

Hello,

There's a lot going on right now as we move into testing season. For more information, please read below. The new principal interviews are today. Finalists will be sent to the superintendent for a second round later this week. Hard to believe that spring break is just two weeks away.

Have a great week!

Carla J. Stearns

Interim Principal

Fox Ridge Middle School

BOOK FAIR:

*Thank you for your support of the Book Fair. Based on our most recent book fair; our school community walked away with **442 books**, which equates to **79,542 independent reading minutes**. What a successful Book Fair!*

As you already know, reading has been proven to increase test scores and improve individual reading confidence. I have no doubt that our fair success will continue to help our students throughout the year.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Your child received a packet on Friday with details about two End of Year Celebrations for 8th graders: our 8th Grade Dinner/Dance and our 8th Grade Elitch Gardens Field Trip. There are academic and behavior eligibility requirements for the 4th Quarter. Please read through the packet with your child and if you have any questions please contact Mr. Cahill at kcahill@cherrycreekschools.org or at 720-886-4461.

Volleyball:

Volleyball season is about to begin for our girls at Fox Ridge Middle School! All ability levels are welcome. Our program will concentrate on your daughter learning the basic skills of passing, setting, digging, and working with a team. Please use the link below to view the schedule for each grade-level, registration form, and middle school athletic emergency card under the Athletics & Clubs tab on the Fox Ridge Website. Your daughter can also obtain hard copies of the forms by seeing Ms. Anderson in the gym or stopping by the main office.

<http://foxridge.cherrycreekschools.org/ActivitiesAndClubs/Pages/Mandatory-Forms.aspx>

8th grade practice begins on Monday, March 20 and requires a fee of \$60.

7th grade practice also begins on Monday, March 20 and requires a fee of \$30.

6th grade practice will begin on April 21 and requires a fee of \$30.

If you have any questions regarding our volleyball program, please do not hesitate to contact Casey Smith (720-886-4428) or Kyle Cahill (720-886-4461).

SAVE THE DATE for Hoops For Heart! Friday March 24th during grade level electives!

Did you know Fox Ridge Middle School holds the title of the TOP FUNDRAISING Hoops for Heart event in the state of CO? Let's make it happen again this year, team! It's almost Hoops for Heart time at FRMS! We will be kicking off our event the first week of March.

Visit www.heart.org/hoops to join our school team. We are so excited to continue this tradition with our students this year, and we are SO proud of the work they do each year in the fight against heart disease.

Parents-

We encourage all students to stop by the Dean's Office (Lost/Found) between now and Friday, March 24, 2017, to claim their lost item(s) they may have. The items that we have in our Office are: jackets, hoodies, sweaters, t-shirts, pants, shorts, shoe items, books, planners, water bottles, lunch boxes (cafeteria), phones, jewelry, eye glasses, etc.

Items which have not been claimed by the end of the day on March 24, 2017 will be donated to charities in the community. If you have any questions, feel free to call Tracey in the Dean's Office at 720-886-4457. Thank you for your attention.

TESTING:

PARCC/CMAS testing is here. Please mark your calendar for the specific testing dates for your child's grade level. It is very important that all students are present at school during testing. However, if you choose to opt your child out of this testing, there is a district mandated process you must follow. You may no longer call the school or send an email with this request. Please see the Parent Exemption Guide attached to this email (and also on our Fox Ridge website) for specific instructions about how to do this. Please know that PARCC scores are one of the data points used to determine placement for students. The testing bell schedule for each grade level is also posted on our website. Thank you for

your support of our staff and students during the testing season. Please contact Adrienne Barnes, our School Assessment Coordinator, if you have any questions.

8th Grade PARCC (ELA/Math) - March 14-16

7th Grade PARCC (ELA/Math) - March 21-23

6th Grade PARCC (ELA/Math) - April 4-6

8th Grade CMAS (Science) - April 12, 13

7th Grade CMAS (Social Studies) - April 19, 20

Please know that cell phones are NOT ALLOWED with your child during testing. It is a very serious violation and could end up invalidating all of the assessments in a room if a phone goes off during testing. Please know that teachers will have all students put their phones in their lockers during all testing sessions.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- *Cancelled FRMS Accountability (3/14) Library 6:30-8:00*
- *PTCO General Meeting (3/20) Library 6:00pm*
- *FRMS Community Night (3/22) Bad Daddy's Burgers, Chipotle or Cold Stone Creamery*
- *Day at the Capital (3/23)*
- *Honor Roll (3/24) instead of (3/23) During Student Lunches*
- *Hoops for Hearts (3/24)*
- *Spring Break – (3/27-3/31) No School for Students and Staff*

