



West Jefferson Elementary School News

August 2018

Calendar of Events

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Main Phone

303.982.2950
Attendance

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West Jefferson
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West Jefferson
Elementary School
26501 Barkley Rd.
Conifer, CO 80433

August

1	Registration 9-3
2	Registration 7-3
3	Registration 9-3
6	Registration 10-7
15	Watermelon Welcome 4-5:30pm (Meet Teacher/Drop off Supplies)
16	First Day of School –Meet teacher by sign between 8:35 and 8:45 am
23	BAM Meeting 4:30pm
24	Assessment Testing (Not a regular school day. Students only attend during their allotted timeslot.)
27	Assessment Testing (Not a regular school day. Students only attend during their allotted timeslot.)
30	Curriculum Night 5:30-7:00pm



September

3	Labor Day- No School
6	PTA Meeting 4:00 pm

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September

13	Health & Wellness Meeting 4:00 pm
	Watch DOGS Kickoff-6:00-7:00 PM
20	BAM Meeting 4:30pm
	Fall Picture Day
21	Teacher Training Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

From the Office

If you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom or around the school, please come in and see Patty in the office to fill out a **Background Check** form.

Please remember that you **can pay for fees and field trips ON-LINE** through Jeffco Connect now and throughout the year! This is much easier for us and you, plus you get a receipt!

Speaking of **Jeffco Connect**... it is VERY IMPORTANT that you keep all contact information, mailing information and emergency contact phone numbers as current as possible. You will also want to be sure that you are signed up to receive emails for General Information. In this way, you will be sure to get the most current information from us.

Our **Attendance Number** has changed: Please call **303-982-2967** as soon as you know your child won't be coming to school. If you can call by 9:00 am, it will significantly improve efficiency and safety for all. We call on every child who is marked absent to be sure that all students are accounted for as soon as possible. The less calls we have to make, the quicker we can track down any students that have not shown.

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.



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Assessment Days

Our Assessment Days will be here before we know it. This is a rare opportunity to have teachers meet with 4-5 students at a time and do very important tests to be sure we are meeting your child's needs. This year, our Assessment Days are on August 24th and 27th. Please pick one slot on only one day for your child. You will need to drop off and pick up your child as there will be no bus service and no breakfast or lunch will be served. Once you know your child's teacher's name, please sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-fall5>

Protein Snacks

We are very fortunate to be able to continue with our Protein Snacks for at least the 1st half of the year. Thanks again to the Tiny Town Foundation for their financial donation to start this wonderful and fun program. On the first school day of each week, we provide a protein snack to all students and staff. Usually this is about one hour after the start of the day. Students get a choice or can opt-out (this is rare!). Last year we provided a variety of choices each week. Some of these included cottage cheese, plain sea-salted popcorn, cheese sticks, beef jerky, veggies and hummus, almonds, slim jims and a few other items. We are trying to stretch our money to make it last for the whole year and you can help. You can make a donation to our Protein Snack fund or if you are shopping at Costco or Sams, you could pick us up some of the following: Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Plain Sea-Salted Popcorn, cheese sticks, almonds or 3 or 5 oz. cups. We would appreciate your support!



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Expeditionary Learning (EL)

As you have probably heard by now, we are implementing a new Reading and Writing curriculum this year. The new curriculum is very closely aligned with our beliefs and training around empowering students to be leaders of their own learning. The 3 main components of EL Education are as follows:

- Mastery of Knowledge and Skills
- Character
- High-Quality Student Work

The Vision and Mission of EL Education is as follows:

When students and teachers are engaged in work that is challenging, adventurous and meaningful, learning and achievement flourish. Our mission is to create classrooms where teachers can fulfill their highest aspirations, and students achieve more than they think possible, becoming active contributors to building a better world.

This aligns closely with our work around readers' and writers' workshop, increasing text complexity, increasing exposure to multiple texts (volume of reading), our work with social emotional learning, our efforts to bring more people into our school from our community and to connect more with the community, and our ongoing efforts to increase students engagement and ownership of their learning!

There are 4 Modules, each about 9 weeks long. Each Module is focused on a specific content or topic that students explore in-depth. The first Module for each grade are as follow:

Kindergarten: Building Literacy in a Collaborative Classroom: Toys and Play

1st Grade: Tools and Work

2nd Grade: Schools and Community

3rd Grade: Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far

4th Grade: Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers

5th Grade: Stories of Human Rights

You can get all of our curriculum information you might want or need by visiting the website:

<https://curriculum.education.org/>

Our Conferences are set for after the 1st Module is complete, and we are looking forward to sharing your child's work with you.

