

September 26, 2025

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Fall Conferences

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AB2DA4FAC25-58686571-fall>

Message from Homeroom Parents

Hello,

Our names are Kate (Mac's mom) & CJ (Millie's mom), we are the Room Parents for Mrs. McMullan this year! 🎉

We will work to plan parties, coordinate teacher appreciation gifts and help with anything else Mrs. McMullan might need this year.

Most of our communication will come through Mrs. McMullan's Friday news - but there may be some communication here or there that we send directly to parents as we're planning teacher appreciation and other fun surprises. Please let Mrs. McMullan know if you'd like to opt out of sharing your information with us.

We are asking for an upfront contribution of \$20-25 per family to cover the cost of 4 parties, with food/beverage and activity costs. This will allow us to coordinate the food items and only ask you to volunteer your time on the day of each party. We will reach out separately before the winter party and end of year party to coordinate teacher gifts. Also, any leftover money from the 'party fund' will go to a teacher gift at the end of the year.

The Halloween party is coming up soon, Friday October 31st, more information and a sign-up genius will be sent out soon! 🎃👻

We're looking forward to a great school year with everyone! We will heavily rely on parent participation to make sure our kids have fun and exciting parties, as well as make sure Mrs. McMullan feels supported, and we thank you in advance for volunteering!!

For contributions please send to Kate Moser via Venmo @katemoser, last 4-digits 5446.

Please reach out with any questions, to (CJ) cj.messick29@gmail.com and

(Kate) Hooleyk@gmail.com .

Warmly,
CJ and Kate

If you would like to receive information from our Homeroom Parents, please complete the form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMfpYq-kFr27CaMkYbguq6t8ISFvzF_BRZpplm5h565V9Ykg/viewform?usp=dialog

Field Trip Permission Slip

In your child's Friday Folder, you will find a permission slip for our upcoming field trip to the Colorado State Capitol. The trip is scheduled for **November 3rd from 10:30–12:30**.

The Capitol has provided specific guidelines that our group must follow in order to have a successful tour. Please review these guidelines with your child before the trip. If we are unable to follow them, the Capitol reserves the right to end our tour early.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please indicate this on the permission slip. While we are unable to take all volunteers, there will be more opportunities to chaperone on future field trips this school year.

ELF

Here are the ELF Dates for this school year:

Friday 10/3

Friday 11/7

Friday 1/30

Friday 2/27

Friday 5/22

We will be combining with Mrs. Archie's class for our ELF Units. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for ELF, please reach out to Molly Dinzes: mdinzes@gmail.com

If you would like to opt your child out of ELF, please fill out the form below:

<https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fdocs.google.com%2fforms%2fd%2fe%2f1FAIpQLSfu0MhxjDMtpHxqKpWxXmb5GLgTq4uarmX7md%5f7hZDU2%2d49mg%2fviewform&umid=d20f2746-5aa9-4659-b0a9-5b12a3085e8e&auth=0f0fe36e56cb037dddc7c68b2bd2b772dd97bc7-bea1110c10d403e767f083a7fe6b04a35d99e692>

From the Principal

We are so excited for the FUN RUN!! What a great event that our PTA holds each year and a great way for ALL students to have fun and help raise money for Kyffin. Family members are welcome to come cheer on students during their Fun Run time: (AMP).

CROSSWALK- Please please please use the crosswalk during arrival (8:25-8:45) and dismissal (3:35-3:45) even when it does not look like cars are moving through the parking lot.

Dogs on Campus- We love pets, but we do not allow dogs (or cats or rats or elephants) on campus. Please leave your furry or scaly friends at home. (they can ride in the car- that is ok)

GT Advisory Committee: Our GT Advisory Committee is a group of family, staff and community members that work together to inform and improve both the GT (Gifted and Talented) experience at Kyffin, and the overall student and family experience at Kyffin. We are looking for new members. If you are interested, please [complete this form](#). You do NOT need to have a student in the GT program to participate.

Our meeting schedule is:

Tuesday, 10/14: 5:00-6:30: Combined meeting with SAC (School Accountability Committee): Kyffin Library

Wednesday, 11/19: 5:00-6:00: Kyffin Library

Wednesday, 1/21: 5:00-6:00: Kyffin Library

Tuesday, 3/10: 5:00-6:30: Combined meeting with SAC (School Accountability Committee): Kyffin Library

Tuesday, 5/5: 5:00-6:00: Kyffin Library

PTA

PTA Fun Run

Don't forget to sign your student up for the Fun Run and then ask friends/family to donate at tinyurl.com/FunRunRegister25. This is a really fun event that most kids look forward to every year.

