



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.

Golden Schools: Teacher Recognition Award

Every year, the Golden Schools Foundation (<http://goldenschoolsfoundation.org/>) awards two Golden-area teachers with a Teacher Recognition Award ([click here for past winners](#) including 6 Mitchell teachers as past winners). They receive \$1,000 to spend in their classrooms, and a beautiful crystal apple to recognize them for their amazing contributions to our schools. Golden Schools Foundation is currently accepting nominations from parents, students, principals or other staff members. **Nominations are due April 2, 2024.**



[Click Here for the Golden Schools Foundation - Online Teacher Recognition Form 2024](#)

Please take a few minutes to nominate a teacher today! They will receive a copy of your nomination letter, and it's a wonderful way to let them know how much you appreciate their dedication.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Ebetino at jennifer.ebetino@gmail.com, Mitchell Elementary's representative on the Golden Schools Foundation Board.

Our Community: Our Legacy

Conversations with Jeffco's Superintendent

Join Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Tracy Dorland to engage in conversation with your community to discuss districtwide topics and those specific to your area. This 90 minute conversation is open to the public and will focus on family and community feedback.

Golden & Wheat Ridge

Wednesday, April 17

Wheat Ridge High School | 5:30-7:00 p.m.



Conversation Hosted by:

Tracy Dorland
Superintendent,
Jeffco Public Schools

Therese Rednor
Wheat Ridge representative,
District Accountability Committee



View the schedule & learn more:
www.jps.click/convos



2nd Grade Music Performance

The 2nd graders are working hard on their upcoming music program called Bugz Picnic. It will be on Thursday, April 11th at 5:30pm in the Mitchell Gym. Students should show up at 5pm to get into their costumes and take attendance. Be on the lookout for a costume letter in Friday Folders.





School Accountability Committee

SAC serves as an advisory body to support our school’s shared leadership model. All are welcome! We have quarterly meetings to discuss and gather input around school improvement priorities and strategies and more. The next SAC meeting will be Tuesday, April 16th at 3:45 in the Mitchell Library. On the agenda this time:

- Review Mitchell Survey Data
- Approve Student Fees for 24-25 school year

Every spring students across the state participate in CMAS testing to align practices and measure progress of learning initiatives. At Mitchell we use state testing data, along with other



student learning data, to share individual student progress as well as to make instructional decisions for our student population. Below are the dates students will be testing in grades 3-5. Please help us ensure your child is at school these days (unless they are sick), and use this information to plan appointments and travel arrangements.

April 2

5th Grade Math (am)
3rd Grade ELA (am)
4th Grade ELA (am)

April 3

5th Grade Math (am)
3rd Grade ELA (am)
4th Grade ELA (am)

April 4

5th Grade Math (am)
3rd Grade ELA (am)
4th Grade ELA (am)

April 9

5th Grade Math (am)
3rd Grade Math (am)
4th Grade Math (am)

April 10

5th Grade Math (am)
3rd Grade Math (am)
4th Grade Math (am)

April 11

5th Grade Math (am)
3rd Grade Math (am)
4th Grade Math (am)

April 16

5th Grade Science (am)

April 17

5th Grade Science (am)

April 18

5th Grade Science (am)

PTA Corner

Calling all 1st grade AND Kindergarten families! It's your turn to **Load the Lounge** for the Mitchell teachers and staff! To make it easy, PTA volunteers will shop for you. Purchased items typically include coffee, fresh fruits and vegetables, string cheese and yogurt, bubbly water, assorted snacks, and of course a couple of treats!

If you are able to help, please Venmo your desired contribution to @mitchell-pta and comment Load the Lounge. Thank you!

COMING UP NEXT WEEK!

EDI Parent & Caregiver Education Night - Wednesday, April 3; 5-7:30pm

** Pizza from 5 - 5:30. Presentation starts at 5:45 in the Library. Childcare available for free. **

From acknowledging our own personal biases to recognizing how bias impacts our daily perceptions, this evening event will provide participants with the tools to learn and grow. Event will be held in the Mitchell Library or you can join via Zoom. Please let us know you are coming by Monday, April 1 so we can plan for childcare and pizza - or send you the link to join via Zoom. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Better Together: A Celebration of Belonging - Wednesday, April 24; 5-7pm

** New this year - we'll be hosting a Silent Disco! **

This annual event celebrates belonging as students share and learn about their unique cultures and identities. This is a great chance to help your child(ren) connect with and share their social identities, which JEFFCO names as "race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, and language." Students are invited to create a display board or video to share with others that evening.

Some ideas: share food, music, or a dance from your family's ethnic heritage; lead an activity that gives others the experience of neurodiversity (e.g., autism or ADHD); share something you are proud of about your gender story or another area of your social identity. Questions? Need ideas? Want to volunteer to help? Email Mandy Bakulski (mandymc123@gmail.com) or Angela Wolf (angelina45@gmail.com).

HOWDY! Get ready to make a difference! Join us at the Western on Washington event on April 19th, where your ticket purchase supports our school's crucial tech needs. From cutting-edge classrooms to innovative resources, every contribution counts. Don't miss out! [Purchase your tickets here](#) and mark your calendars: the silent auction preview starts on April 5th, with bidding launching on April 12th. Let's make our school's future brighter together!"

