**Letter from the Principal**

Hello Mortensen Families,

Happy Week #4 to you all! I am happy to say that this school year is officially “launched!” Thanks to everyone for all of their efforts to help us get off the ground this year especially with all of the renovations that we had done this summer.

Speaking of the summer work - because Mrs. Hankins worked 4 of the 5 weeks that she normally has off during her short summer break, Jeffco schools is providing her the next two weeks off for a previously planned vacation to Iceland, Amsterdam, and France. You can be assured that the school is in good hands with two substitute principals, Glenn Vecqueray and Kim Fowler (Assistant Principal at Falcon Bluffs.) In addition, Todd English (who is working to attain a principal license) will be doing announcements and helping out some in the office. Mrs. Hankins is traveling with
her husband and dear college friends from Texas. Here are a few photos of the trip so far!
Interesting Facts About Iceland and Amsterdam, Holland:

1. Iceland boasts one of the highest literacy rates in the world! Of course I love that! About one in 10 Icelanders has written a book!
2. Due to so much geothermal activity energy is nearly free in Iceland!
3. In Amsterdam there are more bikes than people! There are 1.2 million bikes in the city and only about 821,00 inhabitants!
4. Amsterdam has more canals than Venice!
Tomorrow we are traveling by train to France, so next week I will write to you from aboard the Ama Waterways River Cruise! Happy September, dear Mortensen Community! I will see you all on September 18th!

Sincerely,
Karla B. Hankins, Principal
303-982-0022
khankins@jeffco.k12.co.us

Happy Birthday
Birthdays Celebrated Last Week!

William Sweeney, Leo Stasney, Marlana Jaquez, Aleena Moya, and Dylan Stelmaszek

**News from PTO**

**Our first PTO Meeting will be on Wednesday, Sep. 6th at 6:30 in the LMC. We’d love to see you there!**

Freddy’s Spirit Night coming Thursday September 14th!
**Barky's Bonfire**

Barky's Bonfire is coming!! Mark your calendars: Friday, 9/29 from 5-8 pm! Tickets are $5 in advance, due to your teacher by 9/21. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $7. The ticket price includes entry to the magic show, s'mores, arts and crafts, yard games, bouncy house and inflatable obstacle course, face painting and cakewalk. The magic shows will take place at 5:15 pm, 5:45 pm, 6:15 pm, and 6:45 pm in the music room. Concessions and food will be available for purchase. We can't wait to see you there!

Barky's Bonfire is a great way for the Mortensen community to come together and celebrate the start of another school year! This event would not be possible without the help of many volunteers and community sponsors. Please consider donating some of your time to make this event a success. Please sign up to help here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EAAAC2FA7FF2-barkys#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EAAAC2FA7FF2-barkys#)

If you are unable to donate time, and still want to help, please consider making a donation to the Mortensen PTO Give Butter account: [https://givebutter.com/RFJbVO](https://givebutter.com/RFJbVO). A donation of any amount helps!

**Bulldog Bulletin for this Week**

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**Coming Up**

- Sep 12: Sports Club 2:35-3:30
- Sep 13: Fall Picture Day
- Sep 14: Choir 2:35-3:20
- Sep 14: Children's Theater 3:30-5:00
- Sep 14: Freddy's Spirit Night (4:00-8:00 pm)
- Sep 20: PIE Meeting (5:30-7:00 pm)
Parents: Do you know where you should park?

_PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE HUG & DROP ZONE OR IN OUR BUS LANES._ The bus lanes are where our buses enter and exit to drop off and pick up our students. They are on a schedule and when parents park in this lane then the bus has nowhere to park and causes delays. We do have a parking lot that you may park in. Our Hug & Drop Zone is designed for parents to drop off their children before school and pick them up after school. This means that the parent does not leave their car. If you need to leave your car to pick up your child you will need to park your car in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!
SOUTH JEFFCO CHILDREN’S THEATER

RETURNING FOR THE 15TH YEAR, SOUTH JEFFCO CHILDREN’S THEATER IS FOR 3RD THROUGH 8TH GRADERS IN THE SOUTH JEFFCO AREA.

Meetings for the fall session will be held on Thursday’s after school from 3:30-5:00, beginning September 14th and running through November 16th. Fees will be $100 for the fall session. During this session students will be working on drama skills, dancing, and singing. This session will help us to assess commitment and abilities, as well as to prepare each student for their auditions for our theatrical performance (TBD) in May. This session is highly recommended for anyone who would like to audition.

Auditions for the Spring show will be held Thursday, November 30th. Call backs will be December 7th. Cast list posted December 14th.

Rehearsals will begin following Winter Break.

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Intro to South Jeffco Children’s Theater 2023

We are in our 15th year with the South Jeffco Children’s Theater and are happy to give our enthusiastic students this opportunity of working and learning together to produce a high quality show! We’re looking forward to making dreams come true in Mortensen’s performing arts!

