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.

We encourage you to attend this event that promises to empower and equip you with valuable insights to support your student's educational journey. Join us at Summit Jeffco hosted by Jeffco Public Schools on Saturday, March 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Summit Ridge Middle School.

Summit Jeffco is a unique gathering where families can connect with district and school staff, as well as experts in various fields, to explore important topics that impact our students. Discover how you can play an active role in improving your student's educational experience and foster their growth.

Summit Jeffco Event Details:
Date: Saturday, Mar 2, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Summit Ridge Middle School

Learn More & Register
Kids Heart Challenge Starts Soon

Mitchell cares about heart health, and our Kids Heart Challenge event with the American Heart Association starts Friday, February 2nd. Will you choose to be active or kind - or both? Register today by downloading the AHA Schools app (which can be found in your App Store by typing "Kids Heart Challenge") or go to www.heart.org/khc.

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.
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!

As you may know, the Colorado READ (Reading to Ensure Academic Development) Act provides funding and a framework for improving literacy outcomes for kindergartners through third graders, particularly those with “Significant Reading Deficiencies” (SRDs) who are at risk to not read at grade level by third grade. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has been working with WestEd and its partners to conduct a legislatively mandated evaluation of the READ Act since March 2020.

The survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete, and all responses will be kept confidential.

- We are only asking you to complete the survey if your child has ever been identified as having a significant reading deficiency (SRD) and/or has ever been given a READ plan.
- If you have multiple children in kindergarten through grade 3 who have been identified as having a significant reading deficiency, please complete a separate survey for each child.

Thank you for your participation in this parent survey. The department of education greatly appreciates your time and willingness to share your experience. Please click on the link below to participate in the survey:
https://westedk12enterprise.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cSdKMxV0cLFEkS

PTA Corner

Thank you!
A huge kudos to the Mitchell community for donating over 110 pounds of food items for the Food Pantry at BGOLDN during our MLK Week of Giving. Well done!

Howdy, Trailblazin' Ranch Hands!
Stake your claim by responding pronto! And here's the star-spangled spectacle – we're throwin' the gates wide open to the entire Golden community this year, so don't let your kinfolk and pals miss out on this rootin'-tootin’ night of fun and supportin' your young'uns. Hitch your wagon to a block of tickets pronto, partner!

(Link to tix)

Howdy, partners!

We're fixin' to rope in a skillful wrangler for our video production at the upcoming shindig. If you reckon you've got the chops to capture the spirit of the Wild West on film, we'd sure be tickled if you'd mosey on over to our campfire. Drop a holler if you're game to be our trailblazin' video wrangler. Much obliged! (txt.303.917.4572)

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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.
EDI Committee Meetings for Spring 2024

Join the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee this spring to help us plan events like the Parent Education Night and Better Together. The committee will be meeting via Zoom next Tuesday, January 30 from 9-10am.

To join go to: https://zoom.us/join
Enter Meeting ID: 733 539 1163
Enter Passcode: 785283

And mark your calendars for future meetings that will be held from 9-10am on the following Thursdays: March 14, April 11 and May 9. We would love to have your perspective at our meetings! To be added to the EDI list-serv to stay up to date with committee efforts, email Mandy Bakulski at mandymc123@gmail.com.

Important Dates

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February 21st & 22nd Spring Family Conferences  
*additional information coming soon

*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](http://mitchell.jeffcopublicschools.org) for up to date school information.