



# RED HAWK RIDGE

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Hello Parents!

Happy Fall! You can definitely feel the change in seasons which means we are in full swing of the school year. At the beginning of every year, we review our safety plans and procedures to ensure the safety of students throughout the day. While learning is a high priority, our top priority is student safety. Each time we do a drill, we learn ways to improve. We also have a school-wide committee that focuses on the safety of students and staff in the building. Each year, we create a REMS (Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools) plan. This is a district expectation. Please see the information below, from the district, regarding REMS and safety.

## Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) in Cherry Creek Schools 2016-17

As a result of funds received from the Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) grant from the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, all leadership and school safety/crisis teams in the Cherry Creek Schools have been implementing this comprehensive school safety model. We have continued to develop updated and effective emergency response plans and procedures that align with state and federal Homeland Security Emergency Management and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Cherry Creek Schools has established responsive partnerships with our community agencies, trained key staff to provide for the emotional impact of a crisis on students and staff, and developed sustainable training materials and crisis response kits for our school safety teams. In 2011, the ERCM process was renamed *Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)* to reflect our continuous proactive approach to school safety. We are committed to continuing this thoughtful and integrated effort with REMS training.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents about new changes to the Cherry Creek School District's website that now give parents needed information about school safety and related issues. The website explains the district's efforts to provide for both the physical and psychological safety of our children, and gives parents links to excellent online resources. This section of the district website continues to be under construction and materials will be updated as needed. You can view the information by going to <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/SafeSchools/Pages/default.aspx> and selecting the Safety & Security Quick Links

September 22, 2016

[www.rhr.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.rhr.ccsd.k12.co.us)

720-886-3800

### Calendar of Events

#### September:

9/22: RHR Math Night/Ice Cream Social

9/22: Free or reduced lunch applications due

9/23: No School-Non contact day

#### October:

10/4 & 10/5: PIN Meeting: Marijuana, Colorado Law, and Your Kids

10/5: Official October Count day

10/13: CCSD Cardboard Challenge

10/13: Retake Picture Day

10/18: Breakfast with our Legislation and Candidates

24 HOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
LINE

720-886-3895



Please remember when your student is going to be absent or late, **you are required to call the attendance line by 9:00 am!** This is a 24 hour open line.

Letting the teacher know is considerate, **calling the attendance line is a requirement!**

**Topics and information include:**

What to Do in the Event of an Emergency

Information about the CCSD Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan

Raptor Visitor Management program

Care Line Information (Revised 2011)

Other Resources, Links and/or Handouts:

Bullying/Harassment

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Crisis Resources

Internet Safety

Parenting

Personal Safety (neighborhood, strangers, etc.)

Violence Prevention

For more information about your school's crisis and safety planning, please contact your school's Principal. For further information about REMS planning in the schools, please contact Randy Cuncell, Director of Safety and Security, 720-554-4489, or Ronald Lee, Psy.D. Mental Health Director, 720-554-4252, co-chairs of the Safe School Design Team for the school district.

Thank you for your support of the district's 2012 bond election in helping us provide training for all staff and making our schools safe for every child!

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our school safety plan.

Our "October Count" day is coming up. It is important that your child attends school on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. This helps determine funding for our school. You will find more information regarding this below.

Enjoy the change of seasons and as always, thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely,

Kait Whitaker

Assistant Principal





## October Count - What you need to know

### OCTOBER STATE COUNT DETERMINES SCHOOL FUNDING

Beginning **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** through **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** is the State Pupil Count window for Colorado schools. The official count day is **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our funding from the state of Colorado is based on the number of students who attend Red Hawk Ridge during this time.

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY DURING THE COUNT WINDOW, especially October 5<sup>th</sup>.** We also ask that students arrive on time and that appointments during the school day be kept to a minimum.

**IF YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS DURING THIS PERIOD, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AT 720-886-3800.**

## A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

The school year is now in full swing and we are sharing more than learning, friends and memories. We are sharing a lot of germs! When we all come back together we tend to see more sick kiddos and staff. How do we help each other stay healthy? Wash your hands!

Washing your hands is easy and fun. Anyone can do it. But if you follow a few simple rules, you have an even better chance of not getting sick.

### Here's how to do it:

1. Make sure the water is warm, not cold or hot.
2. Always use soap and rub your hands together to make bubbles!
3. Make sure to wash under your nails and around your wrist.
4. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. A good way to tell how long it has been is to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice while washing.

When should you wash?

Because germs are so small that you can't see them, it can be hard to know when to wash your hands. That's why it is good to always wash your hands after you do certain things.

### Always wash your hands:

after you use the bathroom;  
before you eat breakfast, lunch, dinner or snacks;  
after you sneeze into your hands or blow your nose;  
after you cough into your hands;  
after playing with a pet;  
after playing outside; and  
after being around a friend or family member who is sick.

