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**Calendar****October 4 – 7**

Book Fair

October 5, 7 & 13

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 6

Walk to School Day

October 18

Professional Development Day
No School

October 28

Photo Re-Take Day

October 29

Halloween Parade – 8:15AM

Happy fall and Friday Coal Creek Elementary! Hard to believe that we are already this deep in the school year.

I am very excited for the PTA sponsored Silent Disco on Saturday, October 2nd. This opportunity is designed to bring our school parent community together to celebrate some fun and all that you do to make things happen for our kiddos and Coal Creek Elementary. In case you need some more information, here are some details about tomorrow night's Silent Disco event:

- Saturday October 2nd from 7-10pm
- First adult only silent disco fundraiser at Steinbaugh Pavilion in Louisville!
- Come dance the night away and get to know other parents from Coal Creek
- Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase
- Advanced tickets \$15/person or \$20/person at the door
- <https://coalcreeksilentdisco.eventbrite.com> - link to purchase additional ticket for a partner, spouse or friend

I wanted to update everyone on the progress of the PTA Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser. Our goal was to raise \$45,000 and we are asking families to contribute \$125/child or whatever you can give...every bit helps! As of today, we are 91% towards reaching our goal. We have raised \$41,023. As a result of being so close, we have decided to extend our deadline until October 7th. If we reach our goal, the students will be able to turn Mr. Maron, Mr. Dorr and myself into a "triple scoop human ice cream sundae". They are beyond excited for this opportunity :)! Hope we can do it!

I also wanted to remind everyone about Coal Creek Elementary school fees. We assessed our progress towards fee collection this week and are quite a bit behind. Out of 371 students, 172 student fees have been paid. Teachers and grade levels rely on this money for supplemental reading materials, craft supplies, planners (for upper grades) etc. If you haven't had a chance to complete this process, please click on this [LINK](#) to pay for student fees using RevTrak. We will notify families for additional required fees, if field trips are approved in the future. No cash or checks will be accepted towards school fees.

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Dropping off and picking students up has been difficult these past few weeks for some families due to the road construction that the City of Louisville has been completing on Washington/Tamarisk. You all have done a wonderful job with making things happen and navigating around the roadwork. As a reminder, BVSD nor Coal Creek Elementary was responsible for determining the timing, logistics or anything related to managing this project. We do, however, believe in being proactive with communication to our school community. We forwarded the letter highlighting the information about the construction, from the City of Louisville on August 22nd as well as an update on September 17th. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding while we all work together to overcome the obstacles that come our way.

Thanks very much for everyone's continued support and focus on implementation of safe practices at the Hug N Go. Some key reminders I wanted to share; only cross Tamarisk at the crosswalks, if you don't see your child right away-go around the block again, no u-turns on Tamarisk, walk bikes/scooters when on the sidewalk from fence to fence at Coal Creek and a sprinkle of patience/kindness goes a long way :) Incredibly important to model all of these actions for our students.

'Tis the season for Parent Teacher Conferences. At this point, all families should have had the opportunity to get signed up for a specific time slot through HelpAtSchool. Our October dates for P/T Conferences are on 10/5, 10/7 and 10/13 between 3:00-7:30. If you missed the opportunity to sign up or need to change your time, please contact your child's teacher directly to schedule or reschedule your conference time.

Huge kudos to everyone for supporting our efforts in keeping everyone healthy and safe. As a reminder, if your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, they must stay home:

Major Symptoms that last longer than 24 hrs	Minor Symptoms that last longer than 48hrs
Fever (100.4 or above) Cough Chills or feeling feverish Shortness of Breath Loss of taste or smell	Runny nose or Congestion Sore Throat Headache Muscle / Body aches or pain Diarrhea Vomiting / Nausea Feeling extremely tired

- Anyone experiencing any major COVID symptom that lasts longer than 24 hrs must have a negative PCR COVID test to return to school or they will need to stay home for 10 days.

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- Anyone experiencing any other COVID-like symptoms (minor symptoms) that last longer than 48 hrs must have a negative PCR COVID test to return to school or they will need to stay home for 10 days.

Testing is available through BVSD and COVID Check Colorado throughout the district - [see the schedule here](#).

If your child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID within the last 10 days please contact your school to determine if they need to quarantine at home and/or need a COVID test to return.

