.
- 11:30a.m. Legislators will join us for lunch for a Q&A session. Lunch will be served at the First Baptist Church of Denver, 1373 Grant Street (*across the street from Capitol*).
- 1:15 p.m. Bus departs First Baptist Church for the return trip to ESC parking lot.

**Please note that students are welcome and encouraged to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian as this is not a school-sponsored field trip.*



****NEW** ONLINE REGISTRATION:** <https://day-at-the-capitol-2018.cheddarup.com>

DAY AT THE CAPITOL MANUAL PAYMENT FORM

IF PAYING BY CASH OR CHECK, PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AND ALSO COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE NETWORK
ATTN: SUSAN MARKER
4850 S. YOSEMITE STREET, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NO. OF REGISTRATIONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED @ \$12/PERSON _____

DO YOU PLAN TO RIDE THE BUS? (circle one) YES NO

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CCCLN (CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE NETWORK)

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