### **Spread the word, not the germs!**

Staying healthy takes teamwork. If we all wash our hands, we all have a better chance of not getting sick. Now that you know the right way to wash your hands, why not tell your friends about it too? You could also teach your family about washing their hands and show them the right way to do it. After all, adults need to be reminded about the importance of clean hands too! Help spread the word about washing your hands. Let's be healthy together!

**Donated items for the clinic:** The clinic is in consistent need of supplies. Here are some of those items: winter coats, socks, boots, gloves, Children's Tylenol, Children's Ibuprofen, Halls cough drops, Band aids, and Dixie cups and Kleenex. Please consider donating items to the health clinic.

Professionally,  
Jacki DeGolyer, MSN, RN  
School Nurse



**Lori Fatkin, PTCO President, Michael Wurdeman, Principal  
Kelly Kuper, Treasurer, Vacant, Vice President, Vacant, Secretary**

## **September 2016 Newsletter**

I hope everyone is settling back into the school routine. The children seem eager to be back and see many of their friends and teachers they missed over the summer.

Please join us for our next PTCO Board Meeting Tuesday, October 18<sup>h</sup> 6pm in the Stem room. This is a great way to see what PTCO is all about, plans we are working on for the year and discuss any questions you may have. I hope to see you there!

I would like to thank all the new faces for coming to our last meeting and everyone who has inquired about PTCO and how to get involved. We will be contacting you over the next few weeks to answer your questions and offering ways to help that work for you. Any amount of time you have is needed and appreciated.

While we are still in the learning stages of new changes and ideas, we are a great group of enthusiastic and committed parents wanting the best for all children and our school.

Volunteer opportunities are always available throughout the year. Please feel free to contact me at 303-913-9207 or [lorifatkin@gmail.com](mailto:lorifatkin@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Lori Fatkin  
PTCO President

### **Important Dates**

#### **September 22nd**

Math Night/Ice Cream Social  
5:30 – 7:30

#### **October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Trunk or Treat  
5:30 – 6:45

#### **November 15th**

Board Meeting, 6pm

## SPIRIT WEAR

It's simple and easy to order your Red Hawk Ridge Spirit wear!

Go to : <http://www.amp2print.com/rhr> to order RHR t-shirts or RHR sweatshirts

## WATCH DOGS VOLUNTEERS

WATCH DOGS (Dads of Great Students)!

Get involved. Don't know what to expect?

You will have a schedule to follow when you get to the building, so you will know exactly what to do. Your time will be spent in classrooms with kids, conducting safety checks around the building, and hanging out with kids during lunch/recess. Most of all you will be making connections with our kids and getting a lot of high fives in the process!

Please use the following link to sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044faaac2ba02-watch/>

**\*\*Contact your "Top Dogs," Anne Naccarato and Shannon Holzwarth, at 720-886-3860 for further information or questions.\*\***

Thanks so much,  
RHR Staff

## CAFÉ NEWS -

School meal prices for the 2016-2017 school year:

Breakfast - \$1.85

Lunch - \$3.00

Free and Reduced Meal Applications are available online at:

<https://ccsdcafe.org/> You can also view all lunch menus on this website.



# Fall Break will be a Hoot

## Before and After School Program



Time: 6:30am-6:00pm

Cost: In-House \$30.00 & Field Trip: \$40.00

**10/24 Anderson Farms** — **Bus leaves at 9am.** Field trip 9-3pm. Bring a sack lunch and 2 snacks.

10/25 In-House Day: Harvest Festival Theme — Bring a lunch and 2 snacks.

**10/26 Celebrity Lanes /Park** — **Bus leaves at 9:30am.** Field trip 9:30-2:30pm. Lunch provided.

10/27 In-House Day: Fear Factor Theme with a performance by Magic Rob — Bring a lunch and 2 snacks.

**10/28 Skate City** — **Bus leaves at 11am.** Field trip 11-3pm. Bring a sack lunch and 2 snacks.

Please email or call with any questions.

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# Before and After School Program

## Times:

Before Care 6:30am-9:00am

After Care 3:30pm-6:00pm

## Price:

AM \$8.00

PM \$10.00

Full Day \$30 & Field Trip \$40



Activities include homework club, arts and crafts, dramatic play, science, technology, indoor/outdoor recreational games, health and nutrition, music appreciation, communication skills, cognitive reasoning, building and engineering, fitness, appreciation of diversity and free choice.

Joining in Before and/or After Care has been shown to promote life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, leadership, sportsmanship, and community service.



**Interested in bringing your child(ren) to the Before and After School Program?**

**Email or call us today!**

**Celine Fernandes: [cfernandes@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:cfernandes@cherrycreekschools.org)**

**Sara Milne: [smilne@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:smilne@cherrycreekschools.org)**

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