Message from the Principal

Welchester Families,

Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin a new year here at Welchester! We are excited to welcome students and support them as they begin, continue, or near the end of their educational journey with us.

We remain persistent in our continued commitment to academic excellence, innovative practices, school safety and inclusive excellence. We are proud of our achievements and grateful for our school community!

Our theme this year is: Hop on our bus, your journey awaits!

Our vision and commitment is at Welchester Elementary we inspire innovators and lifelong learners to be successful contributors in a global community.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Welchester. It plays an integral role in each student’s success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to stay in the know about your child(ren).

Again, we welcome you to Welchester and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place where opportunities abound! Here’s to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

In partnership,
Bethany Robinson, Principal
September-October Activities

September 20-No Students Teacher Work Day
September 27-Field Day
October 2-One Day Count
October 4-Kids invite someone special
October 11-Golden High School Homing Coming Parade
October 16-Picture retake day
October 16-17 Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 24-Chili Cook off & Silent Auction
October 25-Fall Break No School
October 28-No Students Teacher Work Day
October 31-Halloween Parade/Class Parties
Volunteers Needed

Help with classroom duties
Help with Friday Folders
Golden Back Pack Co-Op
Library Support (shelving books & labeling books)
Eagle Eye – Watch Dog

Please Join the Family Engagement Remind APP

To get reminders for 2nd Cup of Coffee and other family events at Welchester.
To receive messages via text, text @mrsdochoa to 81010 or @mrsdohoa to (303)625-6925. Or to receive messages via email
mrsdohoa@mail.remind.com You may unsubscribe at any time!

If you have any questions feel free to call Mrs. Ochoa at 303-982-7377
Welchester Elementary Circus Arts Club

Mission: To promote fitness, character development and citizenship through circus arts

Membership: 30 students maximum, grades 2-5

Dates: The club will meet before and after school on A days for specials. First days are Sept. 5, 6, and 9. The club will meet at least through the first semester, probably more if the members’ desire.

Times and Place: Before school, 7:25-7:55, and after school, 2:55-3:30, in the gym

Cost: $20 and a box of snacks; includes T-shirt, equipment rental, equipment deposit; ($5 will be refunded when equipment is returned.)

Skills: Students will primarily learn to ride a unicycle. We also may teach juggling, and how to use and perform angel sticks, diablo, spinning plates, walking globe, clown bikes and/or balloon animals. Advanced students will learn how to ride a giraffe!

Instructor: Greg Aigner, retired Jeffco PE teacher. Mr. Aigner has taught circus arts in Jeffco for 22 years. He has sponsored group trips to the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. and a Memorial Day Parade in San Diego, CA. In 2014, we performed at a Nuggets game and in 2013 at a Colorado Mammoth game. Other shows include Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Buffalo Bill Days Parade in Golden, Boom Days in Leadville and numerous halftime shows.

Application: Submit the attached form to the office with a check for $20 made out to “Welchester”. Selection is based on the needs of the club to be balanced by ability, gender and age. Students will be notified asap if they are in. A waiting list will be used if needed.

Expectations: Students must be in good academic and behavioral standing. Students should attend both daily sessions. If attendance becomes an issue, then the student risks being dropped from the program. Safe and respectful behavior is mandatory at all times. Students will be highly encouraged to practice circus arts skills at home and will be allowed to borrow equipment.

Performing: Students are expected to participate in at least 75% of performances. We usually do 4 or 5 which may include the following: Golden HS Homecoming, Olde Golden Christmas, Golden HS halftime show, CU halftime show, and Welchester Talent Show.

Volunteers: Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Please come to any session and be put to work!
Welchester Circus Arts Club

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE FRIDGE!

Dates: 1st Sem. -- Sept. 10, 11,12,23,24,25; Oct. 4,7,8,17,18,21; Nov. 1,4,5,14,15,18; Dec. 4,5,17,18,19.

Times: 7:20-7:55 and 2:55-3:30

Mr. Aigner’s phone numbers: 303.918.9527 cell, 303.238.6504 home

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Welchester Elementary

Circus Arts Club Application

Student’s First Name __________________________________ Last Name __________________________________

Phone ________________________________ Classroom Teacher ___________________________ Grade _______

Email ______________________________________________________________ T-Shirt Size ________

After school, my student will always: (circle one) be picked up walk home either is OK

RELEASE

In consideration of my child’s voluntary participation in the Welchester Circus Arts Club and related activity, I,____________________________________________, hereby release and discharge the Jefferson County School District and their/its successors, heirs, assigns, directors, officers, employees, supervisors, agents, attorneys and representatives, from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, attorney fees, judgments, liens, indebtedness and liabilities whatsoever, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, past, present or future, with regard to all matters that could have been raised in an action on the merits regarding the aforementioned activity in which I and my child have elected to voluntarily participate.

