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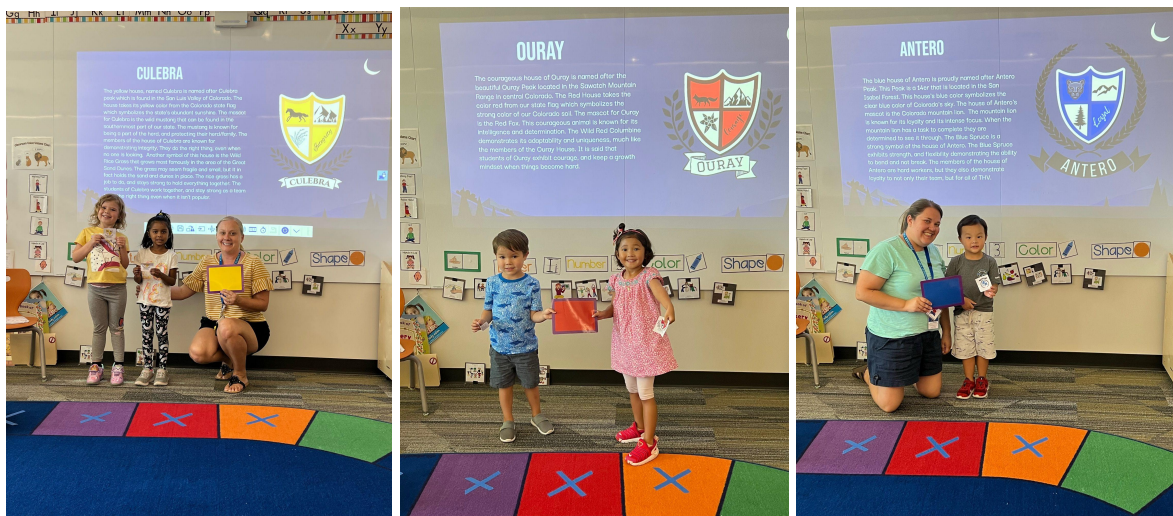


Thunder Vista Buffalo News

August 25, 2022

Hello Thunder Vista Families,

We're sending this communication a day early because today has been an incredibly exciting day at Thunder Vista! As mentioned in previous communications, we are implementing a 'House' system here at Thunder Vista this school year with the intention of creating a team atmosphere across our Preschool through 8th grade community. Today our students found out their House teams and celebrated this kick off in so many fun ways. Check out [this video](#)!.



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](#)

Tomorrow all of us will either wear our House colors or THV spirit wear to show our House and THV pride!

UPDATES

Middle School Sports - Cross Country and Basketball

Cross country has had its first two practices and we're excited to see how this season goes. For those still interested in cross country the due date is Thursday, September 1st with both forms and physical completed and turned in before the end of the school day. If you have questions, please reach out to Coach Knight (kni023422@adams12.org) or Coach Tennant (ten023366@adams12.org).

We know that there is a great deal of anticipation regarding the upcoming basketball season. Boys basketball season will start the week of October 17th. We anticipate practice three days a week with games on Thursdays. We will keep families updated as we learn more information regarding registration, specific game and practice times, and dates for girls basketball season.

Mark Your Calendar

September 5 - No School - Labor Day

September 6 - K-5 Assessment Day (middle school students attend as usual)

September 23 - PTO's 'Fund the Herd' Kick Off Picnic

REMINDERS

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!

This month we focus on **Dignity**, our foundation for all of our Social Emotional Learning and the value we hold high at Thunder Vista. Older students who have been a part of our community will be walking into their 4th year hearing about and practicing what it means to treat ourselves and others with Dignity. If you would like to have a better understanding, this [Tiny Guide](#) explains the concept and importance of Dignity and was created by Cultures of Dignity.

Five Star Leadership Academy

Adams 12 Five Star Schools is proud to offer the 2022-23 Five Star Leadership Academy, the eighth year of the program! The Five Star Leadership Academy is an opportunity for Adams 12 Five Star Schools parents and community members to increase their knowledge of district and state education affairs. The learning program creates a sense of shared responsibility and partnership, empowering graduates with information and resources needed to step into leadership roles within our schools, district or community. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Leadership Academy and to apply for the 2022-23 Five Star Leadership Academy Cohort.

Middle School Cross Country

We are excited that the district has decided to bring back some of our middle school athletic opportunities. Co-ed cross country for 6-8 graders starts the week of August 22nd. Katie Tennant and Molly Knight (Marx) will be taking on coaching duties for this team. Students will practice after school approximately three days a week and will attend 3-4 track meets depending on the district wide schedule. We anticipate that the season will extend through mid-October. More information will be provided as we receive it. Please click here for [registration information](#). Interested students can turn their forms into the main office. Go THV Buffs!

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.

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. 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.
- **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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