



July 25, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I hope this letter finds you still enjoying your summer as we are busy preparing for a great year at Independence.

Cherry Creek School District will continue to have our Parent Forms online. We ask all families to complete the on-line forms prior to the first day of school. There is a letter in this mailing with specific information about the online forms. New families will need to set up an account and then enter medical information and emergency phone numbers. Returning families simply need to confirm information already entered. To access the forms, go to my.cherrycreekschools.org/. Your child will have a green checkmark next to his/her name once their forms are updated.

If you do not have access to the internet, we will have a bank of computers available at school on Wednesday, August 9th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Support will be available from a staff member. If you need to utilize our computers, yet you are unable to come during that time, please contact our office.

In order for our students to meet their teachers before school begins, we will be hosting our **Open House and Popsicle Social** on **Thursday, August 10th between 3:30 – 4:30**. You may spend time in the classroom and tour our school between 3:30 and 4:15. Beginning at 4:00, you are invited to join us for a PTCO sponsored Popsicle Social on the playground. This is a great opportunity for students to meet their new teachers and reconnect with other students and families in the Independence community.

Class lists for this year will be posted Thursday afternoon just prior to the Open House event on the front doors as well as near the front office. Families will also receive an email from their child's new teacher prior to Open House.

For families new to Independence this year, we invite you to join us for our **Welcome to New Families** the same day from **3:00 – 3:30** in the library. This will be an opportunity for you to meet some of the Independence staff and for us to welcome you to our community. You will then have an opportunity to meet your child(ren)'s individual teacher in the classroom.

For students in 1st – 5th grade, the **first day of school is Monday, August 14th**. Remember, our school day times have changed to **8:00 – 2:45**. On the first day, our supervision of students will start at 7:45. Students should not arrive at school prior to that time, unless they are eating breakfast in our cafeteria which starts at 7:30 or attending our before school daycare. The first bell will ring at 7:55 with school officially starting at 8:00. We will have signs that indicate where each grade level will line up before school.

The **first day for Kindergarten students will be Wednesday, August 16th**. All incoming Kindergarten will participate in our screening process during an assigned time on August 14th or 15th. If you have not scheduled a Kindergarten screening time, please contact the front office.

After the first day of school, we will follow a new procedure in the morning. Students will no longer be expected to wait in lines on the playground. They can arrive between 7:50 – 8:00 and directly enter the building. We ask that K-1st grade enter through the door near the Kindergarten playground and 2nd – 5th enter through the ramp door by the back parking lot. If students are with a sibling they can enter either door. Students will proceed directly to their classroom where they will have time to put their belongings away and prepare for the day. Our school day will start promptly at 8:00.

If students are having breakfast they can arrive anytime after 7:30, through the front doors, and they will remain in the cafeteria until 7:50 when they move to their classroom.

In an effort to continue to build strong partnerships with our parents, we will be trying something new this year. Instead of the traditional Back to School Night, we will be hosting Family Connection Meetings. The goal of the Family Connection Meeting is for us to make a connection with students' families from the beginning of the year. Your child's teacher will send you an email inviting you to schedule a time to come in and visit. The focus on the conversation will be for us to listen to you. Some sample questions they may ask at these Connection Meetings include:

- What do you want us to know about your child?
- What are your child's assets/strengths, both in and out of school?
- What is important for us to know about your family?
- Tell us your hopes for your child for this year and beyond.

Families are also invited to schedule Connection Meetings with our Specials Teachers or other specialists if you'd like to have an opportunity to visit directly with any of those teachers. We look forward to creating a strong partnership with all of our families.

Since Family Connection Meetings are in place of Back To School Night, we will shift many of those activities such as signing up for extra-curricular or volunteer opportunities to our Open House. We highly encourage all families to attend Open House to get this information.

Here is a list of our grade level teachers for this year:

Kindergarten: Heather Clutter, Aryn Jones, Lisa Robinson, Marsia Ronyak

1st grade: Mary Hood, Jana Johnson, Lexanne Leonard, Lauren Maloney

2nd grade: Shannon Black, Amy Brownlee, Deborah Gonzales, Liz Pearne

3rd grade: Jeff Newcomb, Gwen Osborne, Tim Thomas

4th grade: Kim Brown, Dana Dillard, Charles Kastens, Karin Stanforth

5th grade: Laura Bolton, Dan Halvorsen, April Hrovat

I look forward to seeing all of you as school begins.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Mrs. Lisa Morris
Principal