Dated this ____________ day of ___________________, 2019

Approval as to form and content:

___________________________________________________

Parent’s signature Principal’s Signature
Welchester Elementary

**Mission:** To promote parent involvement and make Welchester safer and better!

**Eligibility:** Parents and grandparents of Welchester students

**Commitment:** Half day (7:40-11:20 or 11:20-3:00) or full day (7:40-3:00)

**A.M. Schedule:**
- 7:40-8:00 Aid with crosswalks and outside security
- 8:00-11:00 Help in your child’s classroom (1 hour); volunteer in other classrooms, help in LMC, PE, or office; monitor hallways
- 11:00-11:20 Eat lunch with your student, help with lunchtime recess

**P.M. Schedule:**
- 11:20-11:50 Eat lunch with your student, help with lunchtime recess
- 11:50-2:40 Help in your child’s classroom (1 hour); volunteer in other classrooms, help in LMC, PE, or office; monitor hallways
- 2:40-3:00 Aid with crosswalks and outside security

*(NOTE: Lunch and recess times are approximate.)*

**Sign up:** Submit the interest form below to the office. Then pick your times on the calendar in the hallway near the LMC at least a week in advance of your planned session.

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**Eagle Eye Interest Form**

First Name ____________________________ Last Name __________________________________________
Phone ________________________________ Child’s Classroom Teacher ___________________________
Email ________________________________

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Outdoor Lab

5th Grader can start saving for Outdoor Lab. Families can get 100% of your student’s Outdoor lab paid for by using your pre-paid King Sooper’s Cards. All you have to do is pre load your Kings Sooper’s card before you check out.  2nd option is asking the cashier to suspend your transaction and load the card for the exact amount of your bill. Please contact your child’s teacher or front office for a broacher.

Safe & Secure

Please help us keep our school safe and secure.

Any time you are visiting our building we ask that you sign in. In the event of a major crisis, it is imperative that we know who is in the building. It is a state law that all visitors to any school building, sign in. When joining your child for breakfast, a sign in sheet will be available in the cafeteria at the cashier’s desk. We appreciate it!
Title 1 Notification

Welchester is dedicated to making sure all of our children succeed in school and in life. We are proud of the programs we offer at Welchester that helps students learn and ultimately be successful.

However, the way our school and student achievement is measured and reported will be different under the federal law known as Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), formerly known as, No Child Left Behind (NCLB). It is important for you to understand how this law affects your child’s school and our students.

ESSA, signed into law by President Obama in December 2015, requires states to set challenging standards in math, reading or language arts, and science that are aligned with higher education and Career and Technical Education (CTE) expectations. ESSA requires alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities as well as standards for English-language proficiency.

Welchester receives funds from Title I, which is a federal program that provides resources to schools that have high free lunch numbers. ESSA focuses on schools, like ours, that receive Title I funding. Under ESSA, every school receiving Title I money is required to notify parents of their rights:

- to know the qualifications of your child’s teacher and will be notified if the teacher does not meet applicable licensure requirements;
- to know when your child has a substitute teacher for more than four weeks as well as the qualifications of the substitute teacher;
- to know how the school is rated by Colorado Department of Education, based on state standardized test scores;
- to understand Common Core State Standards as measures by state assessments and your child’s test scores;
- to expect regular communication with your school in a language you can understand;
- to work with other families and teachers to develop a school-level family agreement between school and families;
- to help plan how money for family engagement should be spent;
- to work with other families, teachers, and the principal in developing a Unified Improvement Plan;
- to request a meeting with your child’s teacher or the principal;
- to volunteer at the school, within school and district policy;
- to join your school’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and school Accountability Committee to learn more about your school;
- If your school is in Priority Improvement or Turnaround status, you have the right to transfer your child to an option school identified by the district, with transportation provided.

We need your help to make sure all children are successful in school and in life. By working together as a community, we will overcome our challenges and build the bright future our children deserve. If you would like to get involved, please call me at 303-982-7450.

Thank you,

Bethany Robinson, Principal
PTSA News & Happenings

PTA Corner:

Parents and Teachers! It’s an exciting new year at Welchester and we are fueling our figurative PTA Bus with gallons of Positive Energy! And for good reason! Lots of fun things going down already at the beginning of this school year.

September 12th: Be sure to mark down this date in your calendar because it is our very first PTA Community Kick-Off and we’re holding it at the Chick-Fil-A at 14730 West Colfax Avenue. Yes, this is a dine-in that is intended to be our first fund-raiser, BUT we are also introducing our new PTA board and offering REALLY COOL prizes from a drawing. How do you tickets for this drawing?

1. Sign up for PTA (1 ticket)
2. Pay your PTA dues of $7.00 (1 ticket)
3. Show up to Chick Fil A on SEPT. 12th between 5 to 8 (1 ticket)

For every dollar spent at the Chick Fil A counter that evening, a portion comes back to our school. Additionally, our sponsors for our prizes that evening include Barnes & Noble, Coldstone Creamery, and Bean Fosters.

September 19th: It’s Welchester Elementary’s first Thoughtful Thursday at Café 13 in Golden. Drop by Café 13 in Golden on this day and check out the cool ambience, smell the aroma of perfectly roasted beans, and try one of their delicate, delicious pastries. ALL money spent at Café 13 on this day, between the hours of 3:00 to 10:00pm comes back to Welchester Elementary. WOO HOO! We love our Golden businesses!

Heads-up Volunteers! Maybe you can’t come to a dine-in but you’d love to help the school in some practical way. We have a place for you. If you have an hour or so, stop by the Teacher’s Lounge after drop-off on Tuesday mornings, this is where to find out how you can help. We have warm coffee as a “Thank You” for your volunteering.