



# **THE JAGUAR NEWS**

## **Running Creek Elementary**

**Welcome Running Creek Jaguars!**

**Each week, this newsletter will keep you updated for all things Running Creek Elementary! In this newsletter, you will find updates from our administrative team and office staff. We will also keep you in the loop for upcoming dates and share the lunch menu for the week ahead.**

**Our goal is to make sure that families have the important information they will need at their fingertips so you can stay connected and informed. We are excited to share and celebrate all the great things that are happening at Running Creek!**

### **Running Creek Vision Statement**

**At Running Creek Elementary, we empower every student to thrive in a safe, positive environment where strong relationships, academic excellence, and a united commitment to community drive our shared success.**

### **Who Are We?**

**We are Running Creek Jaguars!**

**Strong in Character, United in Purpose, Committed to Excellence**

# *A Message from our Principal*

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I trust you all had an amazing Fall Break filled with rest and joy. As we embark on the start of the 2nd quarter this week, I want to take a moment to thank you for an outstanding previous week. Thank you for an outstanding week. Your continued support, engagement, and encouragement are vital to sustaining the strong, student-centered culture we so deeply value at Running Creek. The positive impact of our partnership is evident in every classroom, throughout our hallways, and during each schoolwide event.

We are especially grateful to our incredible PTCO for organizing the Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner, and to all the parents who provided such a delicious and thoughtful meal for our staff. Your generosity and care did not go unnoticed. Your kindness truly lifted spirits and nourished our entire team.

Your collective efforts reflect the vibrant and supportive community that defines Running Creek, and we are so thankful to be in this work together.

## **Call for Volunteers: Crosswalk Safety Support**

Running Creek is currently seeking volunteers to assist with crosswalk duty before and after school. Student safety is a top priority, and your participation plays a key role in maintaining a secure and welcoming environment.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pauline, Paula or Jeff to begin the background check process and receive training.

# *A Message from Security*

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Dear Running Creek Families,

As we head into fall break, I would like to sincerely thank all of you. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this school and to work with your children every day. I take great pride in being here and working alongside such a wonderful staff and student body. Please know that I do everything in my power to ensure your children's safety while they are here.

Since we will have a week off, please be mindful of the following upon our return:

## **Carpool Lane (Parking Lot Area)**

This is a Kiss and Go system. For the safety of both students and parents and to keep the area clear of accidents, please have students exit vehicles on the passenger side only. Please also ensure that your car line pick-up form is clearly visible.

## **Parent Pick-Up (Front of Building)**

Please ensure that you are not blocking the front entrance/exit while buses are loading. This procedure allows us to get our bus riders on board efficiently so the buses can proceed to their next school pickups. Additionally, please be considerate and do not stand in the bus loop so the buses have sufficient space to exit.

## **Visitor Management System**

When entering the building, you will be asked to sign in on the visitor management system. Therefore, please ensure you have a government-issued ID with you, such as a driver's license. District policy requires that anyone entering the building must be signed in and out, wear the provided name tag, and may be accompanied by a district employee for some or all of their visit.

Please note: If a visitor refuses to follow these rules, their visitation may be limited, denied, or revoked by a school administrator, and law enforcement may be called to further enforce policy provisions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I will be happy to answer anything I can.

Have a wonderful fall break!

Sincerely,



## *A Message from the Counselor*

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This week, we focused on what it means to have a kind heart. Students explored kindness through stories, discussions, and hands-on activities. We read books that showed how small acts of kindness can make a big difference, and we talked about ways we can show kindness at school and at home.

Many children shared that kindness feels good not just for the person receiving it, but also for the one giving it.

We encourage you to continue this conversation at home—ask your child to share one kind thing they did or noticed each day!



## *Important Dates*



October 13th - 17th - Fall Break

October 20th - No School

October 21st - First Day Back to School

October 21st - Visions & Hearing Screens

October 21st - Spelling Bee Practice

October 23rd - Photo Retakes

October 23rd - Spelling Bee Practice

October 24th - Preschool Field Trip to Lone Creek Farms

## **A Message From Our District Nurse**

Dear Running Creek Families,

Running Creek Elementary will be conducting **vision and hearing screenings on Tuesday, October 21, 2025**. These screenings are conducted to meet the requirements set forth by C.R.S. 22-1-116 and to help identify any concerns that may affect your child's learning and development.

Screenings will include students in **kindergarten, first, second, third, and fifth grades**, as well as **any fourth-grade student who is new to the Elizabeth School District**. If you have specific concerns regarding your child's hearing or vision, please reach out to Ashley Keith at [akeith@esdk12.org](mailto:akeith@esdk12.org).

If your child **wears glasses or contacts or uses any form of hearing support**, please ensure they bring them to school on the day of the screening.

If you **do not want your child to participate**, please email Ashley Keith at [akeith@esdk12.org](mailto:akeith@esdk12.org) to opt out.

Parents/guardians will be notified within one week if a concern is identified with their child's vision or hearing. Thank you for your support in helping us care for the health and success of all of our RCE students.

Warm regards,

## **Running Creek Ambassadors/Class Representatives**

We are proud to introduce our **Running Creek Ambassadors** and **Class Representatives** for the 2025–2026 school year! This outstanding group of students represents a strong team of leaders who will serve as positive role models for their peers and younger students alike. We are excited for all they will accomplish this year. Go Jaguars!

