MISSION STATEMENT:
THE MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL CHILDREN WILL LEARN AND SUCCEED

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The Mitchell Friday Note is an important place to be sure you have the current information about what's happening in our school.

Parking Lot Safety
Snowy, cold weather means more drivers in our parking lot during arrival and dismissal. Please remember the following safety reminders during these busy times in our parking lot:

- Please do not exit the car when in the Hug-and-Go lane. If you need to get out to help your student, park in one of the parking spots and utilize the crosswalk.
- Please do not cross the parking in the bus area (either through the median or in between buses). Use the ‘horseshoe path’ all around the bus lane for safety.
- Please also help us in having students exit/enter cars on the right side while in the Hug-and-Go—many cars are passing and traffic is constantly moving.

Thank you for helping everyone be safe!
Weather Reminder

There is a Scandinavian saying, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes." At Mitchell we aim to have students enjoying the outdoors as many days as possible. Please be sure to help your student bring appropriate clothing for the weather; ie. boots for the snow, extra socks, or a jacket for wind and cold.

School Accountability Committee

SAC serves as an advisory body to support our school's shared leadership model. All are welcome! We have quarterly meetings to discuss and gather input around school improvement priorities and strategies and more. The next SAC meeting was rescheduled for Monday, January 22nd at 3:45 in the Mitchell Library. On the agenda this time:
- District Budgeting Understanding
- Mitchell Budget priorities 24-25

The Mitchell School Library is looking for library volunteers. We need help shelving books, helping with class check out, and other various tasks. It is easy to volunteer and we can teach you everything you need know! We can coordinate your shift with your child's library time. Please use this Signup Genius if you are interested. Thank you!

PTA Corner

Howdy, Trailblazin' Ranch Hands!

Saddle up for the grandest hootenanny of the year – Western on Washington, a Saloon Stroll culminating in a downright legendary concert at The Rose; it's the grandest shindig to rustle up funds for Mitchell Elementary!

Circle Friday, April 19, on your calendar from 5-11 pm and rope in that sitter posthaste, partner!

Feelin' generous? You can even snag tickets for your fine teachers to join the revelry!
Hold your horses, there's a stampede of excitement – we're rounding up an after party at Ace Hi, and them tickets are scarcer than hen's teeth!  [Link to tix]

And here's an offer hotter than a prairie sun – consider becoming a sponsor for this rootin'-tootin' event! For sponsorship possibilities txt: 303.917.4572

But that ain't all, we're also lookin' for bold-hearted volunteers to join our posse! If you're ready to ride alongside us, & lasso yourself a complimentary libation!

Volunteer Sign-Up

Are you a local business wanting to show your support for Mitchell students, teachers and staff? Sign up today to become a 2024 Mitchell PTA Sponsor. You will get great exposure with our Mitchell families and the broader Golden community through recognition at Western on Washington, social media, and at other events. Spots are filling up quickly!

Please sign up online or email mitchellptapres@gmail.com. Deadline: January 26, 2024.

If you pre-ordered a sweatshirt you should have received them via your student.

Did you forget to pre-order a sweatshirt? We have a very limited supply left! Visit www.mitchellpta.org to place your order before we run out!

**Important Dates**

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Celebrate our Rocking Mustangs and Recess ROCKStars


Please don’t hesitate to call the office with any questions 303.982.5875 or go onto our website http://mitchell.jeffcopublicschools.org for up to date school information.
Lice at School
It is that time again!

STOP THE SPREAD OF LICE
Weekly Head Checks

We encourage you to check your child's hair on a weekly basis now and throughout the school year. Control of head lice depends on prompt identification, effective treatment, perseverance and teamwork!

Did you know that lice love a party? Lice transmission is more likely to occur through sleepovers, family members and friends that spend large amounts of time together. School is not a common place for the spread of head lice.

How to check for lice:

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Part the hair and look for crawling lice/nits one section at a time. The easiest place to find them is close to the scalp at the back of the neck or behind the ears.
- Live lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly. Nits will look like small white/yellow/brown specks and be firmly attached to a hair strand near the scalp.
- Nits can be confused with many other things such as dandruff, dirt particles, or hair product residue. One way to tell the difference is that nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt, or other particles fall off easily.
- Notify your student's school health room if lice are found or if you have any questions or concerns regarding lice and your student.

Lice Facts

- 6-12 million people worldwide get head lice every year
- Lice do not spread disease
- Poor hygiene does not cause lice - lice can affect anyone
- Treatment with an approved shampoo, following the directions on the label, along with daily combing with a nit comb is the best treatment
- Lice DO NOT jump or fly
- Lice can only go 24 hours without food (biting the scalp). They do not live in coats, couches, hats, or animals
- Lice are spread by direct head to head contact

If you have additional questions or for information on how to treat identified lice, please read Jeffco Health Services Lice FAQ's:
Lice FAQ's