



THE JAGUAR NEWS

Running Creek Elementary

Welcome Back 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!

We are Running Creek Jaguars!

A Message from our Principal



We are thrilled to share that our first week of school has been a great success, with an average attendance rate of 99%. Throughout the week, students and teachers have focused on building strong connections and getting to know one another. The hallways are filled with positivity and excitement as we introduce new procedures and establish daily routines.

Looking ahead, next week marks the beginning of our iReady Beginning-of-Year Benchmark Testing. These assessments help us set school-wide goals and guide our efforts to achieve the Running Creek Initiatives.

Additionally, Coffee with the Principal will be hosted on Thursday, August 28th at 9:30 AM in the Running Creek Cafeteria. Please join me for an informal time to connect, share updates, and discuss our shared goals for the year.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together for a successful school year!



A Message from our Dean of Students

What a great first week we've had at Running Creek! This place really is something special. I've had the chance to see classrooms already starting to flourish, hear kids laughing on the playground and watch students step up to the high expectations we have set for them this year. It makes me so excited for what is ahead!

I'd encourage you to talk with their kids about their school day. You can ask them what they have learned, what made them laugh, or even what was difficult for them. A few other things that really help set them up for success are keeping a good bedtime routine and making sure they come to school ready to learn each morning.

I have no doubt it's going to be a fantastic year at RCE, and I'm proud to be a Jaguar!

Emily Gentile, Dean of Students

A Message from Security



We are writing to let you know about some important updates to our safety and security procedures.

Visitor Management System

We have a new visitor management system in place. All visitors must check in with Security at the front desk and present a valid, government-issued ID. Since this is a new system, everyone entering the building will be considered a "Guest/Visitor." Please follow the instructions to be registered in the system.

When you check in, you will have the option to download a QR code for your next visit, which will make future check-ins faster.

Student Pick-Up Procedures

- **Car Loop:** If you are picking up a student in the car loop, please display your RCE pickup tag in your vehicle's window. This helps our staff quickly and safely identify students and keeps the car line moving. For security reasons, students will not be dismissed if the person picking them up does not have the student pickup card. In this case, you will be asked to come inside the building to sign the student out. Parent Pick-Up (Front Door) students will not be dismissed through Car loop doors at any time.
- **Parent Pick-Up (Front Door):** To ensure the safety of all students, please avoid crowding the main exit area. This provides our bus riders with enough space to safely exit the building and board their buses. If you plan to pick up a student from the front versus another mode of transportation, please notify their teacher in advance, especially for younger students who might get confused about whether to go to the car loop or take the bus. Car loop students will not be dismissed through the parent pick-up doors. If you plan on parking in the Church parking lot and having your student meet you please let their teacher know they will be walking to the church lot.
- **Preschool:** Please do not park in the car-loop line when walking your student to the preschool doors during Elementary School drop off hours. Parking in the drop-off line slows down the entire process. Please park in an available space in the parking lot or in the church parking lot.

Parking Rules

As a reminder, there is **no parking in the bus loop or fire lanes**, which are clearly marked with "Fire Lane No Parking" and "No parking anytime" signs. This rule also applies when picking up students early. You must park in the designated parking lot or the church parking lot.

Your commitment to following these rules helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone and teaches students the value we place on their safety.

Sincerely,

Jeff "Mr. T" Toback Safety and Security Officer



A Message from the Counselor

Hello Running Creek Families,

Welcome back! My name is Monet Schwegel, and I am so excited to be your K-5 school counselor again this year. I missed seeing all the smiling faces and can't wait to reconnect and meet our new students!

As your counselor, I'm here to support every student as they learn, grow, and navigate new experiences. I can also connect families with community resources or services, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support.

Just a quick reminder: Per district policy, I will need a signed permission slip to meet with your child after two visits. If you need a slip or have any questions about the counseling program, please reach out anytime.

Let's make this year a fantastic one together!

Monet Schwegel, MS, LPCC, ADDC

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Important Dates



August 25 - 29 - RCE Safety Week

September 1 - No School (Labor Day)

September 10 - Fall Picture Day

September 10 - PTCO Hat and Popcorn Day

September 10 - PTCO Back to School Picnic

Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Whole Grain Strawberry Cheerios Cereal Bar Lunch Crispy Chicken Patty served on a Whole Grain Bun	Breakfast Cheddar Chex with Cheese Stick Lunch Classic Cheese Quesadilla	Breakfast Pancake with Sunbutter Lunch Soft Breadsticks Stuffed with Mozzarella	Breakfast Mini Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagels Lunch Home-cooked Mac & Cheese	Breakfast Whole Grain Friday Fuel Trix Cereal Lunch BBQ Rib Sandwich or BBQ Chicken Sandwich

**BOYS 2ND-8TH
GIRLS 2ND-8TH**

**ELIZABETH HIGH
SCHOOL GYM**

ELBERT COUNTY

WRANGLERS



BASKETBALL

TRYOUTS

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025

Register online for
FREE and show us
what you've got!



Tryout Times

GIRLS:

2ND-5TH- 9:30-11:00

6TH-8TH- 11:00-12:30

BOYS

2ND-5TH- 1:00-2:30

6TH-8TH- 2:30-4:00

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Elizabeth, CO



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SEPTEMBER-MAY 2ND/3RD

THURSDAYS

Grades K-5 5:30-6:30

Learn technique, cheers, sidelines, and multiple dances! Dancers will perform at two high school-affiliated events and an end-of-year showcase.

COST

\$100 per month
for eight months
(includes bag &
t-shirt)

UNIFORM

Additional Cost
Bundle Option
\$160 for whole set

SHOWCASE

Additional Cost
Participation in
showcase is
optional

LOCATION

Locations will be
announced in August
due to facility rental
timelines. All
programs will be held
in their feeder area.

Visit www.spark-dance.com to register!