Friday Note

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.

Thanks for Your Help!
Mitchell Families- thank you very much for using the ‘horseshoe’ path around the bus lane when walking and biking to school. Crossing the parking lot in front of the busses causes safety issues, particularly in snowy weather. We appreciate your help and modeling Mitchell ROCKS on the sidewalks!

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!
Join Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Tracy Dorland to engage in conversation with your community to discuss districtwide topics and those specific to your area. This 90 minute conversation is open to the public and will focus on family and community feedback.

Golden & Wheat Ridge  
Wednesday, April 17  
Wheat Ridge High School | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Conversation Hosted by:

Tracy Dorland  
Superintendent,  
Jeffco Public Schools

Therese Rednor  
Wheat Ridge representative,  
District Accountability Committee

View the schedule & learn more:  
www.jps.click/convos
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 will be Tuesday, April 16th at 3:45 in the Mitchell Library. On the agenda this time:
- Review Mitchell Survey Data
- Approve Student Fees for 24-25 school year

Every spring students across the state participate in CMAS testing to align practices and measure progress of learning initiatives. At Mitchell we use state testing data, along with other student learning data, to share individual student progress as well as to make instructional decisions for our student population. Below are the dates students will be testing in grades 3-5. Please help us ensure your child is at school these days (unless they are sick), and use this information to plan appointments and travel arrangements.

April 16
5th Grade Science (am)

April 17
5th Grade Science (am)

April 18
5th Grade Science (am)

Continuing Efforts towards Belonging

In alignment with Jeffco's Value of belonging and our school's own efforts to feel safe, accepted, respected and included; Mitchell intentionally plans and creates learning experiences that foster strong communities within our classrooms and across our school. These efforts include positive behavior expectations (Mitchell ROCKS), providing students with tools to collaborate and resolve conflicts and speak up for others (Second STEP), building empathy and understanding in classroom communities (community circles) and creating mirrors and windows into our own and others' experiences (AMAZEworks). The use of some of the AMAZEworks resources was on ‘pause’ through this school year through a curriculum review cycle. Mitchell, along with several other schools has been granted the continued use of these resources as a supplemental resource to enhance a
sense of community and belonging for our students. Classrooms will engage in one lesson with one text during the month of May. Teachers will share the text aligned with the Empathy & Understanding topic and will be a natural follow up from our Week without Hate at the end of April.

**Run for our Sister School**

Mitchell Elementary is a sister school with Welchester Elementary here in Golden. Welchester is holding their 5K Run/Walk/Fun Run on April 29th. Use the link and/or the [flyer](#) to register. The kids fun run is free!

**Week Without Hate**

Day Without Hate is coming up the week of April 22-25th. This year Mitchell will continue their partnership with Jeffco Healthy Schools in committing to be A School Without Hate with activities planned for the week.

Day Without Hate is a student led organization that promotes unity and respect in schools. Students at Standley Lake High School, in Jeffco, started the organization in 2007 by asking their classmates to wear white to show a commitment and trust in each other to make their school a safer, kinder place. Since then, students across Colorado and the nation have taken this incredibly positive day to their schools and communities.

- **Monday, 4/22**= Buddy ROCKS recognition
- **Tuesday, 4/23**= sidewalk chalk positive messages
- **Wednesday, 4/24**= Lunch switcheroo- eat lunch with some new friends
- **Thursday, 4/29**= Wear white for Day Without Hate and high fives

The Mitchell PBIS Committee is looking forward to a great week!
Connect with a Board Member
You are invited to join your Board of Education (Board) representative, Paula Reed, for a town hall event on Wednesday, April 24. This 90-minute conversation will provide you with an opportunity to get to know your area's representative, learn about the Board's goals and understand their roles in districtwide initiatives.

Wednesday, April 24
5:30-7 p.m.
Golden High School
701 24th St, Golden, CO 80401
View the full Board Town Hall schedule and learn more on this webpage.

PTA Corner

Sign-Up for a Better Together Display
Students are invited to create a display board or video to share that will give others an opportunity to learn something about an aspect of their social identity. If you did one last year, you are welcome to bring your same board back again this year. If you haven't participated before, this is a fun way for kids to explore and learn about their identity and teach others. New this year, video submissions are an optional way to share your story! **SIGN UP FOR A DISPLAY HERE**

*If you want help with pulling together a display, there will be a Build Day in the art room on Wednesday, April 17 from 3:35 - 5pm where kids can work through their ideas with Mr. Kramer and other members of the EDI Committee. Poster boards and supplies will be available, no need to bring your own!*

Better Together: A Celebration of Belonging - Wednesday, April 24; 5-7pm

**If you don't create a display, please join us to learn from others and celebrate belonging at the Silent Disco!**

"There was so much representation on different topics. My sons were fascinated...and really learned about differences that some kids encounter. All of those kids should be very proud of themselves for presenting!"
HOWDY! Get ready to make a difference! Join us at the Western on Washington event on April 19th. Your ticket purchase supports our school's crucial tech needs. From cutting-edge classrooms to innovative resources, every contribution counts. Don't miss out! Purchase your tickets here and mark your calendars: Click here for Silent Auction Live. Let's make our school's future brighter together!

Mitchell Elementary PTA Presents... Science Fair 2024

**Wednesday, May 15th 5-7:30pm**

Explore, Experiment, Excel!

Calling all young scientists! Get ready to ignite your curiosity and dazzle the world with your scientific brilliance. Join us and unleash your inner Einstein! From erupting volcanoes to amazing robots, the possibilities are endless! Win a chance to PIE (π) your Principal, earn bragging rights and make memories that will last a lifetime. Check out these fun and easy science fair project ideas here.

Don't miss out on the fun! One sign-up per individual or team (may be completed in teams of 2-3 max) - sign up today!

Enjoy pizza, salad & baked goods at the Science Cafe! We need more items for our bake sale and volunteers to help the fair run smoothly. Sign up here.
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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](http://mitchell.jeffcopublicschools.org) for up to date school information.