

Coal Creek News

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Calendar

September 24 – October 8

Student Pupil Count Window

October 12

Professional Development Day

No School

October 15, 19 & 21

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 19

Drive Thru Book Fair

3pm – 6pm



Happy fall and Friday Coal Creek Elementary! I am beyond thrilled that we have had a successful start to bringing K-2 students back for in person learning at CCE. There are so many moving parts to making this happen, including our parents that I want to take a moment and say thank you for doing your part in this puzzle. Thank you also to our home learners and their families for continuing to push forward with each new day while staying closely connected to Coal Creek and new learning opportunities.

I am very excited for the Healthy Habits Challenge that PTA and Emma Brandt have put together for our school community. This opportunity is designed to spur our Puma family to continue focusing on mindfulness, healthy activity and healthy eating :) It will begin October 13th and run through October 27th. Please look for more information from PTA and for a video from me to kick things off soon!

As a reminder, our official school hours are 8:00-2:30. However, our school doors are open from 7:50-8:05. This soft start allows for students to continue to come in as they arrive while limiting the bottleneck of students/families gathering before school.

Our playground is definitely a popular place, which is normally a beautiful thing and makes me very happy. One thing we have to be mindful of is that we still have SAC onsite here at Coal Creek and they are operating from 7:30am-5:30pm. Please help spread the word that our playground is closed to the public during these hours. We noticed some kids (naturally) want to play on the playground after school at 2:30pm and unfortunately we won't be able to do that during our current situation. If you are picking your child up at 2:30pm, please support the situation by leaving the playground area as soon as you are able to...while also focusing on hearing how awesome their day was at school ;) I will keep you posted about when these restrictions are lifted but I don't anticipate it being anytime soon. Please know that anyone is more than welcome to come back after 5:30pm.

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This past week, I have been enjoying the opportunity of watching moms/dads/grandparents/family friends walking their kiddos to the classrooms in the morning....definitely a beautiful sight to see and one I won't ever take for granted. I am also thankful for our crossing guards and how they support the safe transition to and from school. My Mom was a crossing guard for 20 years so it brings back sweet memories for sure :) With all this healthy activity, our Hug n Go has not been very active this week. I would like to take a moment to remind everyone that as things get busier, it is very important for us to remember that safety and being courteous are the pillars that create our culture here at CCE. Please take your time and turn when pulling into the Hug n Go area. If you don't see your child after a short period of time, please leave the Hug n Go area, drive around the block, then re-enter the pickup lane again. Please also lookout for the crosswalk and little ones trying to get across the street. For those crossing the street, we also need to be mindful about modeling best practice and only crossing at the crosswalk as well. Thank you for all of this!

'Tis the season for Parent Teacher Conference opportunities. At this point, all families should have had the opportunity to get signed up for a specific time slot through Help at Schools. All families should have gotten an email with a hyperlink from "Help at School" to get signed up :) for a time to meet your child's teacher and the October dates of 10/15, 10/19 and 10/21. The signup will stay active for families through 10/11 at 11pm. If you miss that window, you must contact the teacher directly to schedule a conference time.

Huge kudos to everyone for really making the completion/submission of the morning covid screener a focal point before dropping off your child(ren). Each morning, we do go through each classroom/roster to filter out and see who we need to bring down to complete the screener with staff. This added process takes away from the momentum teachers and staff build while getting the morning going. Having said that, if you forget once in a blue moon...don't worry about it, we got your back :)

Per code and with keeping safety at the forefront, we will be doing our first fire drill next week for everyone that is in the building. We will work with all students ahead of time to prepare them for the process and so they know exactly what to do. If a student is in home learning, please don't worry...there is nothing for you to do. If your class is live broadcasting during the drill, please don't be alarmed, remember this is planned. For those at school, this will be the same process as always but with masks. Another cool thing is that when classes go outside for the drill, they are lined up so far apart that it is definitely social distancing at its finest!

Thanks again for all that everyone is doing to make this year a success at Coal Creek!
~One Proud Puma, Brian Muñoz

Student Screening

A magnet with the Student Screening QR Code is being sent home with the oldest student in each family today. Please place the magnet on your refrigerator, or another prominent place, as a visual reminder to complete the screener before heading to school each day.



Counselor Corner

Hello Coal Creek Families!

