



# Friday Note

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

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

## 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.



## Beginning Of Year Assessments



Friday, August 25th and Monday, August 28th have been scheduled for our Beginning of the Year Assessments. Teachers use the information on these assessments to plan instruction and interventions and extensions. Students in Kindergarten- 4th grade will sign up by appointment for individual testing times. 5th grade students will attend Friday morning only. Please look for information from your child's teacher next week about what this will look like for your student.



## 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.

## 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.

## **Mitchell Elementary School nurses and health aide welcome your students back to school for the 23/24 school year!**

### **News from the Health Room**

Please bring the appropriate paperwork along with any medication(s) your student will need at school this year. We do not have any medication in the health room except what you provide. This includes Ibuprofen/Advil, Tylenol, cough drops, etc. All over-the-counter medications must be in an original container. All prescription medications must have a pharmacy label, even if self-carrying (inhalers or EpiPens). We cannot accept any EXPIRED medications.



[Medication Agreement](#)-This form is necessary for any medications (except asthma medications and allergy/anaphylaxis medications- those are on the following state forms) your student will keep at school. Requires a care provider and parent/guardian signature.

[Allergy State Form](#)-This form is necessary for any food allergies. If your student requires emergency medications and/or an antihistamine, such as Zyrtec or Benadryl, this one form is all that is needed. Even if your student will self-carry their medication, please provide this form signed by the care provider and a parent/guardian.

[Asthma State Form](#)-This form is necessary for any asthma rescue inhalers, even self-carry. Requires a care provider and parent/guardian signature.

Please email the nurses or health aide if you have any questions.

Thank you,

District Nurses

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

## 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 updated [handbook here](#).

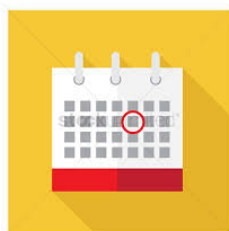
Please join us on August 17th at 8:45am for the PTA's 2nd Cup of Coffee outside the front entrance. You'll be able to ask all of your Mitchell questions, learn about PTA volunteer opportunities, and meet other Mitchell families. We'd love to see you there!

### **Mitchell School Garden**

Love gardening? Want to get involved with the Mitchell School Garden this year? We plan to



get the Recess Garden Club up and running right away and our pumpkin patch (seeds planted by the kids during Recess Garden Club last spring) is coming along nicely and should be in good shape for an Autumn Festival at the end of October, so there will be all sorts of volunteer opportunities for your green thumbs (and even those not-so-green thumbs!). Please email the Garden Leader, Alexa Metrick, at [mitchellptagarden@gmail.com](mailto:mitchellptagarden@gmail.com) to be notified of volunteer opportunities and the time and place of our first meeting in September!



## Important Dates

August 14th	<p>Meet &amp; Greet 4-5pm  <b>4:00-4:30 Last Names A-L</b>  <b>4:30-5:00 Last Names M-Z</b></p>
August 15th	<p><b>First Day of School!</b>  *Kindergarteners only attend ½ day on their assigned day (August 15th or August 16th)</p>
August 17th	<p>PTA Second Cup of Coffee  8:45 AM</p>
August 25th	<p>Modified Contact Day  - See individual Teacher's signups on the Mitchell Website</p>
August 30th	<p>Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 PM</p>

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](#).

## IN SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for an in-class volunteer opportunity with your kids?

ELF (Environmental Learning for the Future) is a completely volunteer-run, supplemental, hands-on science program. Each classroom has 5 two-hour sessions throughout the year and each session consists of 4-5 interactive centers. That's where you come in! Parents run the interactive centers with small groups of students who rotate through the centers. You don't need to commit to every session; even if you can only make one, your time is much appreciated! Time commitment includes the 2-hour session and about 30 minutes of prep-time per session as you read over the center outline and watch short training videos. Parents, students and teachers all love ELF!

If you are interested in being involved with ELF, **please click the link below to sign up!** If you are also interested in being class coordinator, please check that box at the bottom of the form. Thanks!



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ELF  
2023 - 2024  
ADAPTATIONS

