Happy Holidays and Best Wishes

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**Peek at the Weeks**

**December**

5  Choice Enrollment Window Opens

6  Informal Tour for Prospective GRE Families 5:00-6:00 PM  
Raccoon Showcase 6:00-7:00 PM  
1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade Concert in the Gym 6:30-7:30 PM

7-8 3rd Grade Market Days

11  Orchestra (5:00-6:15 PM) and Band (6:30-7:45 PM) Concerts At Columbine High School

15  Band and Orchestra Fundraiser at Chili’s 11:00 AM-10:00 PM  
Spirit Wear Day  
Hot Chocolate and Holiday Lights 5:30-7:00 PM

19  2nd Grade Field Trip  
Class Holiday Parties

20  **Winter Break Begins**  
PTA Restaurant Nights Fundraiser Chipotle 4:00-8:00 PM

**January**

1  Happy New Year

8  Students Return

12  Choice Enrollment Window Closes
Please join us as we invest deeply in ourselves and others during December!

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<td><strong>Jingle All the Way!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Celebrate the sweet sound of winter, wear some holiday bells&lt;br&gt;Do something extra special for your parents</td>
<td><strong>Festive Hats &amp; Headbands</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make someone laugh</td>
<td><strong>Hanukkah Healing</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear something light and bright&lt;br&gt;Find someone that you need to make things right with and give them a compliment</td>
<td><strong>Bling in the Holidays</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear your festive wing, tinsel, or sparkles&lt;br&gt;Make a card for a friend</td>
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<td><strong>Christmas in July</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear your favorite beach attire&lt;br&gt;Do an extra chore around the house</td>
<td><strong>Winter Spirit</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear your favorite holiday pajamas&lt;br&gt;Bring a sweet or savory treat to share</td>
<td><strong>Tis the Season T-shirt</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear a holiday shirt&lt;br&gt;Write a nice note to your teacher</td>
<td><strong>Grinch Invasion!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear green or a Grinch shirt&lt;br&gt;Read a book with someone</td>
<td><strong>Chocolate Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear something brown&lt;br&gt;Give a piece of chocolate to someone who’s made a difference in your life.&lt;br&gt;(Don’t forget Hot Chocolate and Holiday Lights with Mr. Lucas starting at 5:30 p.m.)</td>
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<td><strong>Candy Cane Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear red and white&lt;br&gt;Say thank you to someone</td>
<td><strong>Dress Up for Holiday Break</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wear something super nice to school&lt;br&gt;Find someone that you need to make things right with and ask for forgiveness</td>
<td><strong>Enjoy your Winter Break!</strong>&lt;br&gt;School resumes for students on Monday, January 8, 2024</td>
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Trimester Quick Reference Calendar

**Trimester 2**
- Non-Student Contact Day/Teacher Planning Day: November 13
- Kindergarten Performance: November 15
- Creed Assembly: November 17
- T1 Report Cards Go Home: November 17
- Thanksgiving Break—No School: November 20-24
- GRE Skate City Night 5-7 p.m.: November 30
- Raccoon Showcase and Interest Night: December 6
- GRE Spelling Bee Qualifier: December 7
- GRE Staff Holiday Party: December 8
- Band/Orchestra Concerts: December 11
- Hot Chocolate and Holiday Lights: December 15
- Class Parties: December 19
- Winter Break—No School: Dec 20-Jan 3
- Non-Student Contact Days/Teacher Planning Days: January 3-5
- Students return: January 8
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School: January 15
- GRE Spelling Bee: January 19
- Columbine Area Accountability Meeting: January 22
- Columbine Area Spelling Bee: February 1
- Middle of Year Student Data Sent Home: February 9
- Data Review Conferences (after school): February 13 & 15
- Valentine’s Day Class Parties: February 14
- Non-Student Contact Day/Teacher Planning Day*: February 16
- Columbine and Bear Creek Artic Faculty Meeting: February 16
- Presidents’ Day—No School: February 19

**Trimester 3**
- T2 Report Cards Go Home: March 1
- Creed Assembly: March 1
- Spring Break—No School: March 18-25
- Non-Student Contact Day/Teacher Planning Day: March 25
- Fifth Grade Growing and Changing Parent Meeting: April 2
- Class Pictures (no individual pictures): April 4
- Columbine Area Choir Concert (tentative): April 16
- Kindergarten Performance: April 17
- GRE Skate City Night 5-7 p.m.: April 18
- Columbine Day of Service: April 20
- Fifth Grade Band/Orchestra Concert (tentative): April 24
- Take Your Child to Work Day: April 25
- Day Without Hate Celebration: April 25
- Volunteer Appreciation: April 25
- Non-Student Contact Day/Teacher Planning Day: April 26
- Book Fair (tentative): April 29-May 3
- Friends and Family Luncheon: May 1
- Incoming Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Meeting: May 1
- Raccoon Showcase: May 1
- Modified Assessment Days: May 3 & 6
- Field Day: May 10 (5/13 if Rain)
- Creed Assembly: May 17
- Talent Show: May 22
- Fifth Grade Continuation and Celebration: May 23
- Last Day of School: Closing Ceremony @ 11:30 a.m.: May 24
- Non-Student Contact Day/Teacher Planning Day: May 28

