

Sky Vista Middle School
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Dear Sky Vista Community,

Our 2018-19 school year adventure is about to begin! We have some final touches to put in place and then we will be ready to ignite another year of learning for all.

The purpose of learning is to grow. The power we have at Sky Vista is growth happens in 827 different ways because we live by our mission statement, *Inspire excellence in every student, every day*. In the middle school years, growth occurs in a vast array and truly depends on the day. We strive to support every student, every day in their journey by embracing our common values to *know every student, challenge and expect every student to achieve at a high level, model kindness and respect, develop and maintain relationships, and learn, reflect, grow*.

We do not just plan and focus on ways to grow our students. Our staff are superheroes and hone their talents on a daily basis. Their engagement in the Professional Learning Communities allows them to evaluate what is working for student achievement and openly discuss where we are not meeting the mark. This collaborative nature builds the ultimate support system for every child.

In tune with the ever-changing middle school student, we have had a few changes in our administrative staff. Mr. Ron Garcia y Ortiz has “moved up” the street to Horizon Middle School to be their Principal. We are excited for him and wish him the best. In addition, Dr. Aspen Rendon will be teaching in Dubai next year. We are super jealous of the experience she will have. In change, we will have growth! Mr. Bryan Terry will be serving you as our Assistant Principal. His experience as the Dean and COSA at Sky Vista is a big asset as he transitions to the new role. His move opened up the COSA position for Mrs. Jennifer Wiggs to join our team. She recently was the Dean of Instruction in DPS but was a teacher in CCSD and is elated to be back. Finally, our new Dean is Mrs. Deirdre Schreiber. Her family made a wise decision (yes, I am bias!) and moved to Colorado from Seattle where she was a House Administrator, a similar role to our Dean. Her care and passion for kids will set SVMS up for success.

So, let’s start our 18-19 adventure!

- Online check-in is open and we are at 58% completion (thank you!). If you have not had a chance yet, please visit <http://my.cherrycreekschools.org> to complete the Parent Online check-in forms. Please call us if you need any assistance. **Students must be checked-in prior to the start of school.**
- 6th Grade WEB Orientation – August 9th 8:50-3:45. 6th grade families will receive further details regarding this day.
- SVMS Open House – August 10th 1:00-4:00 pm. All students and families are welcome to come and walk their schedule, prep their locker and get acclimated to SVMS (again). 7th and 8th grade students will receive their schedules via email prior to the start of Open House at 1:00 pm.

Dates for your calendar (our website will have the full year planning calendar posted soon):

First day of School – August 13th 8:50-3:45.

Back To School Night – August 23rd.

PTCO Fundraiser – Color Battle Sept 4th-14th.

Remember learning happens beyond school doors and at every given moment for every person – keep learning!

With gratitude,
Chellie McCourt
Principal