



# Friday Note

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

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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.*

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone in the Mitchell community for a fantastic first week of school! It is an exciting time to make new friends, connect with others, and all make efforts in building relationships that support our shared goal of student growth and learning.



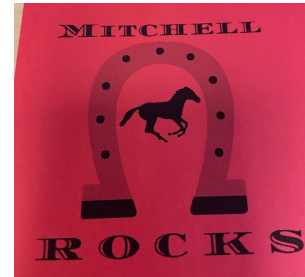
## Beginning Of Year Assessments

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 about what this will look like for your student.



## Mitchell ROCKS

This week and next week students spend time reviewing and learning about Mitchell ROCKS in their classrooms, the playground, the Dining Room, and other spaces around the school. Students are sharing with each other and their teachers what it looks like to be a learner and classmate in those spaces. Soon students will bring home some of their learning in a booklet or a matrix and share it with you. We love seeing examples of Mitchell ROCKS all around our campus!



## 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!



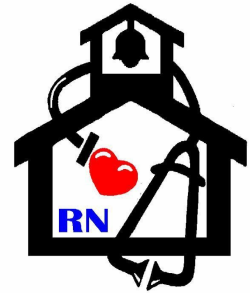


## City of Golden Update

Thanks to the feedback and support from our community at large including Mitchell families and the school, the City of Golden was awarded \$1.2 million from CDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program to fund the North Ford Complete Street Project. The project includes improvements to Ford Street, Tucker Gulch Trail, and Cressman Gulch Trail. So exciting to be a part of increasing accessibility, and safety as our community enjoys these outdoor spaces.

## 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>



## 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.](#)

## PTA Corner

**Load the Lounge is back!** This year we are gathering donations for the staff lounge by grade level. First up to load the lounge for our wonderful staff are FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES! Please sign up at this [link](#) (including a new venmo option where we do the shopping and drop off!) and drop off your donation between 8:20-8:45 on August 29th or 30th at the front of the school where a volunteer will collect your donation and bring it to the staff lounge. Thank you for supporting our wonderful teachers and staff!

**Calling all 3rd Graders and Their Families!!** Come join us at 4:00 on Thursday, August 24th at New Loveland Mine Park for an Ice Cream Social. We didn't get to participate in this Kindergarten tradition so let's do it now and celebrate moving up to the top floor! We will have ice cream cups with toppings and some allergy-friendly treats. Hope to see you there!



### **Back Together!      Mitchell Movie and Dance Party**

Mitchell's Big Front Lawn

Wednesday, September 13th; 5-8pm

\*\* 5pm: DJ dance party

\*\* 6:30pm: Movie (showing Luca, a 2021 Pixar movie)

Hosted by the Mitchell PTA and its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee this is a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, too! Food trucks from Moontime Crepes and Super Smash Burger will be on-site, or bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy - plus we'll have classic movie concessions for sale! See you there!

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](#).

### **Mitchell's School Directory through Directory Spot**

The school does not distribute class lists, however the PTA sponsors a school-wide directory and app. If you haven't already joined the PTA family directory in previous years, please use this [link](#) to provide your information and receive access (may take 1-2 days to receive the emailed invitation). Once you receive the emailed invitation, you can access the directory through your browser or by downloading the DirectorySpot app.

If you are already a part of the directory, please log-in through a browser and update your child/children's grade and teacher. [Here](#) is the directory spot log-in page (also where you reset passwords).

Any questions can be directed to Allison Ridenour at [amridenour@gmail.com](mailto:amridenour@gmail.com)



### **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

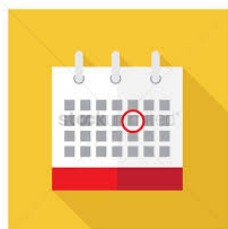
consists of 4-5 interactive centers. That's where you come in! Parents run the interactive centers with small groups of students who rotate through the centers. You don't need to commit to every session; even if you can only make one, your time is much appreciated! Time commitment includes the 2-hour 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!**

Thanks! <https://forms.gle/htUXNYyZQ6EkaZLBA>

## 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 25th	Modified Contact Day - See individual Teacher's signups on the Mitchell Website
August 30th	Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 PM
September 4th	No School- Labor Day
September 5th	School Picture Day

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](#).