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Thunder Vista Buffalo News

September 9, 2022

Hello Thunder Vista Families,

Even during a shortened instructional week, our teachers and students engaged in many meaningful learning experiences. Our library is up and running and students are enjoying picking out books. Our 4-5 Thunderstruck percussion group rehearsals have started, our middle school cross country team is in full swing, and our teacher teams are collaborating in their lesson planning and using student data to inform their instruction. Great things are happening at THV!

UPDATES

Thunder Vista Buffalo Beliefs

At Thunder Vista, we value the importance of our Morning Meetings/Advisory time where we focus on social emotional learning and lessons. One of our tenants is focusing on a monthly character trait called Buffalo Beliefs. We like to share what we are focusing on with our families so you can join us in ways that work in your households!

[Composure](#) (click for more info)

September's Buffalo Belief is **Composure**. We know that in order to learn and maintain good friendships, we have to be functioning in our highest brain state, which means we have to be regulated and calm. When we are calm we are able to be more self aware and have a better ability to think about how we impact those around us. Composure is not easy and some are better at it than others. It also needs to be taught and practiced.

Something you can create in your households is a space to go when needing to get calm or gain composure. A space like this allows children (and us) to practice using strategies to regulate emotions first, then go back to solve a problem. Children can be

taught how to use the space, what to do when they are there, and how to enter back into the family routines. Having a structure like this in any environment sends the message that feelings are part of being human. We expect them to come up and we accept them. We have a plan when they arise, we can go through a process to experience them, and then get back to our daily routine even if we still feel the hard feeling(s).

As the adults in these children's lives it is imperative that we model composure for them to see. In fact, children cannot be regulated (calm) if the adult is not. As a staff, we embed practices for composure in every gathering we do as a group. We realize we have to practice it ourselves in order to facilitate a calm classroom conducive to learning. When we notice ourselves getting dysregulated (i.e. stressed, frustrated, angry, etc.), we must take our own steps to get calm. Our breath can be a powerful tool. Guide your children to do a breath with you, using the mantra, "I'm Safe. Keep Breathing. I can handle this."



Middle School Sports - Cross Country and Basketball

Girls basketball registration has begun! Interested athletes can pick up a registration packet from their advisory teacher or from the front office. Practices will begin Monday, Oct. 17th.

Our next cross country meet is Wednesday, September 14 at Northwest Open Space. Races will begin at 4:45/5:00 pm for boys and girls respectively.

Bring your smile to P-5 Picture Day Monday, September 12th.

All students in grades P-5 will be photographed. This photo will be the one used in the yearbook. Middle School students who did not have their pictures taken on August 5th will also have their pictures taken on this day.

Picture Day ID: EVTP9CDHT

Picture retake day for all grade levels is scheduled for October 27, 2022 .

Mark Your Calendar

September 12 - P-5 Picture Day
September 23 - PTO's 'Fund the Herd' Kick Off Picnic
October 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 13 - No School for Students
October 14 - No School for Staff and Students

REMINDERS

Upcoming Panorama Student Survey

This school year Adams 12 schools will administer the annual Student Panorama Survey at two different times during the year for grades 3rd-12th. One in September and the other in February. The first administration of this survey will be between September 6th and 16th. Classroom teachers will communicate their grade level specific timelines soon. Click [here](#) to read for information about:

- what is on the survey
- who can see your student's answers
- how we use this information
- what to do if you do not want your child to participate.

Safety Reminders in Hug and Go Lane

As we all are getting into the routine of arrival and dismissal, we wanted to send out a reminder about the procedures for our Hug and Go Lane.

Our school's Hug and Go Lane for student morning drop off only is located in our northwest parking lot. Please review these Hug and Go Lane procedures. A photo of the hug and go lane can be accessed [here](#).

- If you would like to park and walk with your child to the blacktop/playground area, you may enter and park in a designated spot.
- Please do not stop and exit your vehicle in the Hug and Go Lane. If you need to assist your child in exiting the vehicle, you must park your vehicle in a designated spot in the parking lot.
- The green lines on the pedestrian side of the parked cars indicate the student drop off zone. Please pull all the way forward to the stationary car in front of you and have your children exit the car if your car is positioned along this path.
- **IMPORTANT** - The Hug and Go Lane was designed for a single lane of traffic with a pedestrian shoulder. The pedestrian shoulder beginning and ending point is indicated with the wavy green line in the above map.

Gifted and Talented Advocate

Please join us in welcoming Meghan Bonde as our new part time Gifted and Talented Advocate. In this role, Meghan will support students, parents and teachers with accelerating student growth in the academic content areas, support social and emotional needs, and support a positive school climate and culture regarding gifted services. Specific communication from Meghan Bonde to our families of gifted and talented learners will be coming soon.

October Student Count

Each year all school districts in Colorado participate in the Student October Count process in order to collect data that supports per pupil funding. While the process

begins in September and continues through mid-November, there is a one day membership count when all schools report students who are actively enrolled and attending classes at their school. **Our October count day is Monday, October 3rd.** In addition to taking data from the day, we also report data from both the day before and the day after. Please support us in providing accurate data to the state by ensuring that your student(s) is present on the days of Friday, September 30, Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4th, 2022. Thank you for your support and partnership!

Picnic with the HERD

Save the date for Picnic with the Herd, on 9/23 from 3-7 pm. Our annual "Fund the Herd" PTO fundraiser will kick off at the picnic and run through Friday, 10/7. There will be prizes for the top three grade levels that raise the most funds and Thunder Vista Swag for the first donations at the Picnic.