We are excited for the 2021 Halloween festivities at Coal Creek on Friday, October 29th! In addition to inviting parents to attend the parade on campus, we will be recording the event as students cross the gym stage. We will then share the video with all Coal Creek families at the end of the day. Please read below for some key bulleted information and logistics related to costumes, parents/visitors on campus, Halloween parade and classroom parties.

Student Costume Expectations

- If students are wearing costumes, they need to come to school dressed in their costume. It will be too time consuming and logistically difficult to support students getting prepared at school. Like last year, students are invited to wear their costumes throughout the day
- Proper cloth mask for covid safety needs to be worn at all times.
- No costume masks (faces need to be clearly visible), no blood or gore
- No fake weapons/swords/props of any kind (students will be walking up and down the stairs so for safety reasons please have your child dress accordingly)
- Wear appropriate footwear. No high heels for safety reasons

Parent Logistics

- We are excited to have parents in attendance (outside and in the designated parade route area-please see this [aerial map](#) for the observation area)
- We will start the parade at 8:15am. Grade level order is as follows:
 - Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade
- If weather becomes an issue, we will cancel the outside parent viewing portion of the parade. Students would then only parade inside the school and across the stage.

Additional General Info

- We will video the parade (regardless of weather) and splice the clips together to create a video for students, families and staff to enjoy at home. The video will be uploaded to my YouTube account with a private link for families.
- We will also be sharing the link to the video for classes to watch during their party in their classroom.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a spooktacular day for all of our students! With so many moving parts and so much enthusiasm for the day, patience on all of our parts will be key to make sure it is a success :)

~One Proud Puma, Brian Muñoz

Counselor Corner

Hello Coal Creek Families,

It is already October, and I always find it shocking just how quickly temperatures go from 90 degrees all day to 49 degrees in the morning. I have truly enjoyed seeing you all during hug-n-go in the mornings, thank you all for your hellos, waves, and conversation. Let's get to what will be happening this month at Coal Creek in terms of counseling.

No Place for Hate

We have announced our coalition! We had originally set out to have between 25-30 students, and were blasted with 45 applicants between 4th and 5th grade. We are so excited to get started with our meetings, planning, and discussion around ways to improve our school culture, community, as well as our own selves as we explore what it means to be inclusive and to be able to see strength in our differences.

One thing that we, at Coal Creek, are very excited about, is to be a part of the No Place for Hate annual kickoff. This meeting will be on October 6th, via Zoom, and our coalition will be joining. It will host schools from all around the country, and the coalition will have the honor of hearing Amanda Gorman speak to start the year off. What an amazing opportunity! Remember to keep your eyes posted for future activities planned by the coalition that will be for the school and the community.

SEL Update

Speaking of No Place for Hate, October brings us to bullying prevention month in Boulder Valley School District. This time of year, we have been providing information around what is bullying vs what is conflict and mean behaviors, cyberbullying, being an ally/UPstander, and how to seek out help if the problems can't be resolved on your own. We will continue to discuss this during October, bringing in [Second Step](#) as a universal curriculum for all students to benefit from. All students in BVSD will be getting some form of this curriculum so that all of our students in BVSD can have the same language in dealing with conflict or bullying. You can see the parent letter [here](#).

We have also begun our dive into Zones of Regulation, identifying the zones, and emotions that fall in those zones, and identifying what our behavior may look like in those zones. In our time exploring the Zones, we also have been looking to examine how our behavior may impact others, and how it may affect their zones as well. It has intentionally lead to one of our lessons this month around empathy, which is part of the bullying prevention curriculum.

There is a lot going on around here and I'm so proud of how the students continue to work hard, work together, and push themselves to become better students and leaders in this community. They continue to show resilience day in and day out and seem to flexibly adjust to whatever bumps in the road the day throws at them. If you have any questions or would like to chat with me about concerns for your student(s), please feel free to contact me.

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BOOK FAIRS

Books bring us together!

Coal Creek Fall Book Fair is October 4th-8th all students will attend the book fair one time during their scheduled library day and time.

If you would like to allow your child to purchase books from the fair, you can click the link below to add funds to your child's EWallet account. When they attend the book fair as a class they can purchase books. Any money left over can be spent online or will remain on the students Scholastic EWallet account for the spring.

[Create an EWallet for your child](#)

[Preview books and make a wish list](#) this will help you decide how much to add to your EWallet

If you would like to help your child's teacher purchase books for their classroom and support the CCE library all at once, you can add money to the teacher's EWallet by clicking on the links below.

