Coal Creek Community...you all really know how to start the school year off right! Back to School Night hit the spot :) Kudos to all of you for bringing positive energy and excitement. The turnouts at our whole school events has been awesome and can’t wait to see many of you for the Jog-A-Thon today...(if you are reading this on Friday, September 6th). This is our one big fundraiser and we are already collecting quite a bit...reminder to kiddos that if we hit our mark of $45,000—the students get to turn me into an ice cream sundae and the winning class will receive a Pizza Party put on by PTA. Here is the Jog-A-Thon video outlining how the fundraiser supports our school community- Link to Jog-A-Thon Video The schedule for 9/6 is as follows:

8:15 - 8:50 - 5th Grade  
8:50 - 9:25 - Kindergarten  
9:35 - 10:10- Primary 1/2  
10:20 - 10:55 - Third Grade  
11:00 - 11:35 - Fourth Grade

Please know that we have October Count coming up and it is really important for Coal Creek Elementary to identify the true number of students we are excited to work with everyday...funding is tied to the actual number of students that we can count. The Pupil Count window is September 25th – October 9th, with October 2nd being the actual Pupil Count Day. Please try to schedule all appointments or vacations outside of this time period. If your student is out due to an appointment please bring in a doctor’s note excusing the absence. This is how our school receives funding for our students so it is VERY important that your student is in attendance during this time.

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In a week, on September 13, 2019, Boulder Valley School District K-5th grade students* will be participating in Elementary Assessment Day. The purpose of the Elementary Assessment Day is for teachers to have an opportunity to do one on one or small group assessments with students that will help teachers understand individual needs and guide future instruction. While this wasn’t on last year’s calendar – it has typically been part of the BVSD academic year. Students will not have a full day of school, but most will be asked to come to class during their assessment appointment time. Please note that there is no food served or transportation on this day. After Care is available, but no child care will be provided during the school day. Your child’s classroom teacher will reach out to you if they need to schedule a time for you to bring your child in for the assessments. Also, if you are planning on being out of town on Friday, September 13th, please email your child’s teacher directly so they can plan accordingly. As a reminder, there is also no school for children across BVSD on Monday, September 16th as it is designated as a Professional Development Day for teachers and staff.

At Back to School Night, we presented about our Coal Creek Accountability Team (CCAT). This board is appointed by the principal as required by BVSD Policy and Colorado law. The purpose is to give parents and other members of the school community a voice in major decisions made by the school administration. The committee looks at school goals, reviews school budgets, supports parent engagement, and drives school improvements. BVSD requires each school to have an active accountability team to serve as a grassroots organization for accountability that advises the school Principal. The school’s Principal is ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with all federal, state, and district requirements and meeting the academic performance expectations defined by the BVSD. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 26th from 7-8am. We are thankful for this committee of dedicated parents, community members and teachers for all of the support and collaboration!

I know it feels like we just started school...even with all that has been accomplished so far, but I do want to mention Parent/Teacher Conference nights are coming up on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th. The link for signups will be sent through “Help at School” and will be active from Sept 23-Oct 6th. It is very important to look for the link and identify the time that best works for you to join us at CCE :)

Thank you all very much again for a wonderful start to the school year and for all of your support!

~One Proud Puma, Brian Muñoz
Welcome to Coal Creek Art!

My name is Michelle Zuccaro. I am the Art Specialist at Coal Creek. I love the CC community; my daughter graduated from CC and my son is still here. My background includes a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in Ceramics and certification in K-12 Art, as well as a Master’s in Art Education. I have a broad range of experience in K-12 and higher education including teaching overseas and in programs with students who have special needs.

Our art classroom is going to be buzzing with creativity! The Kindergarteners are our Explorers. They explore materials and learn how art connects to stories and their lives. First and Second graders are our Researchers. They continue to explore, developing strong inquiry skills, delving deeper into topics that connect them to art and how art connects our community. Third, Fourth and Fifth graders are our Practitioners; they have a good grasp on how to work as an artist and deepen and expand their explorations and their voice through art with choice.

The art classroom is run as a studio. Kindergarten, first and second graders gradually learn to make independent choices in their art making. Third, fourth and fifth graders have significant opportunities to choose which studios they want to work in and develop ideas that are personally meaningful. This approach is called Teaching for Artistic Behavior; it fosters creativity, problem solving, inquiry and idea generation skills and is whole child focused.

