



COYOTE RIDGE NEWSLETTER

A newsletter for parents and students attending Coyote Ridge Elementary School
Adams 12 Five Star School District

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The address of the school is:

Coyote Ridge Elementary School

13770 Broadlands Drive

Broomfield, CO 80023

OFFICE HOURS: 7:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

ATTENTION

Please make a note of our **phone number 720-972-5780** this will give you the auto attendant and designated extension numbers. You may reach the following programs by dialing 720-972 - and the 4-digit extension number.

Emergency line- 4255 (24 hours a day)

Attendance line 5797

B.A.S.E. Program 5795

Health Clinic 5785

Lunch Program 5790

SSN 5794

Office FAX 5799

Web site:

<http://www.ad12.k12.co.us/coyote/index.html>

DISTRICT CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

You can review all or part of the district curriculum framework by grade level. To access it, start at the district home page address www.adams12.org then click on Learning Services

1. Click on Curriculum and Instruction
2. Click on Curriculum Frameworks
3. Click on the framework you wish to review

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday, September 16 th | All ABC orders due |
| Thursday, September 17 th | No School
Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Friday, September 18 th | No School
District In Service Day |
| Thursday, September 24 th | PTA Ice Cream Social
6:00-7:30 Café |
| Friday, September 25 th | Coyote of the Month
Celebration 1:45 Café |
| Thursday, October 1 st | October Count
Official Student Count Day. Please make every effort to have your child in school on this day. |
| Monday, October 5 th | Picture Retakes |
| Friday, October 9 th | NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-service Day |
| Tuesday, October 13 th | 2 nd Grade to Arvada Center |
| Friday, October 16 th | Newsletter home |

Please note the following District Superintendent Policies regarding attendance per policy 5113. To review the entire Superintendent Policies document please refer to our Parent / Student Handbook.

2.0 Except as otherwise allowed by state law, all children between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17) must enroll in and attend school.

8.0 Tardies and Partial Absences

8.1 A tardy is defined as the student entering a class after the scheduled start time and is considered a disruption to the learning environment. Excessive tardies may result in consequences at the discretion of school officials. (A tardy is less than 10 minutes.)

8.2 A partial absence is defined as a student entering or departing class ten (10) or more minutes from the scheduled start or end time of the class. Partial absences will be determined to be either excused or unexcused according to the same criteria as all other absences.

Coyote Ridge recognizes students with Exceptional Attendance. Students with three or fewer days affected each trimester receive this recognition.

8.4 Excessive partial absences, defined as partial absences in a number that negatively impacts the student's achievement and/or ability to complete make-up work comparable to in-class activities may result in consequences at the discretion of school officials, and may include the initiation of an attendance contract.

6.0 Unexcused Absences

6.1 A student that has four (4) full or partial unexcused absences in one (1) month or ten (10) full or partial unexcused absences in a calendar year is considered habitually truant. If school and/or district intervention efforts fail, sanctions for habitual truancy may include a referral to the Truancy Court of the 17th Judicial District and / or a referral to a social service agency.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to all of the parents for exercising flexibility with our early start time, 7:45. Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:35, (No earlier, please, as supervision does not begin before that time.) They must be in their seats and ready to learn by 7:45. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. will be considered tardy. Arriving on time for school is extremely important for students, as teachers are preparing students for the day's learning. We also would like to discourage parents from pulling their children out of school early as this may also interfere with their learning. Whenever possible, please schedule appointments before or after school hours to reduce interruptions in your child's school day.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Just a reminder, **ALL** visitors and volunteers to Coyote Ridge Elementary must stop at the office and sign in. State law Colorado Statute 18-9-109 is posted on the front entrance to the school. All volunteers must be screened by district prior to volunteering in the classroom. We will have another screening session at Coyote Ridge Thursday September 17th from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you cannot make this session please call our Educational Support Center at 720-972-4000 and ask for the Communication Center, they will set an appointment it only takes about 10 minutes for the screening. Please help us in our efforts to provide a safe environment for all.

Teachers are being asked to have any adult not wearing a visitor or volunteer badge return to the office. Please realize this is simply a reminder for us to know who is in the building at all times.

Also, if you are volunteering in a classroom, please make arrangements for your preschool aged children. Please do not bring them to school with you when volunteering. Preschool children require more supervision and can be distracting to the learning environment. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



PTA DIRECTORIES

PTA membership forms are due by Oct. 1 to be in the directory. Forms are available on the PTA bulletin board in the school lobby. Contact Heather Bell at 303-543-0537 or heather@the-bells.net with any questions.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Thank you to those parents who were respectful and polite when volunteers asked them to use the crosswalks instead of jaywalking. This not only helps us keep everyone safe, it reminds us that we are setting examples for our children on how to follow rules. Thank you for your support and for being a great role model!

