



Friday Note

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@Golden_Mustangs

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



Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. Hopefully your summers offered a break in routine and included adventures near or far. Our teachers will return next week to begin setting up classrooms and planning together. I'd like to extend a special welcome to our newest Mustangs, those entering kindergarten and those just joining us this year from other schools- we are so glad you are here!

As we transition back to school, please take note and plan for our school start and end times. We will open the doors at 8:30AM to students. Instruction will begin at 8:45AM (when the tardy bell rings). We will dismiss at 3:35 PM (3:25 PM for kindergarten students). There is more information about arrival and dismissal in the PTA Family Handbook as well as below.

There are lots of ways to be involved and volunteer throughout the school year, either in your child's classroom, with a PTA program, or the school at large. Keep an eye out for some of those here in the Friday Note. We are looking forward to another great year of collaborating to serve our mustang learners and celebrate many successes along the way.

~Janelle Nelson-Gardner

Meet & Greet

Mitchell will host our annual opportunity for students and families to come meet their teachers and drop off supplies on Monday, August 14th from 4:00-5:00pm. We will have staff on hand to help students find their classroom and/or teacher. Teachers will be in the classrooms ready to show students where to put items and where they will begin their learning on the first day. School supply lists can be found on the Mitchell website. We are asking that families try to come between the following times to help alleviate crowding. Last names between A-L 4:00-4:30 and last names between M-Z 4:30-5:00.



School Lunch

Students can bring a lunch from home or receive a school lunch in the cafeteria. Colorado voters passed a measure to allow all public school students to receive a free school lunch this school year. While school lunches are free, completing a Meal Benefits Application can help our school receive federal funding for materials, fees, and field trips. Families can check out the [School Cafe Website](#) for the Meal Benefits Application as well as lunch menus and more.

New Staff

We would like to share that we are welcoming a few new staff members



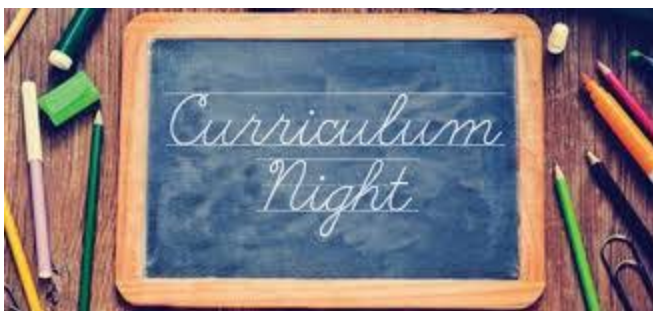
our team this year, feel free to join us in welcoming them to the Mitchell community.

- Ms. Jennifer Sierra- 3rd grade
- Ms. Marilyn Allen- Assistant Principal
- Ms. Gabrielle Galvarro- Special Education
- Mr. Curtis Westbrook- Music

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Curriculum Night

Join us for our annual curriculum night on August 30th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please access a school-wide video message that will be linked here in the next couple of weeks and posted on our school website. Teachers will also host two in-person sessions for adults to engage between 6:00-6:25 and 6:30-7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!



First Day for Kindergarten Students

To support the transition to kindergarten, we schedule a staggered start for our youngest learners. Students whose last name starts with A-L will attend for ½ of the day on August 15th and dismiss at 12:45.

Students whose last name starts with M-Z will attend for ½ the day on August 16th and dismiss at 12:45. Immediately following this dismissal, the kindergarten team will host a brief orientation in the Mitchell Library at 1:00.

All kindergartners will attend on August 17th. Please see the [attached letter](#) with additional information from the kindergarten team.

A Message about the Golden Gallop

The Golden Gallop has been a beloved race by many of our Mitchell families. Hosted by the Golden Schools Foundation to support schools within the Golden Area. Mitchell would love to have the participation trophy return to our school this year. The Golden Schools

Foundation supports Mitchell in many ways including art partnerships, additional curriculum resources, and technology support. This year's race can be run virtually or in-person to allow for lots of participation. Click on [this link for an informational and race sign up.](#)





Arrival & Dismissal

Here are some helpful reminders to make arrival and dismissal run smoothly for everyone.

DOs	DON'Ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pull all the way forward in the 'yellow curb zone' ● Use the crosswalk and cross at corners with sidewalks. ● Students should exit cars on the right next to the sidewalk. ● Families and students walking or riding bikes use the 'horseshoe' sidewalk all the way around the bus zone. ● Students and families should walk scooters and bikes while on campus. ● Keep head and eyes up when entering drop off zones to watch for safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Get out of your car in the Hug & Zone, instead find a spot to park in a space. ● Cross the busy parking lot or the drive ● Students shouldn't exit cars on the left as there are often two lanes of traffic. ● Cross in front of the bus zone and traffic in the middle of the parking lot. ● Park on the drive next to Temp 3 in the back, students and families need to access bikes and the sidewalk at the end of the day.

First Days

We are eagerly looking forward to the first day of school. Adults are able to walk their student to their classrooms for the first week by simply coming inside, saying a quick goodbye at the classroom door, and then heading on their way for the day. We are always happy to help students who might need a little TLC if needed. After the first week, students need to enter their building on their own. Adults who have a meeting or are volunteering will need to check in at our new front entrance.



Class Assignments

Families can log into Jeffco Campus Parent Portal to see students' class assignments after 3:30 today, Friday August 11th. Staff will be on hand at Meet & Greet as well as the first day of school to assist students arriving to class.



Crossing Guard Volunteers

If you would like to sign up to help be a crossing guard for either the front or back of the school, please sign up on our school website for one or more days. The time commitment is roughly 30 minutes each day you sign up.

[Rubey Dr.](#)

[Cheyenne St.](#)

Mitchell Website Update

Thank you to the parents, staff, and community members who provided feedback on our school website! Our district web development team is hard at work building our new school website that will have alignment with district and other school websites. Our content priorities were curated over the summer and we hope to see the new site in September.



PTA Corner

The PTA has put together a handbook for new families that can answer many of the initial questions you might have. You can reference that [handbook here](#).



Important Dates

August 14th	Meet & Greet 4-5pm 4:00-4:30 Last Names A-L 4:30-5:00 Last Names M-Z
August 15th	First Day of School! *Kindergarteners only attend ½ day on their assigned day (August 15th or August 16th)
August 17th	PTA Second Cup of Coffee 8:45 AM

August 25th	Modified Contact Day - See individual Teacher's signups on the Mitchell Website
August 30th	Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 PM

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.

Golden Area Kitchen Staff Needed

Many other schools in the Golden area are looking for additional kitchen staff. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please access this [informational flier](#).

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What? DOES YOUR JEFFCO STUDENT(S) NEED HELP GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR?
The Action Center has free school supplies!
If your student does not attend Jeffco Schools, please call 211 for other resources

When? **AUGUST 2-5 / 7**
Everitt Middle School
3900 Kipling St.
Wheat Ridge

AUGUST 2023	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
MON 7				

How? **APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

- Appointments are required, limited quantity per day
- Appointment Bookings open July 1st
- theactioncenter.org/events (fastest/easiest method)
- Can't book online? Call 720-407-6680 and leave your name and number. You will receive a call back to book over the phone.

Where? **EVERITT MIDDLE SCHOOL**
3900 Kipling St. Wheat Ridge
Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment.

REACH OUT IF YOUR FAMILY HAS OTHER NEEDS

The Action Center offers free groceries, free clothing, benefits enrollment, rent and utility assistance, and more.

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