It is so hard to believe that it is October already! I am so proud of the hard work I've been seeing the students doing both at home and at school! During this month, I will be focusing on providing BVSD's bully prevention curriculum, an initiative that all elementary schools will be doing across the district. I will be delivering some of the lessons through Schoology, SeeSaw, in-person, or live via Google Meets. I hope to provide you all with access to the many resources available to families so that you can extend these activities at home! Please let me know if you have any questions or you need to report something! Please see below the letter from BVSD about this curriculum.

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

As part of Boulder Valley School District's (BVSD) commitment to providing our students with a safe and caring environment in which to learn, we are implementing a district and school-wide bullying program.

This program will be most effective when parents, guardians and families, BVSD staff, and students all share the belief that kindness and respect contribute to a positive environment, which results in better academic success.

BVSD's bullying program teaches students skills to avoid being victimized by bullying behaviors and empower students to take a stand to interrupt bullying behaviors. We will teach students these skills through social and emotional lessons about Cyberbullying, Types of Conflict, Problem Solving Skills, Conflict Resolution, and Empathy.

An essential part of the program is understanding exactly what bullying is and how it is different from ordinary conflict. Conflict is a natural part of human relationships as people interact, grow, and change. Even though it can cause us stress and can hurt, conflict is not bullying because it happens between two people who are equal in the relationship (think: friends or classmates). Sometimes conflict escalates into a disagreement with a strong emotional reaction, strong words, and hurt feelings. Often in conflict, both sides want the issue to be resolved.

Bullying means the person (or group of people) who is doing the bullying is acting intentionally to coerce, intimidate, or cause physical, mental, or emotional harm to the other person. There is also something unequal (including physically or social power) about the relationship between the two people or group(s)..

Your student's school will be delivering bullying lessons and skills training sessions using a district-wide curriculum in October, it can be delivered in person, or asynchronously through SeeSaw or Schoology. If you have any questions or concerns about these lessons, please contact the administration or school counselor at your child's school. If your student experiences bullying at school, please contact us.

We appreciate your support. It is very important to us and to the caring community at our school.

Sincerely,
Mr. Dorr & The Amazing Coal Creek Staff



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NORMAL CONFLICT	VERSUS	BULLYING
Equal power; friends	Vs.	Imbalance of power; not friends
Happens occasionally	Vs.	Repeated negative actions
Accidental	Vs.	Purposeful
Not serious	Vs.	Serious- threat of physical harm or psychological hurt
Equal emotional reaction	Vs.	Strong emotional reaction from one party
Not seeking power or attention	Vs.	Seeking power, control
Not trying to get something	Vs.	Trying to gain things or power over others
Remorse- takes responsibility or apologizes	Vs.	No remorse- blames victim
Effort to solve problem	Vs.	No effort to help or solve problem

Again, please let me know if there is ever a concern that you want to report. If you see something, say something. I care deeply about the safety of your students and emotional-well being and I hope this curriculum, along with our newly established No Place for Hate programming, will continue to promote its long-standing culture of being ROCKS stars and UPstanders, guiding kids to be strong advocates for themselves and their passions going forward!

Go Pumas!
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[Coal Creek Counselor's Corner](#)

P.S. Also, I encourage you to visit the counseling website on Coal Creek's new website. It has things like a career of the month, college of the month, and access to other district resources

Pupil Count

The Pupil Count window is September 24th – October 8th, with October 1st being the actual Pupil Count Day. Please try to schedule all appointments or vacations outside of this time period. This is how our school receives funding for our students so it is VERY important that your student is in attendance during this time.



Art News

Art classes are preparing a special art project of something that students find meaningful and potentially will want to use to give as a gift. Every year we offer the opportunity for this project to be printed on items through the Original Works program.

This year the **Original Works program** will run a little differently. We have set up a program with Original Works called **Online At Home**.

Parents can place orders online during a two week period. Our order window is **Monday October 12-Monday November 2nd**. I will send directions on how to order as the dates approach. Ordering during this window will ensure prompt turnaround of the orders so that products arrive in plenty of time for the holidays. **The products will ship directly to your homes.**



Please take a photograph of your child's art using the following tips.

- a. Natural light is best, so if you can, take the picture outside
- b. Avoid shadows as they will appear in your image & products
- c. Take the photo straight on. Hold your phone or camera at the same angle that the art/paper is
- d. Use the cropping tools on your phone to remove anything in the background.

