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Hello Nighthawk families,

A huge thank you for all who were able to attend our conferences. We really appreciate hearing your perspective and insights on your child as well as teaming with you for their success. Some conversations are easy and some are hard but all are worth it when the purpose is to keep making us (all of us) better.

March is Music in our Schools Month! An opportunity to bring awareness of the importance of offering music education to our students. We were excited to have some of our students participate in the District Honor Choir last weekend. Another group from Choir had the great honor to perform at the CCSD Foundation Gala Thursday night. Don't miss next week's Choir and Band concert. Our students shine at performances all year long!

Our amazing PTCO is in need...of you! We are looking to fill some positions on the board as we have some vacancy due to their children moving on to high school. PTCO is a great way to stay connected to your child's school and do work for the greater good. If you are interested in joining next year in some capacity, please connect with Crystal Duncan at skyvistapresident@gmail.com or myself.

Come to Dr. Collin's 8th Grade AID LA classes Art Donation Show on March 15th at 6:00 pm in the library. Be prepared to have your heart strings pulled when you hear how the class researched an organization to sponsor and then created pieces of work to communicate important messages connected to the work of the charity. The selected charity is Concern Worldwide – a global community who shares a common vision of a world where no one lives in poverty, fear or oppression and ALL can exercise their rights to a decent standard of living, can have access to the opportunities and choices essential to a long, healthy and creative life and can be treated with dignity and respect. Very cool project, hope to see you!

Believe it or not, we have completed 3 quarters and only have one more to go. Time does fly fast! Mrs. Donegan, our librarian, has sent out reminders to students who have yet to return books and/or have fines to pay. We want to get ahead of these fines before we check out for the summer. If you have received a notice, please speak with your child and take care of it as soon as you can. If you have questions about any reported fines, you can contact me.

We love that our students are comfortable and like staying at Sky Vista as long as they can during the day. Hanging out with friends is always fun but we need to make sure we are maximizing the learning time. A reminder to parents that we open the doors at 7:15. Students can go with teachers if they have a scheduled appointment and pass. If they don't, they can stay in the cafeteria until 7:50. Afterschool, we seem to have a number of students hanging out with friends. Students should only stay afterschool to work with teachers, or participate in athletic or clubs. Our late buses run on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If your child is staying late, we do expect them to be in the appropriate places.

Our CMAS testing scheduled is posted on the website. Please review the dates for your child's grade level so you are aware of when your child will be testing. If you have any questions about the CMAS testing, please reach out to Bryan Terry, bterry2@cherrycreekschools.org

Calendar check

3/10 – last day of 3rd quarter

3/14 – SVMS PASS meeting at 6:00 pm

3/15 – Art Donation Show at 6:00 pm

3/16 – Coffee with the Principal @7:30 (please RSVP to <u>msolares@cherrycreekschools.org</u>) Choir and Band Concert @ 6:30 pm

3/17 – Wear your green!!

3/27-3/31 – Spring Break

Here is an opportunity for our students:

Attention Future Cherokee Trail Cougar Families, you are cordially invited to attend our fun and free STEAM event called CREATE (Creative Engineering and Technology Expo) on <u>Saturday, March 18th from 8am-12pm</u>. There will be tons of activities for elementary-aged students to participate in to inspire, excite and expand their experience with science, technology, engineering, art and math. Registering early is encouraged, so avoid the long lines and register early and learn more about the event at our website: http://ccsdcreate.moonfruit.com/. We hope to see you there!

Cheers,

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