Some community members have voiced a concern about where cars are parking near the crosswalk both in the lot and on the street. The Colorado Statute 42-4-1204 states we cannot stop, stand, or park a vehicle in the following prohibited places:

- * Within an intersection (i.e. along street corners);
- * On a crosswalk;
- * At any other place where official signs prohibit stopping (i.e. red line on the side walk)

The statute also states no person shall stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places:

- * Within 20 feet of a crosswalk;
- * Within 30 feet of a stop sign;
- * Within 5 feet of a public or private driveway.

Thank you for your understanding.



WELCOME NEW STAFF

Shannon Slack	- 1st Grade
Sarah Shelnett	- 4 th Grade
Donna Hardy	- Afternoon Technology

REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder, that professional sports attire should not be worn to school, including the Denver Broncos. If your child wears an item with a professional sports team logo of any kind, we will either give him/her a different article of clothing or call home and have the parent bring something else to wear. Thank you for following the district dress code policy. Please read the detailed information about our dress code in you Parent/Student handbook. We are also asking that students refrain from wearing **flip flops** to school. It is difficult to run and play in PE and on the playground in beach shoes. Children tend to trip when going up and down stairs and like to take them off when on the playground. Thank you for your help!

E-GROUP

Please sign up for our e-group if you would like to receive the Coyote Ridge Newsletter via E-mail. Contact Tish Gautney at LeticiaT.Gautney@adams12.org
Or you can call 720-972-5782

WHAT IS OCTOBER COUNT?

Each school year, Colorado school districts are required to certify the pupil membership of the school district to the Colorado State Board of Education. This is how every district receives funding.

Please, make sure your child is in attendance on Thursday, October 1, 2010. The more children we have, the more funding we will receive. Thank you!



POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS For September/October 2009

Dylan	Billinger
Carson	Briggs
Nicole	Cardamone
Bradyn	Chiles
Michaela	Corringrato
Nicole	Guran
Tess	Henningsen
Blake	King
Jackie	Maness
Emma	Mowry
Emily	Sainz
Destiny	Smith

ART NEWS

Square 1 Art is here!
Next month be on the lookout for your child's art. It will be on a free magnet. Square 1 Art is on its way. Funds collected by the PTA will go to your art program. You can order stationery, ornaments, mouse pads and more. Shirts, aprons and tiles are too good to ignore! The deadline for retuning orders will be given when you receive the packet. We hope to have the products you order back for the holidays or they would make a great gift. More information will be posted near the PTA bulletin board. You can order as many as you want. We are using Visual Art Standards 1 Communication, 2 Elements and Principles of Art, and 3 Techniques.

Welcome back to school
The goal of our art class is to find creative ways to meet the district standards for visual arts. The standards are the educational goals we have in mind, when creating an art project. Standard 1: Communication, Standard 2: Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Standard 3: Materials, Tools, Techniques, and Processes. Standard 4: Artists and Cultures. Standard 5: Art Criticism. Most of the art projects will include more than one standard. I like to focus on the principles and elements at the beginning of the year and cultures and criticism later.

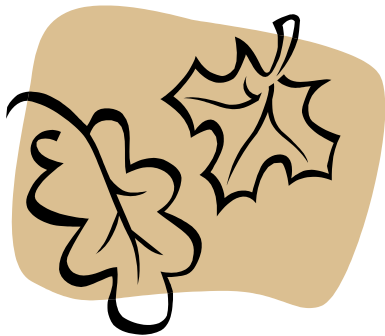
PEANUT ALLERGY

Please be aware we have students at Coyote Ridge Elementary with severe peanut allergies. A recent study showed that in spite of the best efforts of avoidance, children are still likely to accidentally ingest the food to which they are allergic. Allergic reactions can also occur from skin contact. Some students have severe allergic reactions to even the smallest amount of the peanut allergen and because of this; we must take EVERY precaution to avoid the chances for transfer of this allergen. Please be aware that your child's teacher may have asked to eliminate peanut products from the classroom. We also provide a peanut-free table in the lunchroom.

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

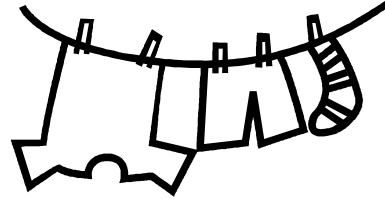
Thank you to our parents who are participating in the Target Take Charge of Education program. When Coyote Ridge Elementary is designated by shoppers, Target donates 1% of purchases made using your REDcard. Coyote Ridge Elementary will use donations for student activities.

Thank you!