Classes that go to art during BLUE and GREEN day have already made their art for this project. RED day classes will begin this project next week. If the art has been misplaced please feel free to use any other art project about which your child feels proud.

Participate as you are able, please do not feel obligated. Some of the best ways to celebrate your children's art is to look at their art, listen to them tell you about it and appreciate what they find important. Hear about their ideas and how they made it; and of course put it up on a wall to view and enjoy :)

Kind regards,
Michelle Zuccaro

In the CCE Library....

We are excited to have the K-2 students return to school and look forward to seeing more students back at school at some point.

With some grade levels still learning online, the Library is being used as child care for the SAC program, so at this time book checkout is still not possible at CCE. Please continue to use our online book resources, Sora and Mackinvia as well as the local public library.

We are offering a **Drive up Book Fair on Monday October 19th from 3:00pm-6:00pm** for those who are interested in purchasing books to take home. When you drive up you will choose from one of the pre packaged book packs and can even use contactless pay with [Scholastic Ewallet](#). If you want to choose your own books you can shop the [CCE Book Fair Online](#) anytime from October 14th through October 28th.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Montoya

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Drive-Through Fair

Introducing a safe and easy way to bring books directly to your community. Think ice cream truck meets Book Fair truck — and we all scream for books!



Set up a drive-through lane in your school's parking lot, and we'll send our Scholastic truck, a favorite costumed character, and great books. Then, you're ready to experience Book Fair joy!

How it works:

Before: We'll send you a flyer that features Best of the Book Fair Value Packs, so families can view ahead and choose what they'd like to buy.

During: A Scholastic Book Fair truck will arrive at your school with bunches of book packs so your families can simply drive up, grab, pay cashless (easiest with eWallet!), and go on their way. We will even coordinate a visit from your students' favorite character to help pass out the books!

Optional: Scholastic will provide staff to help you run the event to ensure minimal effort for you and your team.

And the fun doesn't stop there. We'll give you more ideas on how to build excitement during the Drive-Through Fair, from school staff dressing as book characters, to a perfect Book Fair playlist of mood-boosting tunes.



Best of the Book Fair Value Packs

There is a \$19.99 and \$39.99 pack for three grade ranges.

- Each pack is at least 30% off the total retail value
- New, best-selling books
- Packed in an easy-to-carry tote bag
- Includes a free bookmark and invisible ink pen

Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Middle School



NOTE: We've curated our packs with well-stocked books, but we cannot guarantee that each book will be in stock at each branch throughout the Fair season. The books listed will likely be included in a pack about 90% of the time.

Prices do not include tax.



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PTA

Dear Coal Creek Families,

Hope everyone is doing well as we already move into month 2 of school and finishing up our first week of grades K-2 back in the building.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chipotle and Punch Buggy fundraisers. Stay tuned for future Dining for Dollars events!

Healthy Habits Challenge

Get excited for our first Healthy Habits Challenge! Starting October 13-27th, Coal Creek's PTA is inviting everyone to participate in a two week virtual challenge. All participants will be encouraged to set personal goals to find time in their day (perfect for online school breaks) to make healthy choices. Kids, parents and teachers can take part in this fun and interactive virtual event. A personal goal tracker and challenge details to come soon!



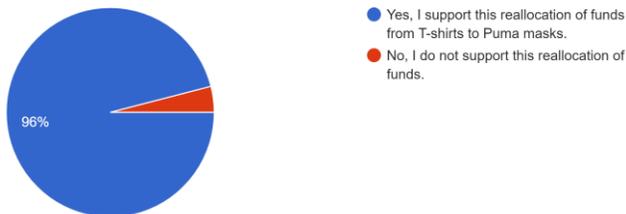
Crossing Guards Needed

We still need your help making drop off and pick up safe for our young students. Please consider volunteering as a crossing guard for as little as one 20 minute slot per week. This is the only PTA volunteer support opportunity we are asking for right now! WE NEED YOU! Sign up <https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/25/events/1265>

Puma Masks

PTA members voted in favor (96%) of reallocating funding earmarked for last year's spring musical t-shirts in order to provide masks to our student body this year. Masks were given to K-2 students this week. The rest of the students will receive their masks during the next material pick-up day on 10/5.

50 responses



If you have not joined the PTA, there is still time! We'd love to have you! Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday October 22, 2020 on google meet. www.coalcreekpta.com/join

Stay Healthy,
Your Coal Creek PTA Board