[Mrs. Buffer's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Bock's EWallet](#)
[EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Swanstrom's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Jones' EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Gurney's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Morreale's EWallet](#)

[Mr. Maron's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Kirby's EWallet](#)

[Mr. Munoz's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Steven's EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Hunter's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Sowash's EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Lepine's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Yost's EWallet](#)
[Mr. McCarthy's EWallet](#)
[Mr. Ostendorf's EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Cauley's EWallet](#)
[Mrs. Eckrode's EWallet](#)

[Mr. Dorr's EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Courson's](#)

[Mrs. Thompson's EWallet](#)

[Mr. Whitton's EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Zuccaro's EWallet](#)

[Mrs. Montoya's EWallet](#)



[Check out Coal Creek's Scholastic Book Fair Home Page](#) to preview this year's books, shop online or for more information.



Class Fees

Please remember to pay your Class Fees on [RevTrak](#) if you have not already done so. These fees help with additional reading supplies (Scholastic Magazines), planners, art supplies, and support the general needs of the classroom).



Attendance Line

Please remember to report your student's tardy/absence through the Parent IC Portal.



Health Room News

Please turn in your student's updated Immunization Records
or
Exemption Forms if you have not already done so.



BVSD School Board Candidate Forum- October 13

Learn more about the candidates running for Boulder Valley School District's Board of Education this November. BVSD will be broadcasting the School Board Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters Boulder County, BVSD District Parent Council and Impact on Education. Watch live on BV22 (Comcast Channel 22 or via livestream at www.bvsd.org/bv22). We will simulcast the forum in Spanish.

PTA News

Happy Fall Coal Creek Pumas!



We are so excited for our adult-only silent disco fundraiser **tomorrow night**, Saturday October 2nd! It will be outside at Steinbaugh Pavilion in downtown Louisville from 7-10pm. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase. After the last year and half of Covid this event will be such a fun and great way to connect with other Coal Creek parents. Not to mention a kid free evening of dancing to 3 amazing dad DJs spinning the 80s, 90s and 00s. Tickets are still available and can be purchased [here](#). If you are not familiar with what a silent disco is check out this [video](#) and get your dancing shoes ready for an amazing night!

Thanks to all who donated to our Jog a thon! The kids did an amazing job, running a total of 4060 laps. We are at 91% of our \$45,000 goal with only \$4000 to go! We have extended the deadline to **October 7th** so you have one week to get that money turned in. Here is our paypal link to submit any donations [here](#). I know we can do it and turn Mr. Munoz, Mr. Dorr and Mr. Maron into ice cream sundaes.



Why do we have fundraisers? What does all this money go to? At Coal Creek almost every dollar we raise goes directly to student enrichment. We pay for retired teachers (not to their retirement fund but for them to work part time) to help pull small groups of students out for literacy or math help. That also helps give the teacher a smaller class size during core subjects. We also help with grade level funding. Allowing teachers to purchase additional materials to enhance learning. In addition we pay for the science fair, spelling bee, garden, air purifiers in all the classrooms, school buses for field trips, and more. We thank you for your donations and support which help make Coal Creek the amazing school it is.

This coming Wednesday, October 6th is **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!** Encourage your students to walk, bike, bus, car pool or even park a few blocks away from the school! The benefits are many. Sometimes called the "world's simplest exercise," walking is [active transportation](#); think of it as an opportunity for regular physical activity. Walking builds community and connects us to our surroundings. Walking is healthful, an antidote to hurry and stress.

Our next Dining for Dollars event will be ALL day **Monday, October 18th at Mudrocks** in Louisville. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner and 15% of your tab will come back to Coal Creek! Mudrock's is located at 585 E South Boulder Rd in Louisville and is a family owned tavern.

Join us for our next PTA member meeting on Thursday November 18th at 8am.
Stay healthy,
Your PTA Board

Join us for the SAC October Adventure Camp!

Who: All Coal Creek Elementary students!

What: A fun filled day full of fall themed activities, games, and crafts! Pack a lunch and snacks will be provided.

Where: Coal Creek Elementary

When: October 18, 2021, 7:30am - 6pm

How: Register online at SchoolCare Works by October 11

Current SAC Families:

<https://connect.schoolcareworks.com/login.jsp>

New to SAC Families:

https://www.schoolcareworks.com/registration/bvsd/start_registration.jsp



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