

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT'S MARK YOUR
CALENDAR:

March 5th - March 9th

Read Across America Week

March 8th -

Character Dress-Up Day

March 8th -

Storytelling Night at ACE

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

March 11th -

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15th -

Near Space Balloon Launch -

8:15 a.m.

March 19th - 23rd

CMAS Testing - Grades 3,4,&5

March 26th - April 8th -

SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

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ACE Compass

MARCH 2, 2018

Dear Aspen Crossing Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time during conferences. It is always so wonderful to see our families come together. Thank you for your continued support in our work throughout the year and for sharing your children with us each day! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful school and community.

As we roll into spring, our 3rd - 5th grade students will be taking the Colorado Measures of Academic Success, CMAS test. This test assesses student progress in literacy and math. Students in 4th grade will also participate in a Social Studies test and 5th grade students will take the Science portion of the test. As a staff, we believe this is a time for our students to show what they have learned. If you have any questions about the test or would like to view sample tests, you can visit the Colorado Department of Education website to learn more information about this test.

The schedule for our testing this year will be:

3rd grade – 8:15 – 10:15 am

Literacy Test: March 20, 21, 22

Math Test: April 10, 11, 12

4th grade – 8:15 – 10:15 am

Literacy Test: March 19, 20, 22

Math Test: April 10, 11, 12

Social Studies: April 13, 16, 17

5th grade – 8:30 – 10:30

Literacy Test: March 20, 21, 22

12:00 – 1:45 pm

Math Test: March 20, 21, 22

8:15 – 10:15 am

April 17, 18, 19

Please help your children to remember to get a good night's rest, plan for a healthy breakfast and approach this work with a growth mindset.

Your partner in education,

Karen Puga

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Upcoming Events

Storytelling Night – We hope you will be able to join us for our Storytelling Night on March 8th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Come hear some stories about our families’ cultures and traditions and enjoy some cookies and community time!

Read Across America Week – next week, we will have a special theme each day. We hope that your children will be able to join in the fun:

Monday – Crazy Hat Day

Tuesday – Crazy Socks Day

Wednesday – Mismatch Day

Thursday – Favorite Character Day

Friday – Dress for Success Day

Spring Break – Students will not have school from March 26 – April 6. Please enjoy your time off!

Environmental Tip of the Month –

Avoid using straws.

Plastic straws don’t get recycled. Straws seem like no big deal because they are so small, but 500 million that are used every day really adds up, especially when you consider that straws do not get recycled! **Plastic constitutes 90% of all trash floating in our oceans.** We design plastic to last forever but only use it for a minute. How long did you use that straw with lunch today? Maybe a half hour before tossing it in a bin.

Safety Updates –

Thank you for your support and patience with our adjusted safety protocols. We truly appreciate your support.

Please remember to drive slowly through the morning and afternoon car loop lanes. Please use the car loop line to drop your children on the curb side of the sidewalk and reserve the middle lanes of the parking lot for parking and walking your children to morning line up. This practice will help us ensure the safety of everyone.

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

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Saturday, March 10th, 2018
8am - noon

CREATE
Creative Engineering and Technology Expo

Proudly sponsored by
CT Cherry Creek Schools

Registration closes March 5th, and here is the link to register:
<http://ccsdcreate.moonfruit.com/home/4580930832>

This event will be held at
Cherokee Trail High School



Thank you to Mary Hahn and the following people for their help with the Spring Book Fair! It was a great success!

Carrie Larimer

Jenn Cupp

Dayna Mascioli

Alyssa Larson's 4th grade class

Joseph S

Addison B

Sally Buller

Cathryn Anthony

Sarah Hahn

Becky Turner

Jenna H

Suzy Strassner

The Month of March is:



MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOL MONTH!!

THANK YOU TO MR. KERR FOR ALL YOU DO !!

March 5 thru March 9th is National School Social Worker's Week

THANK YOU TO MR. FELKER FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!!



MARCH PILLAR OF CHARACTER

got fairness?

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)



MARCH 8, 2018

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

Susan Effler will explore the topic of executive functioning. Learn what it is and discover some common educational accommodations and supports.

APRIL 12, 2018
HIDDEN DISABILITIES

MAY 16, 2018
GOLDEN HEART AWARDS

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

**When: Thursday,
March 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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WALK, BIKE OR ROLL TO SCHOOL

As part of CCSD's Safe Routes to School grant, we encourage you to consider the many benefits of safe, active transportation to and from school for you, your children and our community!

Students who walk, bike or roll to school

- Exhibit increased concentration on academics after getting physical activity
- Help reduce traffic congestion, pollution and stress during school drop off and pick up times
- Are more likely to get the recommended 60 minutes of daily moderate to vigorous physical activity
- Develop a better sense of direction and connection to their community
- Gain confidence and independence when old enough to travel alone or with friends
- Spend quality time with a parent or caregiver when accompanied by an adult

What can you do to support safe, active transportation to and from school?

- Teach children rules of the road, use crosswalks and practice safety at all times
- Always wear a helmet when biking, riding a scooter or skateboarding
- Organize a walking school bus where a group of students meet and walk together with adult supervision
- If you live far away, park a distance from school and walk the rest of the way
- Walk, bike or roll to school at least one day a week with your child or encourage them to go with friends
- Learn more by checking out the links below

Click the topics below for research summaries and more information:

[Safe Routes to School Programs](#)

[Pedestrian and Bicycle Information](#)

[Educating Pedestrians and Bicyclists](#)

[Physical Activity and Academic Performance](#)





Supporting Kids During Family Separation, Divorce and Blending

Tuesday, March 6th, 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 7th, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Parent separation and divorce affects 50% of all kids under the age of 18. In many cases, kids are left in the middle of conflict rather than at the center of healing.

Whether or not you have personally experienced divorce or separation, we all know someone who has. Please join Cody Baker, Director of "Kids 24/7," who has teamed up with a panel of experts to learn how parents can help children impacted by divorce by creating a "new normal" in family separation. At this presentation, you'll learn about:



- Common pitfalls to avoid with your kids
- Ways to reduce the shaming of divorce
- Tips for helping kids become more resilient
- Introducing a "new friend" to your kids
- Signs of stress in kids and steps parents can take
- Creating blended families that thrive

Parents, school administrators and community members are welcome 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, CO
(South of Arapahoe Rd., between Potomac and Jordan Road)

» **Mark Your Calendars** »

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

May 1st: Annual Brunch - Queen Bees & Masterminds: Helping Youth Navigate Friendships, Conflict & Popularity