



Fox Ridge Middle School News

October 5, 2018

In this edition – Fall Dance, ACT Aspire Test, Screenagers Film Showing, November Parent/Teacher Conferences, Yearbook Cover Contest, Cherokee Trail Stadium Rules, Veteran's Day Celebration, Updated Athletic Schedule, PTCO News and more.

Dear Fox Ridge Families,

As a result of funds received from the Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) grant from the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, all leadership and school safety/crisis teams in the Cherry Creek School District have been implementing a comprehensive school safety model. We have continued to develop updated and effective emergency response plans and procedures that align with state and federal Homeland Security Emergency Management and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Our district has established responsive partnerships with our community agencies, trained key staff to provide for the emotional impact of a crisis on students and staff, and developed sustainable training materials and crisis response kits for our school safety teams. In 2011, the ERCM process was renamed Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) to reflect our continuous proactive approach to school safety. We are committed to continuing this thoughtful and integrated effort with REMS training.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents about new changes to the Cherry Creek School District's website that now give parents needed information about school safety and related issues. The website explains the district's efforts to provide for both the physical and psychological safety of our children, and gives parents links to excellent online resources. This section of the district website continues to be under construction and materials will be updated as needed. You can view the information by going to

<http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/SafeSchools/Pages/default.aspx> and selecting the Safety & Security Quick Links

Topics and information include:

- What to Do in the Event of an Emergency
- Information about the CCSD Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan
- Raptor Visitor Management Program
- Safe to Tell Information
- Other Resources, Links and/or Handouts on topics such as Bullying/Harassment; Crisis Resources; Internet Safety; Parenting; Personal Safety (neighborhood, strangers, etc.); and Violence Prevention.

Please contact me if you would like more information about Fox Ridge's crisis and safety planning. For further information about REMS planning in our district, please contact Randy Councill, Director of Safety and Security, 720-554-4489, or Ronald Lee, Psy.D. Mental Health Director, 720-554-4252, co-chairs of the Safe School Design Team for the school district.

Fox Ridge conducts monthly drills and we will be conducting a lockdown drill on October 10th. At our November 18th Accountability Meeting our focus topic will be safety. Please join us!

Your partner in education,

Joleta Gallozzi



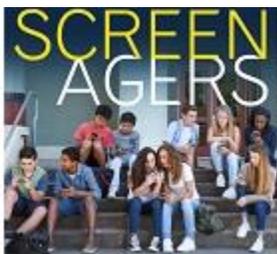
Yearbook Orders and Cover Contest - Due 10/22

Your student's artwork could be the cover of the next yearbook. The theme is School Spirit and the 10th Anniversary of Fox Ridge. The contest rules are attached and submissions are due by Monday, October 22. Buy your yearbook now! All yearbook orders are online. Access the Josten's [link on our school website](#) on the lower right hand corner.

Updated Athletic Schedule & 6th Grade Girls Basketball - Starts 10/22

We have changed some dates on the athletic calendar. There are new dates for Basketball so please check the calendar on the school website for updates or [click here](#).

6th grade girls basketball begins when we return from Fall Break, on Monday, October 22. Please fill out the required athletic forms ([click here to access the forms](#)) and turn them in along with your payment at the first basketball practice.



Screenagers - Growing Up in the Digital Age - 10/25, 6:00 PM

Fox Ridge is showing "Screenagers - Growing Up in the Digital Age" on Thursday, October 25 at 6:00 PM. Parents, guardians and students are welcome to attend. Students will be viewing the film in RISE classes November 1 and 2. Please RSVP by 10/24 using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/wRpJyfC73WDihhWI3>

"Screenagers" is an award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world. Go to www.screenagersmovie.com for more information.



The Fall Dance - 10/26, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Student Leadership is hosting the Fox Ridge Fall Dance on Friday, October 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in our cafetorium. The theme is "Throw Back to Summer." The cost is \$5 at the door, and it's a good idea to bring some extra money for food and activities. Students must show their school ID to enter. And our school dress codes applies to all after-school events.

ACT Aspire

Fox Ridge will be administering the ACT Aspire Summative assessment on the dates listed below.

7th Grade	October 24 and 25
6th Grade	October 29 and 30
8th Grade	November 5 and 6

The ACT Aspire Summative assessment is an online assessment designed to measure students' progress toward College and Career Preparedness and Success. The ACT Aspire is aligned to the ACT and produces scores that describe students' projected growth in English, Reading, Mathematics and Science. Your child's results for this assessment will be available in early February.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - November 8 and 9

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 8 and 9. **Everyone is invited to attend!** We are offering two conference formats:

- November 8, 4:00 pm – 7:45 pm, Arena-style/Drop-in Conferences. Join us for 5-minute, drop-in conferences; you do not need to schedule an appointment.
- November 9, 8:00 am – 3:45 pm - Scheduled Conferences. You will be able to schedule a 10-minute visit with any of your student's teachers.

We will be sending out more information and Fall Conference sign ups after Fall Break.



