



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



Dear Running Creek Families,

We experienced a dynamic and engaging week at school, filled with excitement and strong community spirit. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all families who attended the PTCO Back to School BBQ. It was a pleasure connecting with so many of you, and your presence contributed meaningfully to the success of the event.

I commend the PTCO for their exceptional organization and dedication in planning the BBQ. Their efforts ensured a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all. I would also

like to specifically acknowledge and thank Jeff Canella for generously volunteering his time to grill and prepare food for our community—his contribution did not go unnoticed.

As we continue to foster a safe and supportive environment for all students, I want to remind families of a few important protocols. When visiting the school to have lunch with your child, please ensure you bring a valid photo ID. For security purposes, we ask that all visitors remain in designated areas and refrain from walking through the hallways. Additionally, young children are not permitted on the playground during school hours.

I am also inviting interested parents to join our Student Accountability Committee (SAC). This committee plays a vital role in guiding our school's educational priorities and reviewing our School Improvement Plan in alignment with the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Your involvement in SAC provides an important opportunity to help shape the direction of our school.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in creating an exceptional learning environment at Running Creek.

A Message from Security



Thank you for your patience during the emergency evacuation on Thursday. Please remember that during emergency operations we will not release students to parents. We need to make sure all students are accounted for in case there is a reunification process.

Please also continue to remember not to park in fire lanes even if dropping children off for school. Fire lanes are off limits as well as the bottom half of the loop. If you need to park to walk your student in, please use the church parking lot or the staff parking lot.

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

This week, our focus was on accepting “No” and having a growth mindset. Students learned that hearing “No” can feel disappointing, but it’s an important part of life and helps us learn patience and flexibility. We talked about staying calm, asking respectful questions if we don’t understand, and thinking about what we can do next instead.

We also discussed having a “growth mindset” which means believing we can get better at things with practice and effort. When we accept “No” and try again or find a new solution, we’re building our brains and becoming more resilient!

Ask your child how they handled a “No” this week and how they kept trying or found a positive way forward!

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!

Monet Schwegel, MS, LPCC, ADDC

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Important Dates



September 15 - Ambassador Interviews Continued

September 17 - PTCO Hat and Popcorn Day

September 19 - Bus Transportation Presentation

September 24 - 2nd Grade Field Trip Four Mile High @ Cherry Creek

To Simulate Pioneers Travelling West

September 25 - PTCO Meeting (3:30 PM - 4:30 PM)

September 26 - Staff Development Workday (No School)

Discovery Days are a special enrichment opportunity for students who have been formally identified as Gifted through our district process.

October 10 - GT Elementary School Pumpkin Festival (7:45 AM - 2:00 PM) Here is a link to My School Bucks permission slip and payment.

[My School Bucks GT Field Trip](#)

Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Waymire's Class

2nd Grade Four Mile Park @ Cherry Creek Field Trip

To Simulate Pioneers Travelling West

September 24 - [My School Bucks Four Mile Field Trip](#)

Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Strawberry Yogurt Chex with Cheese Stick	Breakfast Pancake with Sunbutter	Breakfast Hot & Ready Egg & Cheese on a Whole Grain Bagel	Breakfast Pancake on a Stick	Breakfast Whole Grain Friday Fuel Cocoa Puffs Cereal w/Goldfish Graham
Lunch Golden Corn Dog on a Stick	Lunch Made Fresh Chicken, Rice and Cheese Burrito	Lunch Toasty French Bread Pizza with Melted Cheese & Sauce	Lunch Creamy Chicken Alfredo with Breadstick	Lunch Shredded BBQ Pork 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 1ST 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

September 2025



Welcome back Jaguar families!

We are so excited to kick start this school year with our annual BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ! There will be fun activities for the whole family and a bunch of community members and children's programs joining us this year so please stop by for dinner and FUN!!

We would love to have you join our PTCO family this year in whatever capacity works for you and your family. Please reach out to Katie Messer at 307-760-3154 to figure out how to get involved!

We have such a fun year planned and cannot wait to get going! Let's make it a great year! GO JAGUARS!

PTCO Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 10th: Please join our PTCO for our annual BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ! From 5-7pm dinner will be served and there will be so many fun activities for you and your family! We are proud to bring this event to you free of charge! Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and a dessert to share.

Saturday, September 13th: Historic Mainstreet 5K & Color Run! The PTCO has been given the honor of participating in this year's run! Come by and support our local runners!

Wednesday, September 17th: Hat and Popcorn Day! Every child can bring \$1 to wear a hat and \$1 to buy a popcorn. This year we are offering a hat and popcorn pass for \$18 which will get your child a hat and popcorn for the whole year (and avoid you digging through your change once a month!) Passes will be available for purchase at the back to school BBQ!

Thursday, September 25th: 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



WRANGLERS
ELBERT COUNTY

SIGN UP NOW FOR TRYOUTS!

WRESTLING

**SIGN UP FOR WRESTLING TRYOUTS
SEPT 14TH, 2025 ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL**



K-8TH WELCOME!



SEASON STARTS NOV 10TH-FEBUARY

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JOIN THE

MINI CARDINALS DANCE TEAM!

Elizabeth High School Area
Elizabeth, CO



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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!



ELIZABETH VARSITY POMS MINI POMS CAMP

PERFORM AT HALFTIME AT AN EHS VARSITY FOOTBALL
GAME!

- ★ PARTICIPANTS: Open to anyone ages 3-13
- ★ PRACTICE DATES: Wednesday, September 17th and 24th from 5:30-7:00 PM at Elizabeth MIDDLE School. Please bring a water bottle. Check in will start at 5:15pm. Doors locked until check in.
- ★ COST: \$45. This includes a t-shirt, ticket to the game for participant, and a pair of poms!
- ★ PERFORMANCE DATE: Friday, September 26th, 7 PM at Elizabeth HIGH School Football Stadium
- ★ HOW TO REGISTER:
 - Step 1: EMAIL elizabethspirit@esdk12.org with "Mini Cards Registration" in the subject line with the following information included in the email:
 - Child's name, age, and t shirt size
 - Step 2: In addition to emailing, complete the bottom half of this paper and BRING to practice along with payment. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks can be made out to "Elizabeth High School Poms" please include your driver's license number on the check.

Participant name: _____

Grade/Age: _____

Parent name: _____ Parent phone #: _____

Participant shirt size: _____

I, _____ give permission for _____ to attend and participate at the Elizabeth Poms Clinic. I understand that while learning and working on dance/cheer skills and technique, injuries may occur. I will not fault EHS staff/coaches and/or students if my child gets injured.