If we reach our goal of raising \$35,000 the kids will get to see a magic show on October 17. Also, the class that raises the most money in each grade will get an extra prize! This year's bonus prizes are Pre-K: extra recess; Kinder: pizza party and movie; 1st grade: extra recess; 2nd grade: pizza and movie party; 3rd grade: Movie; 4th grade: Movie; 5th grade: Steve Spangler Visit.

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You can also volunteer to help on October 3 at tinyurl.com/FunRunVolunteers2025. We hope to see you there!

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Chromebooks

We are seeing an increasing number of students coming to school with their Chromebooks not charged. Please make sure your child is charging their Chromebook at home, so they have access to different assignments throughout the school day. If their Chromebook is not charged, we will give them an alternative way of completing the assignment.

Book Club

Fourth graders have the opportunity to join a Book Club. The day of the week is TBD. This will be held during fourth grade lunch. If you would like to sign your child up, please click on the [form](#). If you have any questions about Book Club, please contact Marisa Ramos:

marisa.rumon@gmail.com Students have until September 30th to sign-up.

Bathroom Passes

We have started a bathroom pass system in 4th grade to help students make better choices about how they use their class time. Students get a set at the beginning of the week to use. If a student runs out, it isn't necessarily that they are not allowed to use the bathroom, but will have to chat with the teacher about it. We will never take away the use of the bathroom, but want it to be used appropriately.

Smart Watches

If your student has a smart watch, please review with them how to use it as a tool, not a toy. If it is distracting the student or others from learning it will be taken for the remainder of the day. If it becomes a consistent issue, I will ask you to come pick it up from me.

Touching and Talking

We have spent a lot of time reviewing expectations around "hands to self" and focusing on instruction and school work. Please remind your child that school is their job , and therefore we need to treat it differently from recess, lunch, etc. We want to have a positive and safe learning environment for all students to learn.

From the Principal

Please mark October 1 on your calendar – it's October Count Day! The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school on that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count, and the official count day this year is October 1st.

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10/3- Fun Run

10/7- Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/8- Parent/ Teacher Conferences

10/10- Fall Break **No School**

10/13- Fall Break **No School**

10/14- Fall Follies

10/31- Halloween

11/3- Field Trip to State Capitol (permission slips coming soon)

September 12, 2025

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**MAP and CMAS scores from third grade were sent home today in your child's Friday Folder.

ELF Coordinator Needed

Our classroom is in need of an ELF/Garden Coordinator to schedule and coordinate the ELF & Garden sessions this year. This year's theme is Designs in Nature. No prior gardening or science knowledge is required—everything you need is provided, along with plenty of support. If it's your first time signing up, don't be intimidated—you'll get lots of guidance along the way! ELF is a hands-on program that kids love, but it can only happen with the help of parent volunteers. Please consider stepping up to make sure our class gets to take part!

You can sign up at the following link: [Elf Sign Up](#)

With fourth-grade rotations, we prefer to keep ELF on Fridays, so we are not interrupting science, social studies, and writing Monday-Thursday.

★ Fourth Grade Playdate

Join us for a PTA-Sponsored 4th Grade Playdate in the park, this Sunday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Estates Park. Hang with friends and enjoy the sunny weather. The PTA will provide light snacks. Bring any frisbees or balls you can to share and get some games going. Grown-ups and siblings are welcome to join. Questions? Email Jessie Smiley at JessieLFalk@gmail.com

★ From the Principal:

On behalf of the Kyffin staff, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the Kyffin community and reassure you that our number one commitment is to the safety and security of our students. I am linking a [safety presentation from the Monday PTA meeting](#), and I am always happy to answer questions about student safety and our policies and procedures. Our hearts go out to the Evergreen community and our larger Jeffco community as we navigate the coming days and weeks.

★ From Mrs. T

SAVE THE DATE: Golden Fall Festival - October 7th

Get ready to celebrate! Our Golden Fall Festival is happening on October 7th at Golden High School at 6:30 P.M.

What to Expect:

- Our talented 5th graders will showcase their musical skills and collaboration skills with special performances with other elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Enjoy an amazing show from middle and high school choral groups!

Questions? Contact Ms. Turner at avrial.turner@jeffco.k12.co.us

★ From Mrs. T

Golden Highschool Choral Program has invited Kyffin Elementary Students to walk with them in the GHS Homecoming Parade! Please see the following flyer for more information. Ms. Turner will be there, and she can't wait to see you!

