



CHERRY CREEK CROCS

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2014

DECEMBER EVENTS

1-12: The Giving Tree
1-10: Food and Clothing Drive
3: SEPs
10: 6:00 - Orchestra Concert
16: 5:00 – 7:30 Food and Clothing Giveaway
16: 6:00 – Choir/Dance Concert
17: Box Tops are due
December 22- Jan 5; Winter Break (No School)

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.

Messages to students during school - Please arrange after school plans before your children come to school. We do not like to interrupt learning in classrooms to give a message to students. If you could assist us in this cause, we would greatly appreciate it

Principal's Message

Happy Holidays! In the spirit of the season, Cherry Creek will be holding our first ever food AND clothing drive on Dec. 1st- 10th. Please send any canned goods or non-perishable items with your child on these dates. In addition, please send any clothing that you think could benefit another Cherry Creek family. Please send clean clothing that is in good shape. For those of you that are in need, we would like to invite you to come to the school on Tuesday, Dec. 16th from 5:00-7:30 pm to pick out the things you need. If this date and/or time does not work for you or if you would prefer a private time, then please contact me to set up an appointment. You can contact me at the school or at mike.duncan@nebo.edu. We are happy to help out our Cherry Creek family!

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr. Duncan

Donations

Where does the money go that is donated at registration?

At Cherry Creek, we ask for a voluntary donation of \$20 per student. While this isn't a requirement, it does make a big difference to our teachers and the the resources they can provide for their students. Teachers get a small amount of state money each year. The amount varies between \$175-\$225. This is all they are given for the entire year!! Many of our teachers choose to spend their OWN money in order to create a better experience for their students. The donation money that you provide is divided amongst the teachers and is spent directly on "this year's" students. Without this money, our teachers would not be able to do many of the fun activities that they do. We want to thank you for your generous donations and assure you that the money you donate directly benefits our students.

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.

The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree ornaments will be up from Monday, December 1st to Friday, December 12th. If you would like to participate pick an ornament off of the tree, purchase the item on the ornament, and turn the item into the front office with the ornament attached to it.

Box Tops: Due Wednesday December 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! Please remember if you have a student in Kindergarten to mark AM or PM next to the teacher's name. 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.

Parent Volunteer of the Month – Eileen Tew

Eileen Tew has a passion for books. She has turned that passion into running successful book fairs at Cherry Creek for the past three years. Eileen spends hours and hours of time organizing and advertising for each and every book fair. The money that is raised from the book fairs is used to put more books in the hands of Cherry Creek students. This year students and siblings of students received a free book at the Reading Frenzy that was held in September. Students have also received free books during Cherry Creek's annual literacy week. Thank you Eileen for sharing your passion of reading with the students of Cherry Creek! (Nominated by Mr. Duncan)

Attendance Success!

A big "Thank You" goes out to all of our parents and students. Attendance has improved significantly this year. We have taught our students that being on time is critical and I hope they have emphasized that with you at home. So far this year, we have only had one week where we were below 90% attendance. That percentage includes both percentage of students at school and students on time. 90% is our weekly goal as a school and each classroom also has an individual goal. Some of our classrooms have maintained percentages in the high 90's. We know that this takes extra effort from you as parents and we appreciate you helping us out. We have taught our students that leaders are on time and attend school as often as possible. As a side note, we had 170 students that had perfect attendance (including 0 tardies) in term 1—that is awesome!!

Teacher Spotlight – Chelsea Hallam, 2nd Grade



My name is Chelsea Hallam, I am the new second grade teacher and am thrilled to be at Cherry Creek. This is my second year teaching, last year I taught first grade. I grew up in Spanish Fork but, am now living in the boundaries of Cherry Creek in Springville. I have always had a passion for school and wanted to be a teacher. I attended UVU where I received my bachelors degree in Elementary Education. I enjoy teaching my students and watching them as they grow. It fills me with joy when I see their love for school and understanding of a concept I have taught. I am excited for the many more years to come! My hobbies are reading, baking/cooking, hunting, camping, and hiking. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me!