Thunder Vista BASE

The Thunder Vista BASE (Before & After School Program) is hiring Site Leaders. If you or someone you know is interested please visit the District Website at <https://www.adams12.org/our-district/careers> - JobID: 4639 . For additional information please contact Elijah Salazar-BASE Director sal021076@adams12.org

THV Houses

Our 'House' system here at Thunder Vista is off to a great start this school year with the intention of creating a team atmosphere across our Preschool through 8th grade community. Check out [this video](#) to see how students found out about their House teams and the ways we celebrated this kick off.

Our three different Houses are named after Colorado mountain peaks, and represent the colors of the Colorado Flag. Click on the different House names below to learn more about what makes each House so special.

- ★ [Antero](#)
- ★ [Culebra](#)
- ★ [Ouray](#)

Each Friday we are encouraging staff and students to either wear our House colors or THV spirit wear to show our House and THV pride!

Community Opportunities

- *Every Kid Sports* - is a national nonprofit that helps income-restricted families to pay for youth sports registration fees by providing up to \$150 per children, up to three times a year, through their signature program, The Every Kid Sports Pass.

To qualify, families must fill out an application at www.everykidsports.org and submit a picture of a Medicaid, SNAP, or WIC document with the child's name and a date within 12 months. ■ eks_Pass_Overview_2022.pdf

- *Do A Good Deed for September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance* - Join the City of Northglenn in participating in 9/11 Day (September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance) by sprucing up parks and areas throughout Northglenn by picking up trash and dog waste and assisting with weeding anytime between Sept. 3 and 11. Contact Jenni Murphy, the Community Outreach Coordinator, at jmurphy@northglenn.org to sign up your group and choose your service location. You will be given information about picking up your toolkits which are provided by the city.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

All K-8 students can begin entering the building each morning at 7:40am through their grade level designated entry points according to this [building entry/exit schedule](#). This document includes a chart with both entry and exit times for each grade level. The first time indicated in the far right column for each grade level is the same time of a 7:40 a.m. entry into the building.

Entry doors during student arrival will close at 7:53. If your student arrives after this time, they will enter the building through the cafeteria doors. This door will remain open and supervised until 8:10. If your student arrives later than this time, please drop your student off at the school's main entrance on the south side of the building.

The second time indicated for each grade level (in the far right column) indicates the time that students in a particular grade level will be exiting the building. Please note that the bell rings at 3:10 and some classes will not be exiting their classrooms until 3:13 p.m.

The middle column of the chart indicates the entry/exit points that specific grade level classrooms will be using to enter the building in the morning and to exit the building in the afternoon. The entry/exit areas are indicated in text above and entry points are marked with stars.

Staff supervision of students during arrival each day is from 7:40-8:00 and from 3:10-3:20 (1:40-1:50 on Weds.) during dismissal. Please do not drop off students prior to 7:40 each morning and have them picked up no later than 3:20 (1:50 on Weds.) every afternoon.

Parking Lot and Hug and Go Lane

All visitors to the school should use the Visitor Parking Lot located on the southwest side of the school near the main entrance. If this lot is full, visitors may use the staff lot on the southeast side of the building. The southeast parking lot may also be used for parking

only during student arrival and dismissal times. If you choose this location, please note that it is not designed as a Hug and Go Lane drop off and pick up location.

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- **Please Note - New Pedestrian Access**
 - Over the summer, in collaboration with the City of Broomfield, we were able to extend our sidewalk along the south side of the west parking lot. This is a big improvement to our school and will help ensure that students walking to school can stay safely on the sidewalk during morning dropoff and afternoon pickup without entering the crosswalk. This means if your student comes to school from the south, near Preble Creek Pkwy, we want them using the new sidewalk. Signage will be posted to assist pedestrians with access to and use of this new sidewalk.
 - With the addition of this new sidewalk, we are now able to allow vehicles to turn left out of the northwest parking lot.
 - Please remind your child that they need to stay on the sidewalks when in our parking lot.
 - Click [here for a photo](#) of the location of the new sidewalk.
 - Additionally, students who come to school from the north should continue to use the pedestrian crossing area at the intersection of Middle Peak and Pikes Peak Drive when walking to and from school. If you will be using the pedestrian crossing area, you must wait for the crossing guard to stop the Hug and Go Lane traffic and stand in the crossing area before you will be invited to cross.

Please watch for pedestrians at all times in the parking lots and streets, and be alert at crosswalks.

Student Chromebook Insurance

During the online registration process over the summer, parents were asked to acknowledge the new Chromebook Insurance fee. If you inadvertently clicked past the information, click [here](#) to read more details about this program.

Breakfast and Lunch Services

The cafeteria will serve only lunch daily. The federal waiver allowing for free school breakfasts and lunches was not extended for the 22-23 school year. Elementary lunches are \$3.50 daily and \$17.50 weekly. Middle school lunches are \$3.75 daily and \$18.75 weekly. Families are encouraged to visit payforit.net to pre-pay for school meals. [Payforit.net](https://payforit.net) makes paying for school meals easy. If your family needs support with paying for school lunch, please apply for free and reduced lunch benefits on [this website](#).

With the federal waiver no longer in effect for free school breakfasts and lunches, we will no longer serve breakfast each morning.

Click [here for the 2022-2023 School Meal Guide](#) for additional information and details.

Air Quality Research Study

Thunder Vista has partnered with the University of Colorado at Boulder as part of their study of the health impacts from wildfires. The CU researchers are looking for families who are interested in having the air quality inside their homes measured. Please see [this letter](#) for more information on how to become involved.

Meet Your Administration Team

Your Thunder Vista administrative staff is honored to serve you and your children during your time in the Thunder Vista Buffalo Herd. If we haven't met you before or if we are just getting to know each other, [here's a bit more about us](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Teresa Benallo, principal; *Manissa Featherstone*, assistant principal; *Jody Roper*, assistant principal

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