The South Jeffco Children’s Theater is returning for 3rd through 8th graders, meeting on Thursday after school from 3:30-5:00, beginning Sept. 14th for 9 sessions. Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Chorney and Mrs. Hann will again be sponsoring this theatrical opportunity. This session is open to anyone in the South Jeffco area and is a small introduction to our program. Dues will be $100 for session #1. During this session students will be working on dramatic skills, dancing, and singing. This session will help us to assess commitment and abilities, as well as to prepare each student who might be interested in auditioning (Nov. 30th) for our theatrical production in May. * A limited number of scholarships to cover dues will be made available – Please contact Mrs. Hankins.

SESSION #1  PERMISSION & $100.00 FEES FOR INTRO TO THE S. JEFFCO CHILDREN’S THEATER

Checks should be made out to Mortensen Elementary School

Student’s name ________________________________

School ___________________ Grade ________________

Parent’s signature _____________________________ Email __________________________________

Contact phone number __________________________
PARENTS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

WE WILL BE HAVING CHOIR ON THURSDAYS FROM 2:35-3:20 FROM SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14 SO THAT STUDENTS CAN ATTEND BOTH CHOIR AND CHILDRENS THEATER (not required) ON THE SAME AFTERNOON. See registration below. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. 303-982-0022
Hey Everyone!

AFTERNOON CHOIR!

It's Mr. Chorney here and I'm back not only for the fall session of South Jeffco Children's Theatre, but I am also going to direct the Mortensen Choir on Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:20 to prepare our 3rd through 5th grade singers for the Chatfield Area Choral Festival which will be held on Tuesday, November 14th. We would love to have as many Bulldogs as we can to represent Mortensen and learn the fun songs that we will perform with all of the other schools in the area. This is also a perfect opportunity to spend some time warming up before Children's Theatre.

We will rehearse every Thursday until Monday, November 13th when we will have an area rehearsal at Falcon Bluffs Middle School at 4:15. Call time for students at Chatfield High School on November 14th is 5:15 for a final rehearsal. The concert begins at 7:00. I will keep you updated with any information you need to know.

There is no fee for joining choir but please return this signed permission form to the office.

CHOIR STARTS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 2:35.

STUDENT ___________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN ____________________
Freddy’s
FROZEN CUSTARD &
STEAKBURGERS®

Please help us raise money for
Mortensen Elementary School

September 14, 2023
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Mention, show digitally, or bring in this flyer and 15% of earned sales will be donated.
Freddy’s Kipling Location @ 8234 S. Kipling Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80127
CHATFIELD YOUTH BASKETBALL

Open to Boys & Girls 2nd through 8th Grade wishing to participate in the Winter 5on5 Basketball Season.

WINTER LEAGUE INFORMATION Register Here:

- Registration is open now through October 2, 2023, late fee of $25 after Oct 2, late fee of $50 after Oct 20.
- Available for boys & girls grades 2 through 8.
- $280 per-player for grades 2, 3, & 4: 10-game guarantee plus playoffs for qualifying teams (top 8 in every division). Practice time is included. There will be an additional cost for Uniforms, see Jerseys & Uniforms section below.
- $295 per-player for grades 5, 6, 7, & 8: 12-game guarantee plus playoffs for qualifying teams. Practice time is included. There will be an additional cost for Uniforms, see Jerseys & Uniforms section below.
- Individual Registration: we can place you on a team, or you can request to be on a specific team.
- Divisions for teams with various skills levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze in most grade levels for boys. Girls usually just have one division.
- No Sunday Games or Practices. PRACTICES begin October 30th.
- REGULAR SEASON GAMES begin Monday, November 27th and will conclude on or before February 17, 2024. Games could be any day of the week except Sunday.
- PLAYOFFS & LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS are included as part of the League and will be held the week of February 20 and will end on or before February 24, 2024.

Visit the Winter League Information page to register: www.chatfieldbasketball.com
Contact Jacque Pearson at jacquiepearson@yahoo.com or 303-880-1415
Mortensen Elementary School Presents

Barky’s Bonfire

Friday
September 29

Mortensen Elementary School
from 05:00pm-08:00pm

BOUNCY HOUSE & OBSTACLE COURSE,
FACE PAINTING, YARD GAMES, CAKE WALK,
CRAFTS, MAGICIAN,
BONFIRE AND S’MORES
INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE

Entry Fee is
$5 in advance,
$7 at the door

Food trucks and concessions will be available!

Magic shows: 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45 by the Amazing Dave Elstun

**EVERYONE ATTENDING NEEDS A TICKET, ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARDIAN**

RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER BY SEPTEMBER 23rd TO BUY ADVANCE TICKETS

Student’s Name:

Number of tickets: x $5 =
Make Checks Payable to: Mortensen Elementary PTO