Important Dates



April 3rd	EDI Education Night 5:00-7:70 PM
April 11th	2nd Grade Music performance 5:30 PM
April 16th	School Accountability Meeting- Library 3:45 PM
April 19th	Western on Washington
April 22nd	Garden Club Earth Day Celebration 5:00-6:00 PM
April 24th	Better Together Event 5:00-7:00 PM
April 26th	Non-Student Contact Day- no school for students

Celebrate our Rocking Mustangs and Recess ROCKStars

Taylor D, Faith S, Weston P, Findlay R, Addie S, Ellie F, Wesley S, Powell C, Emerson M, Levi N, Caoimhe S, Samuel H, Willow D, Damien G, Cadi C, Mrs. Brittian's Class, Eleanor D, Evi G, Ben F, Alma A, Everley R, Zoe T, Ada M, Jordan S, Bryce F, Wesley G, Owen G, Jana S, Everett R, Ava P, Alice A, Elly D, Alice P, Jojo B,

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.

Who is the PTA and what is it that they do?

The PTA is a group of guardians and staff from Mitchell that volunteer their time to help with events and raise money to directly benefit our kids and school!

Here are some things that PTA typically budgets for each year:

- ✓ Excell Funds: allows grade levels to offset costs of field trips, or special materials for experiences directly related to the curriculum and this year's students.
- ✓ -Instructional Resources: allows for the school to offset costs of general instructional supplies/materials/upgrades. Sometimes this has been technology, vacuums, and science materials.

Here are some special asks that PTA has supported in the past:

- *Ukuleles for music*Scholarships for students to participate in afterschool clubs
- * Facilities Improvements---the gym divider curtain to host dual classes at the same time*

Other ways PTA supports our school is through programming:

- * ELF * Math & Science Night-Back Together * Caregiver Speakers * Better Together * Talent Show * Science Fair * Mileage Club * Station at Field Day * Mitchell Miler

This year PTA is partnering on a special (larger) project of improving the Outdoor Eating Area.

- Re-grading the area and adding a larger concrete pad for tables
- New Tables
- Updating the stairs with a railing
- Purchase of a permanent shade structure for the space

Additionally---Part of the asks specifically this year are in regards to technology upgrades for classrooms – new laptops, comms equipment, Smart boards, Gym Projector etc.

Ok, now what is this event the PTA is throwing... THE WESTERN ON WASHINGTON???

It is Mitchell Elementary's biggest social event and fundraiser of the year. It includes anyone and everyone in the Mitchell and Golden Community that wants to attend and be a party of bettering our school so invite friends & family and let's GO! The W.O.W. includes a Saloon Stroll down Washington Street in Golden, ending with a Concert by local band Gnarbillys at The Rose. There is an amazing Silent Auction (you have to see to believe!) released the Friday before in the Mitchell Note for the entire community to bid on & to help raise funds!

So...Parents of our school, get ready for an unforgettable event this year! Purchase your tickets now for a chance to not only enjoy a fantastic experience but also connect with fellow parents in your child's grade and school. This is the perfect opportunity to build lasting bonds while supporting our school. Seize the moment and join us for a night of fun, laughter, and community spirit! [Purchase Your Tickets!](#)



You wanna HELP Raise Money for SILENT AUCTION?

- ❖ Are you able to donate tickets to watch silent option?
- ❖ Does your family have a timeshare that you're sick of using?
- ❖ Do you have a condo you can give up a weekend for?
- ❖ Do you have concert tickets that fall on the night that no longer works for you? Old gift cards you won't use?

Vacation sharing-auction donation ideas:

Mountain cabin? Lake cabin? Camper donations? Cruise donation? Specific weekends, or not!

Talent/hobby sharing donation ideas:

Child care for a weekend away * Scrapbooking * Green thumb-planting * Cake decorating * Vehicle detailing * Quilting/sewing * Gift Wrapping * Sports sharing auction donation ideas * Golf lessons/tips * Mountain biking lessons/tips * Swimming lessons/tips * Tennis lessons/tips * Ski lessons/lift tickets * Fishing lessons/tips * Soccer lessons/tips * Basketball lessons/tips * Sailing lessons/tips * Paddle board/kayaking lessons/tips * Lacrosse lessons/tips * Ice skating lessons/tips * Hockey lessons/tips * Baseball lessons/tips * Archery lesson/tips * River rafting lesson/tips *

Business sharing auction donations ideas:

Lawn service * Tax preparation * Spa Services (hail, nails, massage, etc)
Music/band/DJ * Music lessons * Tutoring * Design/Staging * Vehicle service/maintenance * House/window cleaning * Will/trust donation * Event planning *

What about day in the life of your job? can you offer a day at work with a student who would be vastly interested in your line of work?

By the way...EVERYTHING IS tax deductible through our 501c3

We are so lucky at Mitchell to have such amazing families and such a wonderful PTA!

To donation or acquire more info please contact: Renee Maxwell, Text only
303.917.4572 renee.nicole.maxwell@gmail.com

Unable to attend but want to donate anyway, you can contribute here:



Volunteer at the event for Free Drinks! Here is the link to the Signup Genius, feel free to share it with others who might be interested to lend a hand!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45ADAA29A0F58-47175821-western>



Kick the dust up on the avenue & stroll amongst some of Golden's finest saloons as you don your wild west best!

"TASTES" OF LOCAL LIBATIONS AT:

**Trailhead ➔ Brickroom ➔ Golden ➔ Atomic
Taphouse ➔ Speakeasy ➔ Cowboy**

ACE HIGH VIP TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Stroll back to the Buffalo Rose @ 7:00 to finish the night with a live concert from Golden's local favorite western band- GNARBILLY'S!

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