

# Coal Creek News

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## Calendar

**April 17 & 20**

Conference Exchange  
Days  
No School



Hello Coal Creek Elementary! I am just coming out of a staff meeting as I type this bulletin and want you all to know how much we miss our school family being together. We wish we could go back to how we normally do things in our special place here on Tamarisk but unfortunately we are not in that position at this time. As I discussed in a video I sent out a few weeks ago to parents, I do believe it is important to find a silver lining as we go through challenging situations in life. I have truly learned so much about our school community while going through this together. Together as Coal Creek Pumas, we are stronger, smarter, communal, supportive and I firmly believe we will be even better educators for having grown and shifted our mindsets to make things happen for our kids and community. I am also thankful for these moments with my family and we are a tight-knit crew but this has brought us moments and memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life..and I hope the same for you all.

Excited to share about this past Thursday, April 2nd and how it is Autism Awareness Day. We as a staff decided to celebrate that along with Celebrating Differences Day at Coal Creek. We felt it was important to recognize how everyone is different across the school and there is something unique and special about all of us. For example, we wanted to celebrate the different learning styles, how people may choose to play differently and our personalities to name a few. Mrs. Eckrode challenged us all to share an example of kindness, wear blue and to choose inclusivity. Here is a video that explains a little more: [Mrs. Eckrode Celebrate Differences Video](#)

As I am sure many of you have seen, Governor Polis recently gave an update on COVID-19 and how we are doing across the state. Gov. Polis also said that school campuses across the state would remain closed through April 30. He praised districts for embracing e-learning and remote learning. I am thankful that he took the time to recognize the efforts of educators across the state. I can tell you all first hand that transitioning the incredible things that happen day in and out at CCE to the home learning environment has been quite the transformation.

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I also want to recognize our parents and students for this strong partnership in supporting and learning how to do all of this at home...I know it has not been easy and proves very difficult for many in challenging situations. Please know you are not alone. Our teachers and staff are here to support either through google meets, hangouts, office hours, email, phone calls and more.

Please know we are doing attendance a little differently now that we are in the home learning environment. Our teachers are continuing to mark it daily but it is based on the following guideline from BVSD:

We understand the need for flexibility with attendance. Please make sure to connect with your teachers in these circumstances. They will be tracking student engagement to ensure participation and will check-in with students as often as possible. Students will not be penalized if they are unable to access content or technology.

If teachers and staff notice that a student has not been engaging with home learning, we will reach out and identify how we can support your child. Each grade level has a support team of paras and front office personnel. One of the many things they will be doing is to communicate with families and find solutions if they are struggling with student engagement in the new setting.

The Food Services team has resumed the distribution of food bags this week. Food bags will be distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am-1:30pm at the same 9 distribution sites for the remainder of the school closures. [Click here for more info](#)

We recently had a very successful chromebook deployment day. As we move to home learning with all students using devices regularly, at some point your device will have an issue (like all computers do). Don't panic! The five steps identified in [this flyer](#) will solve many of the issues you will experience. If these steps do not resolve your issue, call 720-561-HELP.

Thank you all for everything you are doing to support your student(s) and school during these next few weeks!

~One Grateful Puma, Brian Muñoz



# Counselor Corner

Hello CCE Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and staying healthy. Let me be another to echo how much I miss being at CCE and seeing families and students. I hope that you have been able to utilize the link on [BVSD Resources](#) that I attached in my letter. I would like you all to know that I am here for all of you if you need any support during this transition to having your kids learn at home.

If you have any requests or concerns that do come up please know that I am available by phone at 720-561-4562 and e-mail at [robert.dorr@bvsd.org](mailto:robert.dorr@bvsd.org). I also want to hear about neat and cool activities you are doing at home to practice Habits of Mind.

Please keep your eyes open in the coming weeks for messages around Habits of Mind and ways to practice social-emotional learning at home if you want to, of course none of it is mandatory.

I miss all the students so much and am here for you as a resource. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything or if you just want to say hello.

In Partnership,



Rob Dorr

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## In the CCE "Virtual" Library

We miss the students! The good news is...book checkout is still happening online!

### Check out an Ebook or Audio Book on Sora!



Sora is BVSD's online library! Students can access Sora from their BVSD SSO (online student portal). That's not all...the public library has temporarily connected their book selection to Sora to open up even more books!

Students can [add Front Range Downloadable Library to their Sora app](#) and log in with their bvsd credentials. Elementary students can access Coal Creek Elementary's online collection plus the Children's Collection of all four public libraries. Boom! Our collection just expanded exponentially! Exciting stuff!

Happy Digital Reading from your Librarians,

Sarah Kirby and Lynn Montoya