At Welchester Elementary, we inspire innovators and lifelong learners to be successful contributors in a global community.

Message from the Principal

Welchester Families,

Health Room Reminder: We need your help. In order for our health staff to recognize infectious outbreaks in schools, we ask you to be specific when calling in students as absent to school. You can call of email Kathy Dettmann (303.982.7450, Kathleen.Dettmann@jeffco.k12.co.us) or leave a message on the attendance line/site. Instead of “sick” please give us specific symptoms or diagnosis, for example: diarrhea, vomiting, fever, sore throat, cold symptoms, strep throat, influenza… and any diagnosed illness in your absence messages.

This is not a requirement, just a request that will help nurses monitor the numbers of condition outbreaks at schools. We want to keep all of our students safe and healthy. Thank you! We appreciate your help with this!

SAVE THE DATE: Multicultural Night on April 16, 2020, 5:00-7:00!
One of the best nights of the year! As a school, each class will be exploring culture & traditions and prepare what they have learned at Multicultural Night. We would like to also challenge YOU to explore your own culture. If your family does not have close connections to the traditions and culture of your ancestors, this is a good time to research, reconnect, and to share what you find out. Each of us has unique heritage that contributes to our culture here atWelchester.

Every spring students across the state participate in the CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) testing to align practices and measure progress of learning initiatives. At Mitchell, we use state testing data, along with other student learning data, to share individual student progress and growth as well as to make instructional decisions for our continued learning. Below are the dates students will be testing in grades 3-5. Please help us ensure your child is at school these days (unless they are sick), and use this information to plan appointments and travel arrangements.

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Message from the Principal, continued...

March 16, March 17 and March 18
3rd grade Math (pm)
4th grade Math (am)
5th grade Math (am)

March 31, April 1st and 2nd
3rd grade ELA (pm)
4th grade ELA (am)
5th grade ELA (am)

April 6, 7 and 8th
5th grade Science (am)

Like Welchester Elementary on Facebook and follow me on Twitter Principal_Robinson.

In partnership,
Bethany Robinson, Principal
March-April Activities

March 9-Butter Braids Fundraiser Starts
March 9-5th & Kinder Milestone Pictures
March 10-5th GR Young AmeriTowne
March 19-No school for students
March 20-Fun Run Kick Off
March 23-27-Spring Break
March 30-Butter Braids fundraiser ends
April 3-Kids invite someone special
April 3-Science Fair 6:00-7:30
April 8-Butter Braid Delivery
April 10-No school for students
April 16-Multicultural Night
April 24-Fun Run
April 30-Flex Testing
May 1-Flex Testing Day
Circus Arts

Hats off to Mr. Greg Aigner for being honored as a Denver7 Everyday Hero! Mr. Aigner was recognized for all he does for the Welchester community. He is a reason Welchester is so great! Congratulations Mr. Aigner!

Circus Arts performed at the School of Mines half time show at Golden High school. They practice every A day before and after school.

Great Job!!
BOX TOPS

Got clips? Got labels?

Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. They app will automatically find the products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online. No clipping required!

Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school’s earnings online.

BE SURE TODOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:  

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT  

BTFE.COM
Butter Braids are Coming

Save the dates
Butter braids are coming
Deliver for Easter
Fundraiser starts March 9th & ends March 30th.
Delivery will be April 8th
Information to follow.

Good News Jefferson County Coalition

Dawn Hendry has been nominated for the “Enriching the Earth, Enhancing the Future” Award thru the Good News Jefferson County Coalition
Dawn is passionate about enriching the earth and role modeling that for children. She is the sponsor of the “Green Team” here at Welchester.

This group of kids has composted 27,000 lbs. of food and recycled 12,500 lunch trays in the last two years! They also wrote to the Jeffco School Board, encourage them to require all schools to use compostable trays. The team maintains a Certified Pollinator Habitat Garden on school grounds and distributes earth worms on Earth Day! She teaches kids about climate changes, how to be Community Scientists and how to use organic gardening techniques.
Lice at School

It is that time again!

Winter 2020

STOP THE SPREAD OF LICE
Weekly Head Checks

We encourage you to check your child’s hair on a weekly basis now and throughout the school year. Control of head lice depends on prompt identification, effective treatment, perseverance and

Lice Facts

Sponsor This School!
YOUR NAME HERE
Click HERE Contact Us Today!

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The School Communications Agency
Supporting Schools & Local Businesses
Volunteers Needed

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

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 @mrsdochoa to (303)625-6925.
Or to receive messages via email mrsdochoa@mail.remind.com You may unsubscribe at any time!
If you have any questions feel free to call Mrs. Ochoa at 303-982-7377

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!
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.

Eagle eye interest form

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

We have exciting events approaching as we enter Spring, 2020! Our Science Fair is going to be loads of fun, as Mr. Reed, Ms. DeRose and Mr. Oatis Green join forces to create a STEAM event that the whole family can enjoy.

Keep your eyes open for information in the Friday Folders, as "Race to Read" is beginning very soon. This popular reading program incorporates reading with prizes and tickets to Bandemere Speedway and is a Welchester annual event. It’s a wonderful way to incentivize the hard work that our students have been putting forth in their reading.

Additionally, keep in mind that our Spring K.I.S.S. event (Kids Invite Someone Special for Donuts before school begins) is coming at the beginning of April. We’re currently chatting with an incredible local music group (Sarei Bird) to provide live music for this popular morning event.

Be sure to keep your school calendar handy and don't miss any of these fun Welchester activities!