



Friday Note

MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT
THE MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROVIDES AN
ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL CHILDREN WILL LEARN AND SUCCEED

<http://mitchell.jeffcopublicschools.org>

The Mitchell Friday Note is an important place to be sure you have the current information about what's happening in our school.

A Note From The Principal

We are looking forward to another great year with our Mitchell students and families! A very special welcome our newest Mustangs into the Mitchell community, so glad you are here.

School leaders have, and will continue to, engage with district leadership regarding how to best welcome back both staff and students. Our staff leadership team will be meeting next week to start to make decisions regarding processes, procedures and structures to support both in-person and remote learning. While safety and health continue to be our top priorities, we also maintain our commitment to connect today to transform tomorrow for each Mitchell student.

If you follow us on Twitter @Golden_Mustangs, you will see a note about a special honor awarded to Mitchell Elementary this week.

I am committed to partnering with all of our families as we move through this unique school year; looking forward to sharing more information each week!

~Janellle Nelson-Gardner





Mitchell Elementary was named Best School in Golden from Colorado Community Media. This is an incredible honor and Mitchell is proud to be part of a great community like Golden!



Mitchell Updates about Start of School:

- Mitchell Students will engage in remote learning from August 24th-September 4th. During that time students will engage in orientation activities, look for upcoming information about what this will look like in future Friday Notes.
- On September 8th, school will be operating with a 100% remote and a 100% in-person model.
- Remote learning numbers are not finalized yet, and families still have time to choose the option they are most comfortable with. Once the numbers are in, we will determine what resources we have to facilitate remote learning at Mitchell and within the Golden Area. There is a chance that a remote learner might have a teacher from a different school in Golden facilitating their learning.
- In person students will be placed in cohorts with other students they will learn, play, attend art/music/PE and eat with. This limits both staff and student exposure.
- In person staff and students will be required to wear masks.
- All staff and students will be screened and temperature checked before entering the building each day.
- Class lists will be released at the end of the week of August 17th.
- Please access the **updated** Restart Plan ([click here](#)) if you haven't already read it. It is full of important details about the start of the school year.

FAMILY SURVEY

Even if you filled out the **Restart Survey** earlier this summer, please use the link below to update your preference for your student(s) on the mode of learning for them for the school year. This survey has been updated based on the revisions to the updated Restart Plan. The deadline to fill this out is August 7th. There will most likely be a time frame to change if you decide to and certain checkpoints through the year as well, but it will not be totally fluid---to move whenever from Remote to In-Person (or vice versa). You can access the link to the survey here [Updated Fall 2020 Learning Preference](#) or complete the survey from the district website.

Playground

One of the great things about our Jeffco facilities is that they are often shared with the neighborhoods and utilized during off hours. A quick reminder, all playgrounds, fields, and facility grounds are 'closed' at this time for health and safety. Additionally students and families will not be able to use the playground before or after school as we do not have access to supervision and appropriate cleaning outside of school hours. The only exception to this will be a contract with our RedRocks School Age Care. Thanks for your help in this matter!



Supplies



As you may have read in the updated Restart Plan, students are expected to wear masks at all times when in classrooms, moving through hallways, and entering the building. Jeffco has purchased a reusable mask for every student in our building, which students will receive on their first day of in-person learning. Mitchell will also be providing a second reusable mask for each student. Many families have asked about other supplies needed to start the year. Our teachers will be sharing grade-level supply lists in their

early communication and we will link those on the website when they return in mid-August. If you are eager to purchase anything for your student now, students can have a water bottle with a removable cap that they can refill throughout the day. We will also be placing containers of disinfecting wipes on every classroom's supply list as we have not been able to secure a large bulk order of these for our school. At this time, please don't purchase more than 2 per student.



Happy Trails!

We wanted to share that our Social Worker Monika VanderStek and our Learning Specialist Tina Glass will be moving on to new adventures. We wish both of them the very best, they will be missed!

Dear Mitchell Community,

I am writing with mixed emotions to let you know that I have accepted a position as the Ralston Valley Area Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach/Sierra Elementary SEL Specialist for the 2020-2021 school year. I have cherished my last 12 years at Mitchell as the Social Worker, and am honored to have been part of the Mitchell community for so long. I have grown both personally and professionally through my interactions with staff, students, family, and community members, and feel privileged to have been able to walk alongside so many of you - thank you! I am fortunate to be able to bring the amazing experiences that I have gained from Mitchell to support the Ralston Valley Area with implementing SEL practices. Thank you again for this opportunity. I will be collaborating with the Mitchell staff to support a successful transition process. I wish you all the best in the upcoming school year.

Warmly, Monika VanderStek

Information is ever-changing from our district and our health partners. Please continue to be flexible as we move forward together.



Please don't hesitate to call the office with any questions 303.982.5875 or go onto our website <http://mitchell.jeffcopublicschools.org> for up to date school information.

After-School Clubs

So many of our afterschool clubs are offering virtual ways for students to engage and be creative. Refer to the links below to get more information and sign your student up.

Sticky Fingers Cooking

<https://stickyfingerscooking.com/school-programs/online>

Tae Kwon Do

<https://zoom.us/j/88488854854>

Snapology

<https://bit.ly/enrollinsnap>