



### SAFETY CONCERNS

In regard to closing our parking lot gates, I want to thank the many parents who have expressed their concern for safety in the parking lot. Because of all traffic and safety concerns, Cherry Drive Elementary had reinstated the closing of our gates as has been done in previous years. This evaluation and determination for the safety of the students were made in conjunction with our District Risk Management Director, Phil Padilla, and the District Safe and Secure Environment Department, as well as directives from the Thornton Police.

The procedure of closing the parking lot gates has been standard for many years at all of our elementary schools that were not designed for “hug and go” drop off. The inside of the parking lot became a safety concern with all the car traffic and the inability of emergency vehicles to quickly access the front of school during drop off and pick up times. We experienced this situation during morning drop off time, and the difficulties of moving out traffic and securing the safety of students were major problems while fire trucks and other emergency vehicle tried to access the school building.

As a reminder, we again ask Cherry Drive families to drop off and pick up students at the sidewalks and use cross-walks when crossing the street. Please do not let your children out in the middle of the street.

Thank you for the support and understanding we have received to ensure the safety of our students.

### DATES—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 11, Veteran’s Day Holiday  
Wednesday, November 25, Comp Day  
Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Holiday  
Friday, November 27, Thanksgiving Break  
December 21-January 1, Winter Break  
Monday, January 4, Elementary Work Day  
CLASSES RESUME, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010

### AUTHOR’S NIGHT/BOOK FAIR

Author’s Night will be Tuesday, November 10, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Book Fair will begin this Thursday, November 5, from 7:30 a.m.—3:15 p.m. daily until Thursday, November 12, when it ends at noon. During the day Tuesday, November 10, the Book Fair will close at 4 p.m. and reopen at 5 p.m. during the Author’s Night.

### ASSESSMENT DAY—DECEMBER 7, 2009

There will be no school on this date, but please watch for information from your child’s teacher regarding assessment schedule.

### PTP NEWS

Our next PTP meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. There will no meeting for November, due to Author’s Night on Tuesday, November 10.

### ACCOUNTABILITY WORKBOOK

Our school was accredited last year, so we just went through the annual off-year site review. It was a successful evening. If you ever have any questions about our Accountability Workbook, please feel free to ask.

Our next parent Accountability Workbook Meeting is January 26, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

### REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be going home on November 20. Please be sure to review your child’s progress with him or her. They have worked hard this trimester, and we know they are excited to share all they have been learning.

**STUDENT COUNCIL  
FOOD DRIVE**

**NOVEMBER 2  
TO DECEMBER 4**

Donations of canned foods and nonperishable packaged foods items are now being collected by all classrooms.

This event is sponsored by our school's Student Council. We all appreciate your spirit of giving for this upcoming holiday season.

**ATTENDANCE LINE**

**PLEASE NOTE:** When calling in an absence because of illness, please leave a message including the following information: **STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE, FEVER OR NO FEVER, COUGH, OR SORE THROAT.**

This information may be shared with public agencies, but your child's personal identifying information will be kept confidential.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE  
PLAN—SNOW**

1. The District makes the decision to close schools.
2. Principals are informed. News/Media are notified.
3. Usually a decision is made by 6:00 am
4. Principals change the phone message to indicate a closure.

**SPANISH SPEAKING  
ASSISTANCE**

**Lydia Martinez of our staff is available for Spanish interpretation. Please call her at 720-972-5300, and she will return your call.**

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The breakfast program has been available since October 5. Cost of the program is \$1.55 (free and reduced qualifying students may eat breakfast for free).

Hot entrée items include pancakes, omelets and breakfast pizza. Students may also select from fresh fruit, canned fruit or juice, and milk.

**Please enter the cafeteria from the outside cafeteria door.**  
Breakfast will be served from 7:20 a.m. until 7:35 a.m.  
Students must be in their classrooms promptly at 7:45 when teaching begins.

**CROSSWALK SAFETY**

- \*Please teach children to use the crosswalk.
- \*Please do not pick up children in the middle of the street.
- \*We need crosswalk volunteers. If interested, please contact Christine Jepsen, Assistant Principal, at 720-972-5300.
- \*If you have a major concern or see a violation, contact the Thornton Police.

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**CHERRY DRIVE ELEMENTARY  
STAFF AND STUDENTS  
WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE  
FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR OUR  
RECENTLY HELD AUCTION**

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