*Potential Snow Make Up Day
You read that correctly. Jeffco’s Round 1 enrollment window is now open for the 24-25 school year and closes January 12th. **EVERY** family must visit www.enrolljeffco.org, click “Apply to School” in the purple box, and proceed with your school selection(s.) This is for students currently enrolled who plan on returning to GRE next year. This is also for new students to GRE, students within GRE boundaries, outside of GRE boundaries, for those transitioning to middle school, and for those not returning to a Jeffco school. Your participation enables GRE to properly staff, budget, and plan for another successful school year. The answer to most enrollment questions can be found on the website www.enrolljeffco.org but please contact Laura Fennell in the office should you need assistance.

Forgot your Jeffco email address? Parent portal username? Need to reset your password? Visit https://pam.jeffco.k12.co.us. Whatever you do, please don’t create a new account, please don’t panic, and please call Mrs. Fennell. She can help!
Preschool Enrollment
2024-25 School Year

Enrollment opens on December 5 for new and returning students. All returning families MUST confirm their return by January 12, 2024 to guarantee their student’s seat for the 2024-25 school year.

NEW Enrollment Process:
• Enroll your 3- and 4-year-olds through EnrollJeffco at enrolljeffco.org.
• Need help enrolling? Visit jps.click/preschool or call 303-982-1737.
• The funding application for Universal Preschool (UPK) will be available when the state window opens in mid-spring.

Tuition:
• The preschool academic calendar is August-May.
• Tuition is divided into nine equal payments beginning August 1, 2024 through April 1, 2025. No tuition is due in May 2025.
• UPK application must be submitted to qualify for listed tuition rates. These rates may be reduced with application & qualifying factors.

For more information about preschool enrollment, visit jps.click/preschool or scan:
2024-25 School Year Enrollment

NOW OPEN!
Round 1 open December 5-January 12, 2024

Learn about our school on School Finder
Check out our school's profile for information about our school including school data, programs offered and information nights.

jps.click/schoolfinder

Complete enrollment on EnrollJeffco
You will use EnrollJeffco whether your student is re-enrolling at the same school, changing schools or new to Jeffco.
enrolljeffco.org

For more information about enrollment, visit enrolljeffco.org or scan:

Click it

Click the Ads in this Newsletter
...to learn more about these great companies!

Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.
Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.

Milk Caps for MOOOLA

To sign up, go to LongmontDairy.com/savecaps or click here.
Lost and Found

LOST AND (NEVER?) FOUND ITEMS WILL BE DONATED OVER THE WINTER BREAK. IT WILL GO AWAY SO PLEASE COME CLAIM YOUR COATS, HOODIES, HATS, WATER BOTTLES, ETC.
Happenings Around Governor’s Ranch

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Market Days**

**December 7th and 8th**

Please bring no more than $5 in quarters or 1 dollar bills. All products are one dollar or less. Proceeds will be donated to a charity of third grade students’ choosing.

*Ms. Ambrogio’s*

*Mrs. Lees’*

*Ms. Sturgell’s *

*Classrooms*

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*Governor’s Ranch Elementary*

**AN ASSIST MAKES TWO PEOPLE HAPPY**

*Nikola Jokic*

The sign that made the news and landed on Jokic’s personal insta...

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Who doesn't love bubbles and music in the morning?!
Happenings Around Governor’s Ranch, continued...

Lexia Lunches with Mr. Lucas have been quite the motivator!

GRE 5th graders organized, collected, and donated items to the Open Arms Food Bank for Thanksgiving this year. Thank you families for making this food drive a success!
Happenings Around Governor’s Ranch, continued...

Skate City Fun!
Happenings Around Governor’s Ranch, continued...

Mr. Mike=Super Sub=Super Veteran

Thank you, Veterans.
Happenings Around Governor’s Ranch, continued...

We have such clever Kinder"garden" teachers.

First hair dye, then hair cut. Mr. Lucas is such a sport!

Great Clips? GReat Clips. :)

1st grader Aston opted for the scissors.

continued...
Happenings Around Governor’s Ranch, continued...

