

### **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

This week brings the start of a new month, and students have successfully completed their iReady Growth Monitoring for Math and Reading, demonstrating focus and dedication to their learning. Students are actively preparing for our Veterans Day Assembly. Veterans, please RSVP to Miss Carla by November 5th.

- ★ The Veterans Day Assembly will be held on November 11th at 2:00 PM at Running Creek.
- ★ Additionally, our SAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 3:15 PM.
- ★ Don't forget to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Parade and festivities at Running Creek. Your presence and support contributed to a joyful and engaging celebration for our students. We appreciate your continued involvement in creating a positive and vibrant school community.

We sincerely appreciate all of our parents for their ongoing support and partnership in fostering a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. Your encouragement and involvement make a meaningful difference every day.

#### **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



### Good evening, Running Creek Families!

Wow, what a weekend we had! I hope that everyone enjoyed Halloween and that your students had a great weekend of trick-or-treating and moving into November.

As we transition into the colder months of the year, please keep the following important weather and safety reminders in mind for arrival and dismissal:

- Car Loop: For your child's safety, please have them exit and enter on the
  passenger side of the vehicle only. As the weather changes and we get snow,
  the parking lot can become slick. Please also be sure to follow all posted
  speed limits when dropping off and picking up students.
- Parent Pickup (Front of Building): While we do our best to clear and salt the sidewalks, they can still be slippery. Please remind students not to run in this area and to walk carefully.
- Bus Loop: A reminder that the bus lanes are considered fire lanes. Please do not park in them when dropping off or picking up students for school, Kids Club, or any other activities. These lanes must remain clear at all times for emergency access.

### **Transportation and Clothing**

- Transportation Changes: If you need to change your student's end-of-day transportation, please call the front office prior to 1:00 PM. This gives our staff adequate time to communicate the change efficiently with both students and teachers.
- Appropriate Weather Gear: Please encourage your children to dress appropriately for the weather, including hats, gloves, and coats. We do everything in our power to allow students to enjoy recess outside as long as the weather permits.

As always, I enjoy seeing and working with your students every day. We will continue to work on our safety drills throughout the year. Please encourage your students to ask questions, and if *you* have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Jeff "Mr. T" Toback

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### A Message from the Counselor

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!



November 3rd - 7th - National Psychology Week

November 4th - Spelling Bee Practice

November 5th - 1st Grade Field Trip to Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Here is

the link for payment, 1st Grade Field trip MSB

November 6th - Spelling Bee Practice

November 7th - Vision & Hearing Rescreens

November 11th - Veteran's Day Assembly, Kindly ask for Veterans to RSVP with Ms.

Carla (303) 646 -1802

### Message from Studio 5 Photography

Here is the ordering link for student photos: Order your School Photos here

### Message from Our District Nurse

"Vision and hearing rescreens will be taking place on Friday, November 7th. Please be sure to send your students with their glasses!"

## Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Giant Goldfish Grahams w/Cheese Stick	Breakfast Waffle w/Sunbutter	Breakfast Hot & Ready Golden-brown French Toast Sticks	Breakfast Pancake on a Stick	Breakfast Whole Grain Friday Fuel Rice Chex Cereal w/Goldfish Graham
Lunch Crispy Chicken Patty served on a Whole Grain Bun	<b>Lunch</b> Classic Cheese Quesadilla	Lunch Soft Breadsticks Stuffed w/ Mozzarella	Lunch Home-cooked Mac & Cheese	<b>Lunch</b> Shredded BBQ Pork Sandwich









## RCE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

with our
AMBASSADORS/
CLASS
REPRESENTATIVES

Annemarie H.(4th) Ethan B.(4th) Macey C.(5th) Teddy S.(5th) Maya M.(3rd)



Order here





### Gifted and Talented Grades 1-8 Opportunity

We are excited to announce an after-school STEM Club opportunity for students this fall! This handson club will give students the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, and math through creative challenges and problem-solving activities.

Due to a tight ordering timeline, we were only able to purchase 10 kits per grade band, so registration will be limited to the first ten students in each group this session. In the future, we hope to expand and offer the club to more students across our schools. The week 10/27 I will send the registration link to the first 10 families in each grade band. The cost is \$50 per student--- fee goes directly to pay the teacher for their time.

#### Grades 1-3



Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Running Creek Elementary (RCE) with Ms. Schaben

NIHF's The Attic: Students experiment with animation, chemistry and materials science, build their own Arty Bot and create spin art in NIHF's The Attic™.

#### Grades 4-5



Mondays, 4:00–5:00 p.m. at Singing Hills Elementary (SHE) with Ms. Schmidt

**Open Mic**: In Open Mic<sup>™</sup>, students reverse engineer a wireless microphone, then develop and pitch their own inventions.

#### Grades 6-8



Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m. at Elizabeth Middle School (EMS) with Ms. Lindt

Road Rally: Applying nature-based discoveries, students create dynamic vehicles and take on challenges in an exciting Road Rally $^{\text{TM}}$ .

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The first three weeks of November & the first three weeks of December

We anticipate this will be a fun and enriching experience for students who love to tinker, create, and explore!



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 TEAHCER 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

IT'S NOT TO 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 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 8th: 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