COMMUNITY DISPLAY RACKS

Please take time to check our community display racks located by the main entrance of the school. You will find additional information on after school activities offered here at Coyote Ridge, as well as community activities that go on throughout the year.



LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by and check the Lost and Found. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity.

COYOTE RIDGE POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

It is our philosophy that every child should be recognized for the positive contributions made to his/her classroom and school on a daily basis. We have a program called the Coyote Ridge Positive Office Referral. Your child might be "caught doing something positive" and will have the opportunity to come to the office to make a call to a special person (mom, dad, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) We would like families to want to see the school's phone number show up on the caller ID! If your child receives a Positive Office Referral, a phone call home will be made and his/her name will be placed in the school newsletter.

COYOTE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Students that are selected for Coyote of the Month must demonstrate at least one of the eight traits listed below. He/She must also show high academic standards or show noticeable improvement in one or more academic areas. The student may not receive any discipline referrals during the month chosen for the award.

Creative- Utilize innovative approaches that demonstrate problem solving and original thinking

Good Citizen- Demonstrates civic and social responsibility, honor diversity and participate in group interaction

Thoughtful- Develop critical thinking skills and utilize appropriate decision-making strategies

Ethical- Display respect, integrity and trustworthiness

Healthy- Seek a well-rounded lifestyle that displays physical, emotional, and social wellness

Successful- Be self-directed and goal oriented

Productive- Use time efficiently and create quality work

Competent- Demonstrate continual academic achievement

NEWS FROM THE LMC

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back to a wonderful new year at Coyote Ridge! I am very excited about teaching many musical concepts this year...singing, instrument playing, creative self-expression, among other things!

Music in September is based on correct singing posture, mallet techniques, and creative movement. Third grade is beginning the recorder, and all students will be introduced to the instruments of the orchestra with the district's Instrument Music Kit.

I am selling recorders again this year, along with a fun filled instruction book entitled Do It! Play the Recorder that includes a CD. The price for this package is \$12; recorders are \$5 and the instruction book is \$7. You may purchase these items separately. Pick up an order form from Mrs. Harris. Below are details about the items you will receive:

Description of Recorder:

The West Music WM2400 recorder is an ivory three-piece C soprano recorder, with Baroque-English fingering. This recorder has good quality, and includes a bag, cleaning rod, and fingering chart. BEST SELLER!

Description of Do It! Play Recorder Book:

By James Froseth. Soprano recorder method book (student book), with included 99-track CD - great for home practice! It allows students to progress at their own pace.

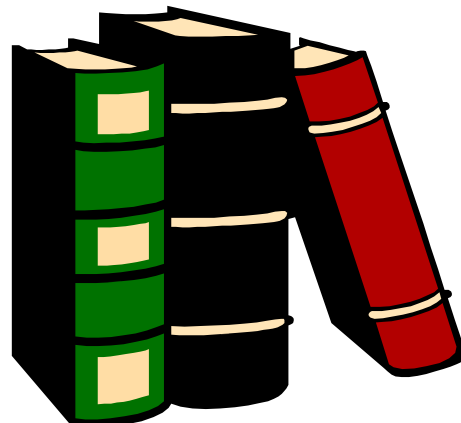
After a brief orientation, all students are independently borrowing many different library resources. We will continue working this school year learning about what is in the library and how to find and use what is right for you!

October is National Read Aloud Month! Be sure to find some time to listen to your child read—they check out many great stories each week! It is so valuable for students to have an audience and, of course, they feel so proud of themselves.

For the fifth year in a row, the Coyote Ridge Elementary Library Program has been designated a High Performing Power Library by the state of Colorado library consortium. This classification is awarded to school library programs that work directly with classroom teachers collaborating, team teaching, supporting curriculum, and integrating information literacy and educational technology. To reach that goal we utilize a flexible schedule that allows students access to materials and resources as they are needed within the school day.

Thank you for your support of the bookfair! It is amazing how quickly it is set up with such hard working volunteers: Lori, McCurdy, Carolyn Lucca, Kim Coringrato, Stacy Ray, Sue Donohoe, Kavitha Submaraniam, Jenny Prosser, Michelle Kidd and Grace Hangartner.

