Welcome November! As we transition between seasons we fall loving people cling to any remaining colors on leaves, the thought of all things cinnamon and pumpkin, and taking advantage of opportunities to express gratitude.

"Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moonrise." ~Gladys Taber

Thank you for "shopping" our lost and found during conferences. Hopefully many items found their way back to the rightful owners.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tonight, Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting in the Dennison Gym, Topic – A Day in the Life of a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader

Also tonight, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting in the Dennison Gym, Topic – D'Evelyn 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Information

Friday, November, 8<sup>th</sup>, End of First Trimester

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day –If you are in the building over the next few weeks, please view our bulletin board in the cafeteria.

Thank you, to all of our community that is serving, or has served in our country's armed services. We appreciate you!

**Jeans Day is November 11th** for staff and students. This is to honor our Veterans; we dress in jeans to empathize with many of our Veterans who are now homeless. Consider making a donation online at: <u>Dennison GI Go Fund Page</u>

Here is the link itself: <u>https://gigo.org/teams/dennison-elementary-school-lakewood-co/index.html</u>

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# <u>GI Go Fund Team: Dennison</u> <u>Elementary School</u>

Dennison Elementary School is dedicated to helping the veteran community. With our team of more than 600, we hope to raise \$600 for the GI Go Fund. To be a part of this drive and show your gratitude to our troops, simply donate \$5 or more to GI Go Fund and wear jeans to school along with your program sticker on Jeans for Troops Day!

gigo.org

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Report Cards
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - DEC/PTA Meeting, Rm 9
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - Accountability Meeting, Rm 9
Draft Agenda
6<sup>th</sup> grade transition updates
Unified Improvement Plan and Budget overview
Digital Literacy resources
Review of Survey results (Make Your Voice Heard and Parent Community Partnership)

#### **CELEBRATIONS**:

Candy Buy-Back, we collected over 400 lbs. of candy!

#### **REMINDERS:**

This is a reminder that we are gathering names and branches of Dennison family members who are currently serving, served, and/or those whose lives were lost while serving in the military. Please list name and branch of your family members so they can be honored on Veteran's Day at our school. YOU MAY COMPLETE THIS SURVEY MORE THAN ONCE! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK2kOzEfH9KhX5hXNrGbLtS5DRvQd6YxwlbL4Wb CoNCxLblw/viewform

**Disney Day is November 22<sup>nd</sup>,** wear your favorite Disney shirt or dress like a Disney character; **no costumes**. You may wear Mickey/Minnie ears at recess. Encourage your grandparents to wear their favorite Disney shirt too!

**Canned Food Drive - Now through November 22nd**- We are continuing our partnership with CCU as we bring in cans for the Northern Arapaho Tribe. As a school, our goal is to bring in 8000 cans!

#### **DEC/PTA**

<u>**TTH ANNUAL DENNISON ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**</u>—Mark your calendars and tell friends and family that the 7th Annual Dennison Arts & Crafts Fair is Tuesday, December 3rd, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Dennison Gym, Cafeteria and Lobby. We invite you to be a vendor and sell your products at this family fun event. Applications are due on November 15th. Proceeds from vendor booth fees will support Ms. Land's Physical Education program. We are looking for volunteers who can help with set-up, check-in, and take down, you can sign up at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ea9ac29a6fa7-arts1">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ea9ac29a6fa7-arts1</a>. Thank you for supporting this fun and creative family event!

**<u>REFLECTIONS</u>** - Thank you for joining us last week to celebrate our student's creative submissions for the Reflections "Look Within" program. Your entries are inspiring, creative, and beautiful. The following students won awards, selected by our judges Jeannette Stutzman and Dave Daniels. Their artwork will be moving on to the Reflections Jefferson County contest.

Visual Arts: Avery Estes-Alderman, Ella Geier, Ingrid Kroll, Marshall Pharris, Aria Raley, Chloe Smith, Elena Sorkin, and Elsie Sorkin Photography: Alexander Alper, Eiley BaanHofman, Elliot Gee, Ella Geier, Aria Raley, and Ashtyn Richardson Literature: Emily Alper, Evelyn Johnsen, and Bethany Knoedler Dance Choreography: Aria Raley, Maggie Smith, and Avery Swartzlander Music: Emily Alper Film Production: Max Sorkin, Maggie Smith, and Jack Swartzlander

Thank you to our volunteers, Jenny Kemp, Anna Kaye, Maggie Arbat-Pennington, and Dana Gutwein, who offered their time and encouragement to run the Reflections program at Dennison!

Please continue to access the Dennison website, our marquee, and Peach Jar which is our main communication tool for DEC/PTA news, community events, etc.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

For school updates please follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram! Facebook: Dennison Elementary School Instagram: DennisonBlueRibbon

Thank you to all staff, parents, and students for making Dennison Elementary an amazing school!

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September 2019

Dear Dennison Community,

I hope you have all settled back into the routines that come with the start of school each year, and I truly hope you are looking forward to a remarkable year as your child continues on his/her/their educational journey in Jefferson County! It is my great privilege to serve as the Community Superintendent for Dennison Elementary as well as elementary schools in the Columbine, Conifer and Evergreen articulation areas.

Columbine	Conifer Articulation	Evergreen Articulation	Option Schools
Columbine Hills Dutch Creek Governor's Ranch Leawood Normandy	Elk Creek Marshdale West Jefferson	Bergen Meadow Bergen Valley Parmalee Wilmot	Dennison

As a Community Superintendent, my most important responsibility is to support each school community through direct collaboration with the building administrator, staff, students and families. I am available to problem solve, provide feedback, connect schools with district resources and resolve any questions, concerns or issues that arise in the school and its community.

I look forward to seeing you and your children as I visit schools and attend various events throughout the school year. My goal is to support schools in providing positive and engaging learning experiences for all students as they learn and grow both academically and socially each year.

I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with an amazing group of Principals who serve school communities that are so dedicated to the success of all children. I am driven by the optimism, enthusiasm, and curiosity that both our students and educators bring to our buildings each day.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, your school principal or me anytime you have a question or concern, or if you would like to share a positive experience. We are all eager to partner with you in support of your child!

In partnership,

Amanda Vinijio

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Our Mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.