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9/19- Teacher Work Day **No School**

10/7- Parent/Teacher Conferences

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September 5, 2025

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Volunteers Needed

I am still in need of some parent volunteers. We have a class photographer, but are still looking for an ELF Coordinator and Room Parents. If you would like to volunteer, here is the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/KyffinVolunteers25-26>

★ From the Principal:

Before and after school pick up and drop off:

Just a couple friendly reminders during pick up and drop off:

- Please DO NOT park or block our neighbors' driveways near the school entrance.

- Please do not park on Flora Way near the entrance of the parking lot. It makes it difficult for cars to turn in. When cars are parked on Flora, it pushes the car line out into the main road blocking passing traffic.
- For everyone's safety, we need to use the crosswalk in the parking lot and in front of the school at all times and do not cut through the parking lot or across the street.
- We ask that you do not pull into the back unless you are dropping off/picking up for SAE.

We have unfortunately had some close calls this year and want to make sure everyone stays safe.

Thank you for keeping students and our community safe.

PTA meeting child supervision: We are offering child supervision for our PTA meetings this year- starting Monday! Please sign up [here](#). Please sign up as we want to be able to continue offering child supervision AND we hope this brings more people to our meetings. Supervision will be provided by GHS teacher cadets.

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Mark your calendars – let's celebrate together!

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9/19- Teacher Work Day **No School**

10/7- Parent/Teacher Conferences

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August 29, 2025

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★ From the Principal:

Thank you for a great Back to School Night! If you were not able to access the informational presentation from admin, it is [linked here](#).

We have also placed our Kyffin Family Handbook on a searchable AI [linked here](#). You can use that tool to ask school procedure and policy questions in lieu of trying to find the answer within the sections of the handbook.

Please let us know if you have additional questions that were not addressed at Back to School Night- we are always happy to help.

Pam Virden- Principal pamela.virden@jeffco.k12.co.us

Jason Parson- Assistant Principal jason.parson@jeffco.k12.us

★ Lunch Changes for Next Week

There are two changes to hot lunch next week:

Tuesday 9/2 [Orange chicken with brown rice](#) or [Bean and cheese Pupusa](#)

Thursday 9/4 [pork carnitas Taco](#) or [Yogurt parfait](#)

★ **Back to School Night** - Here is a copy of the slideshow we presented at [Curriculum Night](#). One important item we forgot to mention is our expectations for Chromebook use in Fourth Grade. Students should bring their Chromebooks to school each day fully charged and ready to go. To keep our classroom safe and organized, we don't keep charging cords at school, and we don't have extra devices available for loan. If a Chromebook isn't working properly, students can fill out the form on the library website, and Mrs. Covington will work on getting it fixed as soon as possible.

We also want to remind families about planners. Students should write in their planner every day—either the homework they need to complete, their reading minutes, or simply “none” if

there is no homework that day. This helps build responsibility and keeps communication consistent. Parents, please sign the planner each night after your child has written in it.

Important Dates

9/1- Labor Day **No School**

9/3- Picture Day

9/8- PTA Meeting

9/19- Teacher Work Day **No School**

10/7- Parent/Teacher Conferences

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August 22, 2025

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★ From the Principal:

Thank you for a fantastic first week! Our Kyffin reminder emails will begin this Sunday- please be on the lookout!

Please join us for Back to School Night on Monday, August 25th. Our schedule is below:

5:00-5:30: Open time to meet with Learning Specialists, AMP, PTA and Leadership

5:30-5:55: Classroom/Grade level rotation 1

6:00-6:25: Classroom/Grade level rotation 2

6:30-7:00: Open time to meet with Learning Specialists, AMP, PTA and Leadership

Change to our Top Cougar recognition. We have changed our system for recognizing positive student behavior from tickets and Top Cougar to Paws of Recognition.

Students can receive small stickers for in-the-moment reinforcement of positive behavior (little Cougsies), bigger "I had a great day" stickers to reinforce a big success, and certificates of recognition to reinforce consistent Positive Respectful Responsible or Safe behavior or another

great reason. Certificates are displayed on the bulletin board in the front lobby and set home each trimester.

We made this change so that more teachers and staff could recognize students for doing great things at Kyffin.

Fall Follies Date Change: We changed the date of Fall Follies (1st-5th grade field day). It is now Tuesday, October 14th. Please change your calendars.

Golden Gallop: September 25th Register today!

The Golden Schools Foundation holds an annual race to fundraise and support us and other Golden area schools. They are a great organization! This year they are helping to fund our IXL subscription (online math support)

The school with the most teacher and family registrations receives a prize.

Register here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Golden/AnnualGoldenGallop>

Important Dates

8/25- Back to School Night 5:00-7:00

9/1- Labor Day **No School**

9/3- Picture Day

9/8- PTA Meeting

10/14- Fall Follies