“A good book is like an unreachable itch. You just can't leave it alone.”
Laura Bush



**Coyote Ridge Elementary
CSAP Results
2008**

Third Grade Results

Reading

84% Proficient and Advanced
+ 11 over the state average
+16 over the district average
99% Adequate Yearly Progress (Federal

Requirement)

Writing

71% Proficient and Advanced
+17 over the state average
+23 over the district average
100% AYP

Math

92% Proficient and Advanced
+23 over the state average
+24 over the district average
100% AYP

Fourth Grade Results

Reading

85% Proficient and Advanced
+ 20 over the state average
+22 over the district average
96% AYP

Writing

71% Proficient and Advanced
+20 over the state average
+25 over the district average
99% AYP

Fourth Grade Results

Math

90% Proficient and Advanced
+20 over the state average
+18 over the district average
99% AYP

Fifth Grade Results

Reading

93% Proficient and Advanced
+24 over the state average
+27 over the district average
99% AYP

Writing

75% Proficient and Advanced
+17 over the state average
+24 over the district average
100% AYP

Math

84% Proficient and Advanced
+21 over the state average
+21 over the district average
99% AYP

Science

57% Proficient and Advanced
+12 over the state average
+15 over the district average
99% AYP



CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

A special thank you to Patti Paredes and the enrollment committee, their hard work helped us reduce class sizes.

Our current enrollment is at 559

Class sizes are as follows:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Connell AM	22 students
Mrs. Connell PM	24 students
Mrs. Pries AM	23 students
Mrs. Pries PM	24 students

Third Grade

Ms. Mascarenas	24 students
Ms. Conley	24 students
Mrs. Brisnehan	24 students
Mrs. Brutsch	24 students

First Grade

Mrs. Lucier	21 students
Mrs. Mickelson	22 students
Ms. Woytek	20 students
Mrs. Nolting	20 students
Ms. Slack	19 students

Fourth Grade

Mr. Anderson	21 students
Mrs. Marshall	19 students
Mrs. Robinson	21 students
Mrs. Shelnutt	22 students

Second Grade

Mrs. Muller	27 students
Mrs. Powell	24 students
Mrs. Thompson	26 students
Mrs. Kincaid	24 students

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Jarvis	25 students
Mrs. Wheeler	29 students
Mrs. Swensson	28 students

When to Keep Your Child at Home

How can we limit the spread of H1N1 virus (swine flu)?

The most important thing is to keep sick people away from healthy people. So if your child is sick, you must keep your child home. Staying home when sick stops the spread of the flu and helps the sick person get well.

Answer these questions every morning before sending your child to school or daycare:

1. Does your child have a **fever** (100° F or 37. 7°C)? If you don't have a thermometer, feel your child's skin with your hand. If it is much warmer than usual your child probably has a fever.
2. Does your child have a **sore throat, cough, runny nose, body aches, vomiting, or diarrhea**?

If you answered "yes" to either one or both questions above, your child might have the flu. Keep your child home from school until the symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever lowering medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen,

When should my child go to the doctor?

Call your health care provider if your child is ill enough that you would normally see a health care provider. Use the same judgment you would use during a normal flu season. If you would not usually see a health care provider for the symptoms your child has now, you do not need to see a health care provider.

Calling all Amateur Photographers!

We need at least one parent or a team of parents in each classroom to volunteer to provide photos of the children in your classroom for the 2009-2010 Coyote Ridge Yearbook.

Candids of children learning, on field trips, class parties, events, recess, etc.

If you are willing to provide photos in a digital format, please send in the attached form to your classroom teacher.

Thanks so much for helping create a fantastic yearbook!

Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

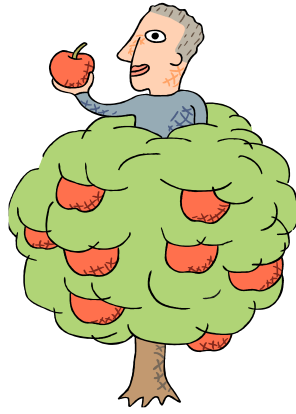
Contact info:

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Email [Cindie Reddington](mailto:redgirls@comcast.net) at redgirls@comcast.net



Coyote Ridge Tree of Learning

- Help our teachers pay for supplies used in classrooms for our kids
- Teachers spend on average \$458 of their own money for classroom supplies
- Supplies directly benefit our children's education

- Each teacher writes requested item on apple or leaf
- Staff puts apples on tree located across from Music Room
- Parent picks an apple, buys the item and give item **and** apple to teacher
- Teacher will put apple back on tree with new request

This is a fun and inexpensive way to assist teachers and staff!

If you have any questions, please email Lisa Fatovic – cololisa@comcast.net

Here's how it works:

- Each teacher will receive a laminated apple or leaf on which he or she writes down an item he or she wants or needs for the classrooms or requests a gift certificate to local school supply or area stores to purchase school supplies.
- The apples/leaves will then be placed on the "Tree", which is located in the hall across from the music room.
- If you see an item that you would like to supply, simply remove the apple/leaf and purchase the item, then bring the item and the apple/leaf to the teacher or school office.
- Because the teachers will have a limited number of apples/leaves that they can put on the tree at any given time, we have asked them to continue putting up apples/leaves throughout the year as needed.