Save the Date – Veterans Day Assembly, November 14

The Cherry Creek community wants to acknowledge the commitment and sacrifice of our Veterans. Since we do not have students in the building on Veterans Day, Fox Ridge will be hosting school wide assemblies on the morning of Wednesday, November 14. In order to allow our entire student body to celebrate our Veterans we will be having two assemblies. Families and Veterans typically only attend one of the two assemblies. If you are aware of a Veteran who would be able to join us, please take a moment and RSVP by using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GGyKcQYIPXve9zTg1>

More detailed information will be going out to our community later this month. Contact: Angela Zelt azelt@cherrycreekschools.org.

Dean's Update

The RISE Store is opening! Students may use their Fox Paws to buy goodies from the RISE store. Teachers will take students down to the store during RISE once per month to trade in their Fox Paws. Students can use their Fox Paws to buy school supplies, sports equipment, spirit wear and other fun toys. Our Grand Opening is next week: 6th grade - Thursday, October 11 during RISE; 7th/8th grades - Friday, October 12 during RISE.

Safety

October is Bully Prevention Month. We do not tolerate bullies at Fox Ridge. An extensive bully prevention curriculum is taught through RISE class to every student. Take the time to talk to your student about what to do if they experience bullying and please encourage them to report any bullying to the dean's office. Here are some helpful tips from stompoutbullying.org.

If You Feel Safe, Here Are Some Ways To Handle The Bully:

- Walk away when the bully approaches you. Try and imagine you are walking away from a stranger. Both you and your body language will show you don't care.
- Concentrate on thinking about something else (maybe a concert you want to go to, or a new outfit you want to buy.)

- When the bully approaches you, count to 100 and keep walking. They will never see how upset you are.
- Shout "STOP" and walk away. Keep walking and don't turn around no matter what they say.
- When a bully calls you a name or tells you your sneakers are ugly -- look at them in the eyes and laugh hysterically and say, "I know my sneakers are ugly." Keep laughing hysterically and walk away without any additional conversation.
- When the bully harasses you and calls you names, look them in the eyes, LAUGH and walk away without any additional conversation.



Cherokee Trail - Football Stadium Guidelines

Cherokee Trail is reminding all students in the feeder schools about Legacy Stadium rules to help ensure all sporting events are conducted in a safe and positive manner.

- Students must have a current school ID to enter (no cell phone photos).
- Bags/Backpacks are not allowed.
- Outside food/drinks are not allowed. Empty water bottles are okay.
- Artificial noise makers are prohibited.
- Loitering in the stadium is not allowed; please take a seat.
- All school rules apply in the stadium.
- Cheer for CT not against the opponent.
- Students will not be allowed entrance after half time.
- Students will not be allowed re-entry after leaving.

National Junior Honor Society Information Meeting - October 9

Fox Ridge sponsors a National Junior Honor Society chapter. Students in 7th or 8th grade with an eligible cumulative GPA will receive an application during Advisory class next week. Students must fill out the application to provide us with additional information regarding their accomplishments in the areas of leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Applications are due October 26. Students can get more information and ask questions during the NJHS Information Session after school in the library on **Tuesday, October 9**. Contact: Marisa Horn, mhorn5@cherrycreekschools.org.

PTCO News

Chromebook Cases for Sale - The PTCO has started selling Chromebook cases. These cases will offer more protection from damage, are offered in several colors, and enable students to personalize their computer cases with stickers (which can be purchased at the School Store during lunch or brought from home). When you place your order, we will order the appropriate case for the Chromebook model that your student has been assigned.

Samples of the cases are on display at the School Store. Order your case here: <https://form.jotform.com/82395029266160>

Box Tops Contest - The PTCO is sponsoring a Box Tops contest through 10/26. The RISE or elective class with the highest number of Box Tops earns a donut party. Send your Box Tops in a plastic bag with a RISE or elective teacher's name. We have a large, clear box by the Main Office for easy drop off.

Bad Daddy's Community Night is Wednesday October 10 from 5 - 10 pm.



Please refer to the [calendar](#) on our school website for a complete list of events, clubs, athletics and activities. Here are a few highlights.

October 9	National Junior Honor Society Informational Meeting
October 10	Lock Down Drill Bad Daddy's Community Night, 5 - 10 pm
October 12	End of Quarter 1
October 15 - 19	Fall Break - No School
October 22	6th grade Girls Basketball Begins
October 24-25	ACT Aspire - 7th grade
October 25	<i>Screenagers - Growing Up in the Digital Age</i> , 6:00 pm
October 26	Coffee with the Principal, Library, 9 am Fall Dance, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
October 29-30	ACT Aspire - 6th grade
November 5-6	ACT Aspire - 8th grade
November 2	Quarter 1 Honor Roll
November 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Arena Style 4:00 pm to 7:45 pm
November 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences, By Appointment, 8:00 am to 3:45 pm

File attachments:

[YB Cover Contest Poster.pdf](#)