- Ballet • Poms
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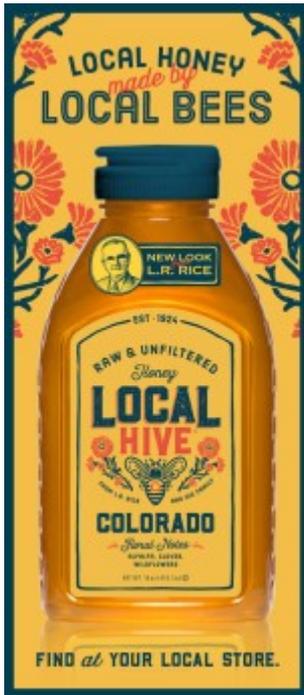
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Election Forum



In August the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education will decide whether to ask our community for additional local school funding on the November ballot. Though specifics aren't determined, it is likely voters will be asked for school funding in the following ways:

A **mill levy** would significantly support Conifer's efforts to provide a quality education experience for **ALL** students in a caring learning environment. Our continued success is dependent on our ability to recruit and retain highly qualified and caring teachers that make a difference every day in the lives of our students.

(<https://jeffco.ss12.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627965&pageId=3976833>)

A **bond** would directly support Conifer Schools' ability to provide innovative learning opportunities in state-of-the-art facilities that provides a safe and welcoming atmosphere. Better facilities inside our buildings as well as outside will lead to more opportunities for our students, families and greater Conifer community.

(http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/facilities/facility_facts)

There will also be a statewide school funding item on the November ballot -- **Amendment 73**. Is a proposed income tax that would affect incomes above \$150,000 per year and "C" Corporations. If Amendment 73 is passed in November, Jeffco Public Schools would receive an increase in funding with a possibility of up to \$1,600 additional funding per student.

(http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/about/superintendent/future_funding_for_jeffco_public_schools/what_is_amendment_73)

This would be a huge support of our intentions to keep class sizes small at the elementary level, allow for current technologies to be in the hands of our kids to be sure our classrooms are helping prepare our kids for their future.

Consider the needs of our current and future students as you research these ballot initiatives.

We invite you to join us for a ballot initiative forum at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 8th in the Conifer High School Cafetorium. I am so thankful for the unconditional support of our mountain communities.

Crayola Recycling Program



Dear Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around West Jefferson Elementary, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!

Sincerely,
Wendy Woodland
Principal

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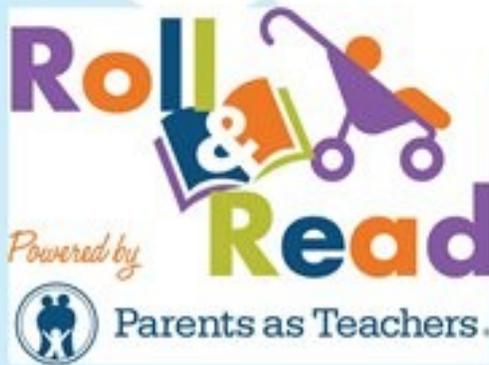
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Our Mountain Town's FREE Literacy Celebration!

Walk, bike, skate, push a stroller or pull a wagon through Heritage Grove – visiting different booths, hosted by free community resources.

When: August 4th, 2018 from 10:00am – 1:00 pm

Where: Hiwan Museum @ Hiwan Heritage Park
28473 Meadow Dr. Evergreen

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Receive assignments daily	Work at the same site daily	Work at the same site daily
Monday – Friday	Typically Monday - Friday	Typically Monday-Friday
Weekends and holidays off	Paid time off on Holidays	Paid time off on Holidays
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For More Information Call:

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Arvada West High School – July 24, 1:30pm
Standley Lake High School – July 25, 1:30pm
Lakewood High School – July 30, 1:30pm
Wheat Ridge High School – August 1, 1:30pm
Conifer High School – August 2, 10:00am
Evergreen High School – August 2, 1:00pm
Chatfield High School – August 7, 1:30pm
D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School – August 8, 1:30pm
Alameda Jr/Sr High School – August 9, 1:30pm

*Please bring two (2) forms of identification.

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