



Tiger Tales

Thirtieth Edition

April 14, 2023



Important Dates

Please visit the Colfax website at <http://colfax.dpsk12.org/> and you can find our events listed on the calendar section.

April Dates:

- **April 17** Spring Pictures & 5th Grade Continuation Pictures
Rescheduled: CMAS in the Grass Celebration for 3rd & 4th grade 1pm - 2:45pm
- **April 18-19** CMAS for 5th grade only (only for part of the day)
- **April 20 or 21** 5th grade CMAS in the Grass Celebration - weather dependent
- **April 29** Chess Tournament @ North High School 9am



Messages from the Principal

Thank you for your quick response to the power outage we experienced on Tuesday, April 11th. At approximately 1:54pm the power went out and when we learned the power would possibly be off until 5pm we started to consider an early release process. As soon as we learned that we had no access to water which impacts health (flushing toilets and washing hands), we had to call an early release. If you did not receive the texts or DoJo messages, PLEASE call the main office at 720-424-8740 so we can solve the situation with you. In the event of any emergency, we need to have quick access to all parents and guardians. Thank you.

Here are some additional topics with updates:

ECE Families

Please remember that sign-in for ECE is at 8am. Teachers are not expected to be on campus until 7:50 am and the ten minutes before 8am is part of their planning time when they are not expected to have students. For this reason, the ECE doors to the outside open at 8am. If families come through the main door earlier than 8am, we ask that you wait in the main entry and you can also stay with your child in the Nook (outside the main office) or the gym until 7:55am. At this time we'll invite ECE families to continue down the main hall to sign your child in with the teacher and paras. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Spring Pictures

Students will have the opportunity to take spring pictures this coming Monday. Since we took fall pictures, this round of pictures will be for students who pre-pay. HOWEVER, ALL 5th grade students will take pictures this Monday for Continuation. Envelopes went home Wednesday, but if you need another, please come to the main office. You can pay ahead online, but the envelope still needs to be submitted with the confirmation printed.

5th Grade Families

Students in 5th grade have three sections left of the CMAS test this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. Thanks for continuing to ensure a good nights' rest and on time attendance. On Thursday, April 20th OR Friday, April 21st, the 5th grade will be off campus in the afternoon for their celebration in the park. We will monitor the weather to determine which will be the better day for the trip.

Planning ahead for the rest of this year

- **May 1** **No school for students** - Colfax Only PD Day
- **May 2-5** **Proud to be Bilingual Week**
- **May 4** Spanish Spelling Bee 4-5:30pm
Small Schools Community Meeting (includes dinner & childcare)
- **May 5** Tiger Huddle 8:00 - 8:30 am
- **May 8 -12** Staff Appreciation Week
- **May 11** Field Day: ECE - 2nd grade
- **May 11** All Together Now Music Event at DU Newman Center

- **May 12** Tiger Huddle 8:00 - 8:30 am
Field Day: 3rd - 5th grade
- **May 19** Tiger Huddle 8:00 - 8:30 am
- **May 29** **No School** - Memorial Day
- **May 30** 5th Grade Student BBQ & Continuation & Last Day of School
- **May 31** ECE Continuations- Times vary
- **June 1** Kinder Continuation 10am
Last day of school for ECE - 4th grade

Colfax Carnival

We will have our annual carnival in the fall as a way to kick off community engagement. If you are interested in helping with this committee, please let Ms. Koyama know.!

Small Schools Community Meeting

During the the GLOW Party, we mentioned we would soon have another Community Meeting with DPS. We have the date as May 4th at 6pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Please mark your calendars. A morning date will also be scheduled. Separate information will be sent next week. Please come to get your voice heard.

With gratitude,
~Michelle Koyama



SEAL of Biliteracy

Students at Colfax who have a first language other than English have the opportunity to start to prepare for the SEAL of Biliteracy which is an honor to be added to a student's high school diploma. High school feels like a long time away, but that day will be here before we all know it. In the meantime, our 5th grade students who are bilingual have the opportunity to earn an extra recognition and award for 5th grade Continuation.

Students prepare by demonstrating proficiency in different projects over the course of their time in elementary school, middle and then high school. At Colfax, the next big opportunity is the Spanish Spelling Bee taking place on May 4th. Students in Kinder - 5th grade are practicing grade level spelling lists and demonstrate their skills when they compete on May 4th. The event is open to all our community and it would be a great opportunity to support our students in our multilingual community.



What: Final Spelling Bee

When: May 4, 2022

Time: 4pm

Place: Colfax Cafeteria

Celebration Dinner at 5:30pm



What's For Lunch?