Upcoming Dates for 2017-2018

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, August 10 th	3:00 – 3:30	Welcome to New Families
Thursday, August 10 th	3:30 – 4:30	Open House/Popsicle Social
Monday, August 14 th	8:00 – 2:45	1 st Day of School (1 st gr – 5 th gr)
Mon/Tues. Aug. 14 th & 15 th	[Scheduled Times]	Kindergarten Screening
Wednesday, August 16 th	8:00 – 2:45	1 st Day of School (Kindergarten)
Wednesday, August 16 th	8:00 – 8:30 am	“Tissues and Treats” (after drop-off for K parents)



June 16, 2017

Cherry Creek Schools Parent Community:

Cherry Creek Schools requires families to update their household and student information each year including emergency contacts, medical, and policy acceptance forms, along with school specific forms. These forms will be made available online beginning July 1, 2017 and are part of the annual check-in processes for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Parents who submitted information last year can save time by accessing the system to review, update, and save information previously stored. Parents can always return to the online forms to update information that may change during the school year (i.e. phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical updates, etc.).

In July you will receive an email informing you that the Parent Online Forms system is ready for 2017-2018 annual check-in. Some important notes about accessing the system:

- 1) You can register and/or login to the system at <http://my.cherrycreekschools.org>.
- 2) Parents who already registered to use the system in prior years will use the same username and password. Parents can change/reset their password at <http://my.cherrycreekschools.org>.
- 3) New parents to CCSD will need to create a username and password to use the system by registering at the Internet address above. To register, parents should have the following information available: *Parent First and Last Name, Birthdate and Student ID* for at least one of their children, and a *Personal Email Address*. Spelling for all personal information must match District Admissions. Student ID Numbers are available on school report cards, as well as original Admissions documents.
- 4) Students and families not yet admitted to Cherry Creek Schools will not have access to the system.

Cherry Creek Schools requires each family to update their student information. Be aware that updating student forms electronically is only part of the check-in process. Each school has additional steps for each student to complete. Check with your school for more information.



16 de junio de 2017

Padres de familia de las escuelas de Cherry Creek:

El Distrito escolar de Cherry Creek requiere que las familias actualicen sus datos cada año, incluyendo contactos en caso de emergencia, datos médicos, formularios de aceptación de las políticas escolares y formularios específicos de la escuela. Estos formularios estarán disponibles en línea desde el 1 de Julio del 2017 y son parte del registro anual para el comienzo del año escolar 2017-2018. Los padres que ingresaron esta información el año anterior, pueden ahorrar tiempo ingresando al sistema para revisar, actualizar y guardar la información previamente almacenada. Los padres pueden ingresar en cualquier momento a los formularios electrónicos para actualizar cualquier cambio que pueda ocurrir durante el año escolar (por ejemplo, números telefónicos, contactos en caso de emergencia, cambios de salud, etc.).

En Julio, usted recibirá un correo electrónico informándole que los formularios electrónicos están listos para el registro anual del 2017-2018. Algunos pasos importantes para entrar al sistema son:

- 1) Usted puede crear una cuenta de usuario y/o ingresar al sistema en el sitio web <https://my.cherrycreekschools.org>
- 2) Los padres que crearon sus cuentas de usuario el año anterior deben ingresar con el mismo usuario (Email) y contraseña (Password). Los padres de familia pueden cambiar/restablecer su contraseña en <https://my.cherrycreekschools.org>
- 3) Familias nuevas en el Distrito Escolar de Cherry Creek (CCSD por sus siglas en inglés) necesitaran crear una nueva cuenta, registrándose en el sitio web antes mencionado. Para crear su cuenta, usted debe de tener disponible la siguiente información: **nombre y apellido del padre, madre o representante legal que está creando la cuenta, fecha de nacimiento y número de identificación del estudiante (Student ID) y una dirección de correo electrónico personal**. Toda la información personal debe coincidir con la información que aparece en el Departamento de Admisión del Distrito. El número de identificación estudiantil está disponible en la tarjeta de calificaciones (Report Card), como también en los documentos originales que le fueron entregados por el Departamento de Admisión.
- 4) Los estudiantes y las familias que aún no han sido admitidos en las escuelas de Cherry Creek no tendrán acceso a este sistema.

Las escuelas de Cherry Creek requieren que cada familia actualice la información de su(s) estudiante(s). Tenga en cuenta que actualizando los formularios electrónicos solo es una parte del proceso de registro. Cada escuela tiene pasos adicionales que deben completarse antes del inicio de clases. Comuníquese con su escuela para obtener más información.