### **Class Representatives -**

Owen Messer (3rd), Vienna Hill (4th), Lucy Bennett (5th)

### **Ambassadors -**

3rd Grade - Bailey Horobik, Olivia Pazell, Jaden Putnam, Maya Martiny

4th Grade - Ethan Briggs, Jaxson Cox, Annemarie Heirendt, Anabelle Adkinson

5th Grade - Macey Clemens, Audrey Myers, Blake Barnhart, Teddy Senior

## Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> No School	<b>Breakfast</b> Strawberry Cheerios Cereal Bar w/ String Cheese	<b>Breakfast</b> Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breakfast Round	<b>Breakfast</b> Soft Banana Muffin w/Cheese Stick	<b>Breakfast</b> Whole Grain Friday Fuel Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal w/ Giant Graham
<b>Lunch</b> No School	<b>Lunch</b> Golden Corn Dog on a Stick	<b>Lunch</b> Toasty French Bread Pizza w/melted Cheese & Sauce	<b>Lunch</b> Chicken & Vegetable Potstickers	<b>Lunch</b> Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE  
YOUR CHILD'S

# ANNUAL HAT & POPCORN PASS



FOR \$18 YOUR CHILD WILL GET ONE  
POPCORN AND CAN WEAR ONE HAT  
EVERY HAT AND POPCORN DAY FOR  
THE WHOLE YEAR!  
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE  
FRONT OFFICE!

Pass good for the school year of  
2025/2026 all proceeds go to your  
RCE PTCO







# RCE'S 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ADOPT A TEACHER

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SUPPORT OUR  
TEACHERS AND GET TO KNOW THEM BETTER?

NOW YOU CAN!

WHEN YOU ADOPT A TEACHER, YOU WILL BE  
GIVEN A RANDOM TEACHER TO SUPPORT  
THROUGH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.  
EACH TEACHER HAS PUT TOGETHER AN AMAZON  
WISH LIST THAT THEY WILL UPDATE THROUGH  
OUT THE YEAR WITH EVERYTHING FROM THEIR  
FAVORITE COFFEE TO AN S.O.S WHEN THEY RUN  
OUT OF CLASSROOM SUPPLIES!

STOP BY THE FRONT OFFICE TO ADOPT A TEACHER  
OR TEXT KATIE MESSER FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
307-760-3154





# RCE PTCO NEWSLETTER

October 2025



Hi Jaguar Families!

Time sure does fly when you are having fun! We are one month into school, and we have been BUSY! It was so good to see you at the back-to-school! A BIG thank you to our PTCO volunteers who helped set up and run our station at the Elizabeth Historical 5K Color Run, they took the green theme very seriously and everyone loved running through the "Shamrock Shakers" station. Our first popcorn day was a HUGE success. If you didn't purchase an annual hat and popcorn pass, you still can! Just pop into the front office and chat with Ms. Carla! There is also still time to ADOPT A TEACHER, please see Carla in the front office for that as well!

We are feverishly working on the RCE float for the EHS homecoming parade and cannot wait to celebrate with you all! We are asking for candy donations for the float, if you would like to donate, please bring a bag of candy to the front office before 10/03/2025!

Our fall fundraiser is also underway (your child should have brought home a packet in their backpack with all of the details). All proceeds from this fundraiser come back to our PTCO, so we truly appreciate your generosity and support!

Thank you for your ongoing support for our RCE community!

## PTCO Upcoming Events

**Thursday, October 2nd:** Today is National School Custodian Day. Want to show our custodians how much you appreciate them? Drop off gifts and treats in the front office with a special note to the custodians!

**ENDING October 3rd:** Please make sure all sales are completed on the fall fundraiser by today!

**Friday, October 3, 2025:** Homecoming parade, come support our Jaguars and cheer loud for our float!

**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>:** Hat and Popcorn Day

**Date TBD:** Parent Teacher Conferences (RCE families provide a potluck dinner for our teachers), keep an eye open for a sign up genius to bring dinner to our amazing teachers!

**Thursday, October 30th:** PTCO meeting 3:30pm RCE library (childcare provided)



Want to find out more about your PTCO and how YOU can get involved?

Contact your PTCO VP, Katie Messer  
307-760-3154 or [katiepmesser@gmail.com](mailto:katiepmesser@gmail.com)

**RUNNING CREEK**

OFFICIAL FAN GEAR STORE

# FALL WARM-UP SALE

**30%OFF**

**HOODIES &  
QUARTER ZIPS**

USE CODE:  
**FALL30**

**SHOP NOW**



**SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/16273**



## *Running Creek Shoutouts!*

SHOUTOUT TO VICKY VILLONE FOR OUR CRUMBL COOKIE FIX!!!!  
WHAT A TREAT!!! THANK YOU!!!!

TO OUR AMAZING RCE PARENTS, PTCO AND KIDS CLUB, THANK  
YOU FOR SUCH DELICIOUS DISHES YOU PREPARED FOR OUR  
WONDERFUL STAFF AND TEACHERS DURING CONFERENCES. WE  
GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL!

THANK YOU TO OUR PTCO PARENTS WHO HELPED RUN HAT AND  
POPCORN SMOOTHLY THIS WEEK AND EVERY WEEK!!!

SHOUTOUT TO THE EYLAR'S FOR DELICIOUS DONUTS THAT WERE  
VERY MUCH NEEDED!!!

THANK YOU TO THE LEINEWEBER'S FOR THE CUTE PUMPKIN AND  
TREATS!!!



**WE LOVE OUR CUSTODIANS! HAPPY CUSTODIAN  
DAY!**





**SHOUT OUT TO OUR AMAZING PTCO FOR ROCKING OUR  
RCE FLOAT!!!! WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU ALL!!!!**

