A strong focus in the art studio for all grades is making connections. We celebrate when we discover something new, find a new solution, make a mistake and figure out how to fix it and when we notice how art relates to other areas of our lives and our world.

Look for: Original Works information coming this fall- this is an opportunity to celebrate your child’s art by ordering merchandise with your child’s art on it. It also functions as an important fundraiser for art class to provide quality materials, fund the Memory Project and more.

Save the Date: Wednesday March 18th School Art Show

Please feel free to contact me at michelle.zuccaro@bvsd.org
Music Notes

We are off to an OUTSTANDING year in Music! Our whole community had fun surprising Mr. Munoz at our first assembly by singing our school song, “Hey Pumas”! He loved how it highlights our Habits of Mind and R.O.C.K.S behaviors. I was thrilled to hear everyone singing so loud and proud!

The school is already filled with happy sounds from the music room as we study elements of music (rhythm, melody, harmony, tempo, form, dynamics and timbre) through movement, using singing games and playing instruments.

Treblemakers Choir will begin next Tuesday, September 10th! This choir is for all 4th and 5th graders who love to sing and dance! Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday after school in the Music Room from 2:30-3:30 pm. An email was sent out this week with information. I can’t wait to get started!

JAM

We are starting our 3rd year of JAM!!! Friday afternoons are full of fun dances and games. This year we started with Striving for Accuracy as our theme. We have used yoga balls and drum sticks to create a very cool JAM with this theme in mind. To tie into the Olympics and to enhance community building, we had our own fun “JAM Olympics”. Sometimes we think the kids are having just as much fun as we are!
PE News from Mr. M

The first few weeks of the school year have been great. I have enjoyed getting to learn the new dynamics within each class and excited to continue maneuvering all of the changes around and within the school. We have many happenings coming up that I want to make you aware of. September 17th, we are starting a Bike Education Unit with our 4th and 5th grade students during their PE classes. The District was given a grant to have this done for late elementary and middle school age students and we wanted to take advantage of that here at CCE.

I will be starting up “Morning Movers” on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting next week. This will run for 6 weeks. This activity is for 3rd-5th graders only from 7:40-8:00am. This is a great opportunity for students to get some exercise and movement in before school starts at 8am. This was a big success last Fall and Spring and am hoping that is the case again this year. No need to sign up, this is a drop off activity for those that can make it. Please don't drop off your student any earlier than 7:35. The students will be let into the building at that time so we can begin at 7:40am.

On an administrative note, please make sure that we have tennis shoes for both PE and Music class. This is very much a safety concern and Mrs. Cauley and I want to be sure that our students are able to participate safely when they are with us in class.

Library

Hello from the CCE Library! We are excited to announce that all classes checked out books this week. Look for your child to be bringing home books and keep them in a safe place until you're ready to return them.

The author of the month is Mo Willems. Ask your child what they learned about him this month. We still need library volunteers, please click here to sign up to volunteer with your child’s class in the library. A background check is required to volunteer in this capacity.

Happy Reading, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Montoya
Counseling Corner

Hello Coal Creek Families,

First of all, I would like to say thank you to all of you that have stopped and said hello and introduced yourselves! I am so excited to be meeting all of you and more importantly, no offense, your children!

As you were informed on Back to School night, we are focusing this first month on the Habit of Mind known as Thinking Flexibly. This trait is so crucial to everyday life, as all of us adults know, because so much of our day can happen to us. Things such as having new teachers, substitutes, a sudden family emergency, and having conflicts on the playground with someone that you thought was your “best friend,” our young students are learning how to navigate these waters. I highly recommend you ask your child(ren) what happened in their day that caused them to think flexibly. It is a great dinner conversation!

What is happening around Coal Creek Counseling?
5th Grade lessons on leadership and UPstanders
3rd Grade lessons on “internal thermometers” and emotional identification
All school introduction to R.O.C.K.S. and Thinking Flexibly
PTA discussion around signs of anxiety and how to talk to your child about it.
K-5 Meet the Counselor

In Partnership,
Rob Dorr

Health Room News

Vision & Hearing Screening
Friday, September 27th

Need clothing donations please!
Especially for students KG-2nd

Volunteers needed from 8am – 12pm
If you are interested in volunteering,
please contact Liz at: elizabeth.beasley@bvsd.org

Also, please turn in your student’s updated Immunization Records if you have not already done so.
Thank you!
**Attendance Line**

Please remember to call
720-561-4502
by 8am in order to excuse your child’s tardy or absence.
If we don’t have confirmation of where your child is by 9am,
Louisville Police will be dispatched to your home.

