October 2
October Count Day

9
GRE Accountability Meeting – 5:30 pm
PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm

12
RACCOON RUN – Stay tuned, Raccoons!
More info coming soon!

16 & 18
After School Goal Setting Conferences-Signup Below

19 & 20
FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL

25
Makeup Picture Day

26
Governor’s Ranch Trunk or Treat

27
4th Grade Field Trip

31
Halloween Parade and Class Parties

November 3
Kinder and 3rd Grade Field Trips

http://jeffcogovernorsranch.ss12.sharpschool.com/

Sign Up for Goal Setting Conferences!
IMPORTANT: Support school funding by having your child in attendance September 25th through October 9th. The official count day is Monday, October 2nd. Please don’t forget to report your child’s absence or late arrival by calling the attendance line at 303-982-4623.
Meet the GRE Team

Tessa Graff - Kitchen Manager

My name is Tessa Graff. I joined the GRE Family in January of 2023. I was the former Kitchen manager for Peiffer Elementary for approximately 14 years. I grew up attending Jeffco schools while my Mom worked as the kitchen manager at Powderhorn Elementary. I decided to follow in her footsteps and became a kitchen manager myself. I have a 6 Lb Chihuahua named Gypsy that loves to snuggle. In my spare time I enjoy hanging out with my niece, talking about country music and attending my nephew’s baseball games. My summers are spent taking cross country road trips, and my favorite place is the beach somewhere in Oregon.

LeAnne Huffard

Hello! My name is LeAnne Huffard, and I'm excited to say I have been a part of the GRE family since September 2022. I first started in the kitchen at Peiffer Elementary but soon transitioned to GRE. I was born in Greensboro, North Carolina and moved to Denver, Colorado at about 2 years old. I have always adored kids and have three amazing children of my own, Aniah, Ella, and Kyson. I also love animals and currently have 4 birds and a bunny named Theo. When I'm not at work, I enjoy cooking meals for my family, snuggling up to a good movie and spending quality time outdoors with family and friends.

Tessa and LeAnne consistently go the extra mile, and we are so fortunate to have them at GRE. Check out their awesome:

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Meet the GRE Team, continued...

Ms. Sarah Jones 5th Grade Teacher
Sarah.Jones@jeffco.k12.co.us

Miss Jones is very excited to be back at GRE for her fifth year of teaching. This year, she will teach math and science. She has taught third, fourth, and fifth grades in the past, and believes that fifth grade is where her heart is. Along with teaching, Miss Jones enjoys baking, going to country concerts with Miss Sturgell, watching movies and tv shows, and spending time with friends and family. She is looking forward to a fabulous year.

Mrs. Teresa Lucero 4th & 5th Grade Teacher
Teresa.Lucero@jeffco.k12.co.us

Teresa Lucero is a proud Colorado native with over 27 years of teaching experience in Jefferson County Public Schools. With valuable front-line experience as a first, second, third, fourth and fifth grade teacher, her love for education is as abundantly clear as the columbine blue skies above of our great state. She has made it her professional priority to ensure the academic success of her students by continuing her learning. In addition to Mrs. Lucero’s extensive teaching experience, she is also Orton Gillingham trained. Mrs. Lucero believes in building and sustaining meaningful relationships with students and their families, while being mindful to differentiate instruction based on student needs and strengths. With her solid understanding of the learning continuum, she is able cultivate a high performing learning environment while helping students build self-confidence. Notably, Mrs. Lucero also carefully monitors a student’s understanding to ensure long-term academic success. Perhaps best of all, Mrs. Lucero is a homegrown Colorado talent who received her MA from the University of Colorado at Denver and a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Mrs. Lucero is committed to excellence in both practice and purpose.

She spends her free time with her wonderful family and fur babies.
Meet the GRE Team, continued...

Joanna Farrell-Paraprofessional

Joanna is a Littleton native and attended GRE just 6 years ago. She is excited to be back in the classroom working as a kindergarten and first grade paraprofessional. She recently graduated from Mullen High School. She loved the community there, enjoyed her time as a varsity cheerleader, and says hanging out with friends is her favorite way to spend free time.

We have several new staff members this school year to support school growth and student success! More bios coming soon!
From the desk of Ms. Myers Creed Corner October 2023

Hot off the easel...Ms. Sage’s Art Newsletter

Governor’s Ranch Trunk or Treat

You Don’t Want to Miss the Governor’s Ranch Trunk or Treat!! Are you interested in hosting a trunk?

Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CAAA72BABFF2-governors2

Not sure yet? Learn more about this spooktacular event by clicking the link below

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12_UDHqZCddwtDcilZebPUhiaC7dtns8j/edit

*Candy donations can be dropped off at the Governor’s Ranch Clubhouse or in the school office.*

GRE Halloween Parade and Parties Info is a click away....
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/18gSK408Zf-je0kSFh9MWdY-rpNXql_KD
Helpful Links and Reminders

New Start/End Times

Preschool 8:00-2:30

K-5 7:30-7:45 *Soft start/Breakfast*

Students eating breakfast should arrive closer to 7:30 so they are in class and ready to learn at 7:45!