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/17 - 4/21 	Bean or beef burritos or chickpea sandwich fruit veggies & milk	Cheesy breadsticks or yogurt baskets fruit veggies & milk	Black jack pizza fruit veggies & milk	Italian subs or yogurt basket fruit veggies & milk	Chicken ala king or grilled cheese sandwich fruit veggies & milk

Register Your Tiger today for Summer School!

DPS hosts summer school for our region at Fairview Elementary OR Newlon Elementary this summer (depending on your address). **There are limited spots available for each school** so secure your spot today!

**Transportation is available to Newlon*

For more information, please check out the Summer Connections website [LINKED HERE](#). To enroll your student in the free summer program, go to <https://myportal.dpsk12.org/>.

REMINDER:

We have **optional** Covid Testing taking place at Colfax for all students who have a permission on file. ADULTS can get tested, too!

Registration and permission forms are available in the main office between 7:30am - 3:30pm.

There is a monetary incentive for your child to participate. The first test is awarded \$25. Each following test is awarded \$10. If your child participates, they can still earn \$100! YES! Just for participating in a weekly covid test!



COLFAX COMMUNITY HUB

Colfax Community Hub is hosting Tepeyac Community Health Center to offer free dental cleanings for 20 people on May 3rd! Students or parents can sign up. **Please use this link or QR code below to sign up** and we will reach out with more information: <https://forms.gle/Gd6gXJhhJdgS88qe8>

For more information on Tepeyac: <https://www.tepeyachealth.org/>

Colfax Community Hub staff will be onsite for two Colfax Saturday School dates in April; April 8th and April 22nd. If a Colfax parent/guardian wants to make an appointment for Energy Outreach of Colorado (utility assistance) for a past due Xcel bill please complete the form below or call 720-423-1180. A one time payment assistance for a past due Xcel bill is available from October 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023. Up to \$1,000 for electric and \$1,000 for gas. To learn more about EOC visit: <https://www.energyoutreach.org/bill-payment/>



Please indicate your interest for the Colfax Community Hub and you will be contacted by Hub staff with specific information. Our hub hours are 8:30am-4:30pm.

- Hub interest [form](#) (English)



- [Formulario](#) interés de Hub



JOIN US for TIGER HUDDLE

Huddle takes place from 8:05 - 8:30 every Friday. Come celebrate with us in the gym!

Core Value Winners

Our School Core Values are: **Community, Positivity, Curiosity, Responsibility, & Perseverance**

THIS week students who demonstrate the Colfax Core Values are nominated by students and teachers and two are selected to be recognized as our Friday Tiger Huddle.

**Mr. Polo
ECE**

Roberto Ordoñez-Barretero

This week's Core Value winner is Roberto. Roberto was selected above all others for his commitment to creating and sharing an inclusive, culturally responsive and fun learning community. During each part of the day Roberto shows positivity and is at the top of his learning. Roberto is always curious and shows it by knowing all of the alphabet letter names and is working hard to recognize all of the letter sounds. Roberto can count to 20 and with some support can count to 50. Roberto is responsible and continues to want to be better and encourages his friends to do the same. Roberto is quick to remind his peers about what they are capable of and how to be responsible with their thoughts. Roberto's perseverance is the strength that will take him to accomplish all that he wants. Thank you Roberto for being an amazing Colfax Tiger!

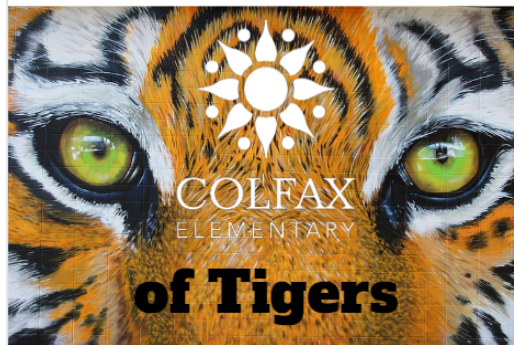
Ra'Mere Watts

Room 110's core value winner is Ra'Mere! Ra'mere has been with us for just about a month, but from day 1 he confidently marched in, interested in our curriculum topics as well as his peers. Ra'mere always has a question or comment but it is the way he conveys his enthusiasm to everyone. I think of the happiest bee in the beehive when I see Ra'mere buzzing around helping and connecting with others. As a happy bee he sometimes faces adversity in challenge but Ra'mere knows his emotions and is improving at persevering by recognizing them. He has given our community an extra boost and we are sure glad he is here!

**Mr. Tony
Kinder**



EYES and HANDS



Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Grade artists on display at:

APRIL 24th through May 19th
40 West: LAKEWOOD ARTS GALLERY
6501 W Colfax Ave.
Lakewood CO, 80214

Join Ms. Abreu at FIRST FRIDAY ART: May 5th, 6pm