CHILI’S

GOOD FOOD FOR A GREAT CAUSE

15% OFF OF YOUR TICKET PROCEEDS GOES TOWARDS
JeffCo Area Band & Orchestra

Band/Orchestra
Dec 15, 2023
From 11 am to 10 pm
Southwest Plaza
8450 W Cross Dr.
Littleton, CO 80123
303-973-5883

Tax ID:
501c3

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE QHD33AZ
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

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CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
GOVERNOR’S RANCH ELEMENTARY PTA
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH | 4-8PM
8100 W CRESTLINE AVE, DENVER, CO, 80123

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The School Communications Agency
Supporting Schools & Local Businesses
Meet the GRE Team

Miss Kat Dahlin
kathryn.dahlin@jeffco.k12.co.us

This is Ms. Dahlin’s first year teaching at Governor’s Ranch Elementary! She is very excited to join the GRE community and the first grade team. This will be her second year teaching first grade. She loves seeing her students grow during the school year. She cannot wait to make new memories at GRE with students, families, and the staff!

Ms. Dahlin is originally from Minnesota, but attended Regis University in Colorado. There she received her Bachelor’s in Elementary Education and Culturally Linguistically Diverse Education with an endorsement in Special Education. In her free time, she loves being outdoors with friends, family, and even her cat Oogi! She is excited to start her new adventure at GRE!

Ms. Mary Knox
Mary.Knox@jeffco.k12.co.us

Ms. Knox is originally from Ohio but moved to Colorado as a child. She attended and graduated from Jeffco Public Schools! She has one son, Sebastian (6), who is about to start 1st grade and an adopted American Bulldog names Zoe. Ms. Knox has a BA in History and a Masters in Elementary Education, both from MSU Denver. She graduated this past May, and this is her first year teaching. Before teaching, she coached kids classes in a martial art.

In her free time, Ms. Knox trains in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, reads, writes, and travels with her friends and family. She is passionate about teaching and looking forward to being a part of and helping nurture the amazing community of families, students, and educators at GRE!

Mrs. Kristen Lees
kristen.lees@jeffco.k12.co.us

Mrs. Lees is excited to start her 12th year as a teacher and first at Governor’s Ranch! She has taught a variety of grades, first through fifth. Mrs. Lees attended the University of Northern Colorado earning her bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education with a minor in history. She loves working with kids both in the classroom and outside of school, having taught a technology club, performing arts, student council and summer enrichment programs. In her free time, Mrs. Lees loves to cook and bake, play with her dog Willie, and explore museums, zoos and restaurants with her husband. As a Jeffco graduate, Mrs. Lees is so excited to start her journey in the Governor’s Ranch community. She is looking forward to an amazing year!
Meet the GRE Team, continued...

Emily Whaley
Emily.Whaley@jeffco.k12.co.us

Emily Whaley joins us for the 23-24 school year as our second full-time Learning Specialist. Over the past year, she has been working at GRE as a Guest Teacher and Special Education Para. Emily has 8 years of special education teaching experience with Denver Public Schools. She has one daughter and two sons, all of which are current and former GRE students. Emily is a 4th generation Colorado native, a CSU graduate, and married to her high-school sweetheart. She is thrilled to be able to both live and work in a community that she adores.

Lee Gonzalez

This is Ms. Gonzalez first experience working in education, and she's thrilled to join the GRE team! She moved to Lakewood, CO from Eureka, CA in September 2022 with her mother, Amy, and their dog, Katana. She’s been able to explore the Denver area by doing security for an entertainment company at a lot of the big venues here like Empower Field, Denver’s Art Complex, Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Fiddler’s Green, and Ball Arena. Ms. Gonzalez is also a dog walker and sitter. In her free time she likes quality time with the people she loves, playing guitar, reading, skating, biking, yoga, and taking naps.

Veronica Moritz

Veronica Moritz has lived in Colorado her whole life. She graduated from CSU with a bachelor's degree. All of her children attended Governor's Ranch Elementary and she started working here while her daughter was in 4th grade in the fall or 2022. Veronica has a strong connection with Littleton and the Governor's Ranch community. Working with children has brought a new joy to Veronica’s life and she is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Governor's Ranch Elementary team.
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

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.

*K-5 Students eating breakfast should arrive at 7:30 so they are in class and ready to learn by 7:45*

If your child will be absent or late, please call the attendance line (303-982-4623.)

Specials Classes Calendar


Watch D.O.G.S. have really been showing up this year, and it is AWESOME!

Sign up to be a Watch DOG Today:

December:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/December_2023

January:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/January_2024

Recycling D.O.G. Chris P. reports for duty.

This D.O.G. (Zack I. with his daughter, Milena) started the Watch D.O.G. program at GRE. Many thanks!
Mr. DeFord makes math fun!
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.