7:45-2:35

2:45 School supervision ends

Breakfast and Hot Lunch

Breakfast and Hot Lunch are available to all students for free thanks to voters who approved the Health School Meals for All (HSMA) legislation in November 2022. A la carte items (e.g. snack cart) are available for purchase and money can be added to students accounts using School Café.

Specials Classes Calendar


Health Room Info

Mrs. Marshall returns to GRE as our favorite health aide! Contact her via email kara.marshall@jeffco.k12.co.us with any health related questions.

How Sick Is Too Sick (Updated for 23-24).pdf

For families that can, please walk or bike to school. Bikes can be locked in the bike cage by the north playground.

If you are dropping off, please review this highly instructional video (https://youtu.be/Z-ysGrJHmUE) and allow time to navigate the parking lot. Please follow the directions for safe and efficient traffic flow (https://drive.google.com/file/d/13gQJNoKkajuHLcPscUbPGKPYE1CrJWa8/view?usp=sharing).

Please keep our GRE students safe-put down your phones, pay attention, and don't drive recklessly!

If you choose to use the Clubhouse parking lot, please cross Field Street at the crosswalk.
On-time Arrival, Attendance, and Dismissal

When students are late, they start the day behind and disrupt classrooms. Please support your child’s success by getting them to school before 7:45. If your child will be absent or late, please call the attendance line (303-982-4623.)

K-5 students are released at 2:35 p.m. through their classroom exterior doors. The parking lot is busy! Give yourself enough time to park so you can greet your child upon dismissal. On-site childcare is provided by Foothills Parks and Recreation and available to students 5 years of age and older. Foothills staff will pick up Kindergarten and 1st graders from their teachers; all others should meet Foothills staff at the temp buildings on the north side of the school. [https://www.ifoothills.org/school-care-camps/#before-after-school](https://www.ifoothills.org/school-care-camps/#before-after-school)

2023-2024 UPDATED Quick Reference Calendar
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-IYRRthWscTaV1R7juM3zu6ghA3IpNUP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-IYRRthWscTaV1R7juM3zu6ghA3IpNUP/view?usp=sharing)

These Raccoons did a GREat job representing our school at the Rockies game!
Watch D.O.G.S. have really been showing up this year, and it is AWESOME!

Sign up to be a DOG at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/October_2023

Thank you to all our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers this month!

Jeff M. gets a little help from his girls, Sabrina and Cora!

Nick P. (Charlotte, George, & Lucy's dad) gets the job done!

Shawn W. (Nolan, 4th Grade) reporting for duty.

Jimmy N. (Penelope, Parker, and Millie's dad) and Shaun S. (Connor and Savannah's dad) made quite the team! Thanks, guys!

A special shout out to Jimmy N. for seeing some boxes stacked up, offering to help, loading them up, taking them home, and bringing these 6 beautiful benches back the very next day!

Everyone loves Nick!

Justin H. (Wylie, Kindergarten) steps right up and gets involved! Thank you for making a difference
Our Preschool

Our preschool launched this month with two multi-age classrooms. These classrooms will consist mostly of four-year-old students with a handful of three-year-old students. Each classroom has a licensed early childhood teacher (birth through eight years old) AND a certified early childhood education partner (ECIP). This will maintain a 10:1 ratio (students:adults).

For questions about curriculum, please contact Suanne Hawley, Director of Early Learning
Suanne.Hawley@jeffco.k12.co.us
303-982-9576

Tuition Schedule

Download Jeffco's Preschool Tuition Schedule: 2023-2024 Tuition Schedule.pdf

The early learning office can best assist families with questions about preschool enrollment and/or tuition. They can be reached at 303-982-1737.
Colorado Crisis Services is the statewide behavioral health crisis response system offering residents mental health, substance use and/or emotional crisis help, information and referrals. Its mission is to strengthen Colorado’s mental health system by providing the people of Colorado with greater access to crisis services wherever they are at, 24/7/365, regardless of ability to pay. No matter what you’re going through, help is available. Call Colorado Crisis Services at 844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255. Learn more at ColoradoCrisisServices.org

SAFE2TELL

Governor’s Ranch will continue to participate in Safe2Tell, which allows students to anonymously report their concerns regarding friends, family or community. Reports can be made by phone call, online or using their app. Concerns will be sent to a team of officials which may include school personnel or law enforcement. Safe2Tell should be used wisely and only for serious concerns. False reports or prank calls waste limited resources and will be investigated by law enforcement. We encourage everyone to make a community a kinder and safer place.

Mr. Lucas!

Thanks for making GRE fun!