



CHERRY CREEK CROCS

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

8-12 PTA Membership Drive
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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance- Contact the office if your child will be absent 801-489-2810. Otherwise, it will be an unexcused absence. We are pushing for on-time attendance this year. Have your child at the school by 8:50 to assure that they are in their classroom by the second bell.

Telephone- The office phone should be used for emergencies only. Please help your child memorize telephone numbers.

Checking students in and out of school- If you need to pick up a child during school hours, please come to the office. Please do not go directly to the classrooms! Only those listed on SIS can checkout students unless we hear otherwise from the legal guardian.

SIS Verification- If you have not verified your information on SIS, please do so ASAP. If you are not sure how, please contact the school.

Principal's Message

I am SO excited to announce that Cherry Creek Elementary has adopted the Leader In Me program and that we have already begun to introduce the language to our students. Right now, we are simply trying to teach the students the 7 Habits and encourage them to apply some simple principles to their daily lives. This is the first step! For your convenience, here is a list of the habits and some simple definitions.

• **Habit 1- Be Proactive-** You're in charge. I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

• **Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind-** Have a plan. I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

• **Habit 3- Put First Things First-** Work first, then play. I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

• **Habit 4- Think Win-Win-** Everyone can win. I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for Third Alternatives.

• **Habit 5- Seek First to Understand then to be Understood-** Listen before you talk. I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.

• **Habit 6- Synergize-** Together is better! I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.

• **Habit 7- Sharpen the Saw-** Balance feels best. I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I find meaningful ways to help others.

Please discuss these habits with your children and as a family. The habits will mean so much more to them if they become a part of their home. Also, you will probably notice an increase in student leadership opportunities. We want our students to be leaders and it is our job to give them the opportunity to lead. Thanks for supporting Cherry Creek and taking an active role in your child's education!

Mr. Duncan

AM SCHOOL ACCESS

The front doors of the school are opened to students at 8:40. Lunchroom doors are opened at 8:25 to students that are eating breakfast. If there is inclement weather then accommodations will be made and doors will be opened at an earlier time. Students that choose to come into the building at 8:40 need to go to their classrooms and not wander the hallways. Otherwise, students can play on the playground until the first bell rings. Supervision on the playground begins at 8:30.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Nichole Tippetts – 6th

Mrs. Tippetts grew up in Springville and attended Art City Elementary. She was able to attend Cherry Creek when it was a middle school. She feels incredibly lucky to be able to teach at one of the best schools in the state, Cherry Creek! This past summer she got married and is enjoying it so far! In her spare time Mrs. Tippetts enjoys reading, camping, baking, fishing and riding her motorcycle with her husband. Mrs. Tippetts graduated from Utah Valley University and is proud to be a wolverine. She has a passion for teaching and can't wait to enjoy the school year.

PTA Membership Drive

September 8-12 Our membership drive theme this year is **BEE A PART OF PTA**. Help us build our hive of support and join the Cherry Creek PTA. There will be a competition between the classes. Each class that has EVERY parent return a membership form will receive a party.

Reading Frenzy Pajama Party

Monday, September 15th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join us at the school for a night of fun, reading, and refreshments. Help us kick off this school year's reading program. We have several great guest readers coming to read to you. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket. You won't want to miss this amazing night. You may even get a prize!

Family Week

September 15th – 19th

This year's **Family Week** will be held September 15th-19th and the Theme is **FAMILY MATTERS**. There will be a Family Matters poster Contest. We would like each family to make a small poster (approximately 11" by 14") illustrating why/how your family matters to your family. If you need a poster they will be available in the front office. Please turn them in by Wednesday, September 17th so we can announce winners and hand out Awesome prizes on Thursday morning during **Parents and Pastries**, September 18th at 8am. Please turn in one poster per family. Here are the activities for you fun filled Family Week.

Family Week 15th-19th

Family Matters Poster

Sept. 15th, Monday: Reading Frenzy

Sept. 17th: Wednesday: Poster's Due

Sept. 18th: Thursday: Parents and Pastries 8am-9pm

Sept 19th: School pictures.

Box Tops: Due Wednesday, September 17TH

Box Top & Labels for Education: Clip your box tops on the **dotted line** and turn them in to your teacher with your name and teacher's name on it. We will also be collecting Labels for Education. Classes who collect 1,500 or more Box Tops/Labels for Education by the end of the year, will receive a party! Any individual students who bring 100 or more Box Tops/Labels for Education will receive additional recognition and prizes and belong to the 100's club. We will update you on your progress as we go through the year. We hope each class will be able to meet your classroom goal of 1,500 Box Tops/Labels for Education and 100 per student for the year! Our first Box Top/Labels for Education collection date will be **September 17th**! You can log on to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/BoxTops/Participating-Products> and <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn-points/participating-products> for participating products. Please email cherrycreekpta@gmail.com if you have questions.

Parents and Pastries

Thursday September 18th

September 18th, Thursday morning before school starts 8am-9pm

Please come and join us in the gym for pastries, drinks and books to read with your children. We will be also be giving out prizes for the Family Matters Poster Contest.

PICTURE DAY: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

Teeth Varnishing

Wednesday, September 24TH

Oral health is the number one need identified by the Utah County Health Department nurses who work with the children in Utah County schools. Utah is a state with minimal water fluoridation, and the rate of dental caries, or tooth decay, is relatively high. Utah County has one of the highest incidences of dental caries in the state. Each year, Intermountain Healthcare, Community Health Connect, the Utah County School Nurses, and volunteers from Brigham Young University, Utah Valley University and the MATC Dental Assisting Program work to improve the oral health of elementary school students in our valley. This free dental campaign provides a dental kit to each student including a toothbrush and toothpaste. These kits ensure that each child has the necessary tools to care for their teeth and use the skills they learned from the program volunteers. All children having prior parental consent are then given an application of fluoride varnish. This FDA approved treatment is simply painted onto the teeth and helps prevent cavities from occurring. It is free, quick, and painless. While varnishing teeth, student's oral health is assessed and children without dental insurance who require further assistance are referred to Community Health Connect, where if they qualify, are linked with a volunteer dentist. If you want to participate in this program, watch for a permission slip and informative flyer being sent home with your student this fall.

Reflections

Due Tuesday, October 14TH in the carpeted gym

PTA Reflections is a wonderful way for students to express themselves through art! There are 7 categories: dance choreography, music composition, film production, literature, visual arts, photography and 3D art. The theme this year is, "The world would be a better place if..." We would love to see entries for all the categories from all grade levels! There will be prizes and all of the entries will be displayed at Cherry Creek. Select entries will move on into the region division. Rules and entry forms can be found in the front office or online at www.utahpta.org/reflections. Students, express yourself!