**Lunch Room News**

Meals are $3.50 with unlimited milk & salad bar.

Your student will be charged $2 for their second entrée.

Students with cold lunch must bring their own eating utensils from home. We have a limited supply for hot lunch only.

Hot Lunch Survey (click here)

**Riding the Bus**

Students who are not registered to ride the bus but plan to go home with a bus rider; must provide a written request by the parent to the office that morning, the office will approve the request and return it to the student; the student will deliver it to the bus driver upon entering the bus.
Picture Day is Coming

Date:
Fecha: September 17, 2019
Location:
Ubicación: Coal Creek Elem.

After Picture Day, a complimentary proof will be sent home in Friday Folders (4-5 weeks after picture day) for you to review and purchase. No need to send money now!

No Obligation to Purchase

Questions? Please contact Customer Service Lorene at (303) 565-5203
PTA News

Welcome back to a brand new school year! New paint, new carpet, new seating, and a new Principal!

ALL PARENTS please join us at **8:00 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2019**, for the PTA Meeting in the cafeteria. Principal Munoz will provide an update and our new school counselor, Robert Dorr, will present on recognizing and addressing anxiety in our children.

Please join the PTA by going to [www.CoalCreekPTA.com](http://www.CoalCreekPTA.com). This allows you to vote on all PTA spending proposals. Last school year the PTA members approved additional playground equipment and a shade structure. The playground equipment was added during the summer bond work, but the shade structure didn’t fit into the summer construction schedule. The PTA is working with the school and BVSD on final approval, and we hope to have some extra protection from the sun, rain, and snow for the kids & parents.

Friday, September 6, is the Jog-A-Thon (JAT) and the students will be putting forth great efforts to raise money for the PTA. This is the one active fund raiser for the PTA during the school year, and the funds raised for the PTA go directly toward providing resources for our children. Please have all JAT contributions in by **September 27, 2019** to be eligible for classroom prizes. [https://www.coalcreekpta.com/jogathon](https://www.coalcreekpta.com/jogathon).

In addition to JAT, we are still collecting Box Tops, but the system has gotten a whole lot easier. There is a Box Tops App available, and all you need to do to benefit the school is scan your receipt with the App. No clipping and saving necessary. Please download the App and scan every time you go to the store. Also, when you shop at Amazon go to [https://smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) first and choose to support the Coal Creek PTA.

Join us at **Chipotle on October 8, 2019, 4:00—8:00 p.m.** for our first Dining for Dollars.

VOLUNTEER. There are multiple opportunities for you to volunteer this year and it is a great way to meet other parents and get to know your child’s teacher. We need, inter alia, crossing guards to keep our children safe traveling to/from school each day or help in the workroom. Please go to [https://www.helpatschool.org](https://www.helpatschool.org) for a list of multiple opportunities.

Thank you parents for all you do to make our school community great!

Carrie Whalen – Vice President
Greg Reedy – Vice President/Finance
Amy Baggett – Treasurer
Peggy Wood – Secretary
Sara Estrada – Marketing and Fundraising Chair
Cristi Knudsen & Leah Vanberg – Volunteer Co-Chairs
Juliette Lepine – Teacher Liaison
Mark Larson – President

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**CCAT**

Coal Creek Accountability Team Meeting is Thursday, Sept 24th at @ 7am.  
Topic: Foundation Setting - Get to know the UIP (Unified Improvement Plan)  
Please visit: [https://www.coalcreekpta.com/ccat](https://www.coalcreekpta.com/ccat) for more details!
Beyond Risk and Back: Helping Parents Get Their Kids Back

The Monarch High School Counseling Department is thrilled to host Aaron Huey as he presents Beyond Risk and Back on September 24th at 6:30pm.

Aaron is a dynamic speaker who will assist families to understand why teens struggle and the ways that have been proven to help them. Everything from daily communication to technology use will be covered. In Aaron’s words, “It’s not about being better, it’s about giving up the struggle to be different from who you are.”

Please contact the Monarch High School Counseling Office at 720-561-5634 if you have additional questions.