Principal’s Message

As most of you are aware by now, Cherry Creek has made a HUGE attendance push this year. We are tracking class, grade level and school wide attendance. This includes absences and tardies. Our message is that leaders are on time and where they should be, when they should be there. This is the habit that we want our students to get into. We appreciate your support as parents and thank you for helping us along in our quest for an average of 90% school wide attendance each week. Our past three weeks have been- 93%, 92% and 90%. This is a celebration and so much better than last year.

The following information is taken from Jordan School District's website:

One of the best things you can do for your child’s future each and every day is get them off to school. One of the worst things you can do is to make excuses for a wasted day off or allow your child to be chronically late for class. That’s because there is substantial research that shows every missed school day and every tardy minute matters when it comes to student success and academic achievement. Here are some national statistics to which parents should pay attention:

- 5 million students miss 10% of school each year. That’s 135 million days!
- Chronic absence in kindergarten leads to lower academic achievement through 5th
- Missing just two days of school a month can put a child at risk for academic failure.
- One in ten kindergarten and 1st grade students miss nearly a month of school per year.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a clear predictor that students may drop out.

Thank you for making the extra effort to have your children at school each day and for having them here on time!

Mr. Duncan
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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.

Book Fair

We are excited the Book Fair is coming soon! March 3rd – 6th, 2015.

We want to extend to you an invitation to attend our Book Fair and Grand Event. The Grand Event will be held throughout the fair each day at lunchtime, 11:00am - 1:00pm. Check with your student for the time they go to lunch! We want the students to invite anyone “Grand” (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends) to bring a lunch to share with their student, there will be tables set up in the lunchroom for you, then come to the book fair! See our School of Fish Wall, get your photo taken with your student at our Photo Booth (it will be emailed to you) and find some really great books! The class with the most people attending our grand event will win a Party! Be sure to fill out a ticket while you are there! Let your Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends know about our exciting Grand Event! We are asking that Pre K-2nd grade attend on Tuesday March 3rd, 3rd - 4th grade attend on Thursday March 5th, and 5th - 6th grade attend on Friday March 6th. Of course if you can't make it those days you can come any day! (Including Wednesday!)

The Book Fair is open from 8:15am - 3:45pm daily. Wednesday March 4th the fair is open 8:15am - 9:00pm during SEPs. Every purchase made at the fair supports literacy at Cherry Creek! Thank you for your support! We can't wait to see you at the Fair!

Health and Safety Week March 23-27.

Our focus will be on the health and safety of the kids. We are hoping to remind them of healthy, everyday habits. We hope to encourage them to limit their time on electronic devices, encourage them to spend their time playing with friends, using their imaginations, and enjoy being outside.
We will remind them of the importance of being safe. We will encourage them to follow the guidelines of staying in crosswalks, looking both ways before crossing streets, wearing helmets, etc.

Our week will be full of activities to encourage healthy and safe habits.

Monday- Crazy Sock Day "Watch your step and look both ways"
Tuesday- Pajama Day "Get enough sleep to stay healthy"
Wednesday- Wear Green "Go (travel in safety)" This will also be "Walk to School" Day. We will have a short route for those who are bused to school.
Thursday- Wear a Hat "Protect your head"
Friday- Wear Red and also "Croc Walk" day

Crock Walk - Friday, March 27

Ready, set, go for our annual PTA fundraiser the Croc Walk-walkathon

AM Kindergarten -3rd Grade will walk from 10:00-11:00am
PM Kindergarten 4-6 will walk from 1:00-2:00

This is the PTA's only fundraiser. The funds from this fundraiser helps the PTA put on the many fun activities and parties during the school year. Parents help is needed! please look for more information in the near future.
**Leadership Day**

On March 31, our students will have the opportunity to display their leadership skills and their knowledge of the 7 Habits. This is known as Leadership Day and it is our first HUGE event as a Leader In Me school. We will be inviting about 200 community and business leaders into Cherry Creek on that day between 1:00-2:45 pm. The students will run everything! They will be greeting the leaders, taking their pictures, leading them on school tours, explaining the 7 habits, showing off their data notebooks, discussing mission statements, performing their talents and much more. We are so excited for this day and each student at our school will have a role in this event. Some will be simple and some will be more complex. Unfortunately, we cannot invite all of you to this event. Due to the nature of leadership day, we have to have an accurate count of how many people will be at our school. Thank you for honoring this request!

However, we will be holding a similar event for parents on the evening of Thursday, April 23 from 6:30-7:45 pm. This will be our Leader In Me Parent Night. We will be sending out more information soon. For now, please block out that evening on your calendar so that you can come see and learn about all of the great things happening with the Leader In Me at Cherry Creek!

**Parent Volunteer of the Month**

Lana Robertson is an amazing volunteer! I have watched her be a fantastic room parent and helper for classes with and without her own children in them. She will volunteer for any teacher any time whether or not she has a vested interest in the class. She likes to see teachers and students have good experiences and helps in any way possible. She is a remarkable volunteer and very deserving of our Parent of the Month nomination! ~ nominated by Mrs. Sumision