



Colfax Elementary Tiger Tales

Fifth Edition
September 18, 2025

Important Dates

- **Sept 19**
Colfax Fall Carnival
- **Sept 22**
No School for students
DPS Staff Development Day
- **Sept 23**
K/1 Field Trip to
Chatfield Farms
- **Sept 25**
CSC Kickoff Meeting
3:15pm in Library
*Childcare provided
- **Oct 7 & 9**
Parent Teacher
Conferences 3:30 - 7pm
- **Oct 10**
Colfax Only Day #1 of 4
NO STUDENTS
- **Oct 13**
Conference Exchange
Day - NO SCHOOL

Visit our website for these dates
and other important information.



Letter From the Principal



Colfax families,

It was a busy week and if you are reading this weekly newsletter from the Thursday Family Folder, we still have another big event tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who is assisting the classroom teacher with helping with the Carnival booth, or any other event to help make this event a success. As a reminder, all proceeds help us host a field trip for each grade level at no cost to the families. Some grades take an additional trip, and depending on the cost of that additional trip will determine if we have to ask families for additional funds.

Thursday is also Picture Day! If you missed ordering your pictures, don't worry. You are able to order directly from the Lifetouch website. All you need will be your student ID# and have up to 11 months to order pictures after you receive your student's picture proof.

As we enter into next week, we want to remind families that we would like to get beginning of year (BOY) mental health information from you about your child. We use this information to determine how to best support them while they are at school with us. As an additional incentive, we will be hosting a drawing for a King Soopers gift card for a student / family in ECE, K/1, 2/3, & 4/5 for each student who has a verified survey completed by Thursday 4pm. The drawing will take place during Tiger Huddle on Friday, September 26th. Please see the BLUE flyer in your child's Thursday Folder with the QR code, directions, as well as your child's ID to help you complete the survey. Thank you for your partnership in helping us provide mental health supports if your child needs them.

Have a safe three day weekend,
~Michelle Koyama



What's For Lunch this Week?

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9/22 - 9/26	NO SCHOOL	Chicken nuggets or bronzo& jelly sandwich ?? VEGGIES FRUIT AND MILK	Chicken al king or turkey sandwich VEGGIES FRUIT & MILK	All beef hotdog or bronzo &jelly sandwich VEGGIES FRUIT & MIIK	Chicken callente spanish rice or yogurt basket VEGGIES FRUIT & MILK

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9/29 - 10/3	Haystack or cheese quesadilla VEGGIES FRUIT & AND MILK	Pizza cheese or pepperoni or ham sandwich VEGGIES FRUIT AND MILK	Chile cheese sausage sandwich or chile cheese fries or turkey sandwich VEGGIES FRUIT & MILK	Chicken sandwich or grilled cheese VEGGIES FRUIT & MIIK	Pulled pork quesadilla or grilled cheese sandwich VEGGIES FRUIT & MILK



SIGN-UP for COMMUNICATION

We no longer use Class Dojo. All of DPS uses a new system called THRILLSHARE and ROOMS. You need to download the APP to receive COLFAX and DPS messages. Here are the steps:

How to Download the DPS App and Sign In to Rooms

1. Download the Denver Public Schools app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).
2. Once installed, open the app, then tap "Rooms," then "Continue to sign in."
3. Type in your guardian email address or phone number.
4. If you typed in your email address, tap "Log in with code." If you typed in your phone number, you will automatically receive a code. Type this code in when prompted.
5. You will be prompted to select your preferred communication language.
6. You will be automatically signed into your students' Rooms.
7. Still have questions about Rooms? Visit the [Rooms FAQ page](#).



Crossing Guard Needed

Colfax is in need of a crossing guard for the morning and afternoon at Colfax and Tennyson. School Crossing Guards help school children cross the street safely. School Crossing Guards are required to be dependable and able to work outside during adverse weather. This position offers Ten (10) hours per week, \$15.87 per hour. Crossing Guards will be asked to work mornings and afternoons The hours are 7:30a - 8:15a and 2:45p - 3:30pm. \$295.40 (before taxes) every 2 weeks.

Please call the main office at 720-424-8740 to let us know you are interested



Count Day & 2025-26 Enrollment #s

September 11th was “Count Day” for the Denver Public Schools. Another way to think about this date is the “Early October Count Day” for school budgets.

On October 1st, school districts in Colorado get funding from the state based on the number of students who are enrolled and in attendance on October 1st, also known as October Count Day. To help with getting the school year up and running, the Denver Public Schools implements an early “Count Day” in September, to assist school budgets with funding adjustments if needed.

Colfax Elementary definitely benefited from this early count day because we were 10 students over our projection of 235 students. If you have been around DPS for the past few years, not too long ago we were fighting for our school to get off the school closure list. We thankfully were removed from that list and our community continues to show that Colfax is a strong school that is desirable for our community. The number of students over the projection in addition to the significant increase in our students whose first language is Spanish caused us to ask DPS for additional funding to support hiring another teacher. We are currently working to not only hire another teacher, but an additional Spanish speaking paraprofessional (teaching assistant).

Please consider joining our Collaborative School Committee (CSC) meetings monthly that allow our teachers and community members to have input and make recommendations about how we spend our budget.

The CSC meetings for the remainder of the year are:

- **September:** Thursday, 9/25
- **November:** Thursday, 11/6
- **December:** Thursday, 12/11
- **January:** Thursday, 1/15
- **March:** Thursday, 3/5
- **April:** Thursday, 4/30

- THIS COMING WEEK - - Collaborative School Committee (CSC)

We are in need of establishing our CSC for the 25-26 school year. All schools in Colorado have an accountability committee made up of parents, staff, and community members. This school committee gives input to our spending priorities, our strategic school plan, and family engagement opportunities. It is a monthly commitment for our community members who are ‘elected’ into voting positions, however, the meetings are ALWAYS open and available to the public. We are seeking nominees who are interested in serving on the Colfax CSC for the 2025-26 school year. Any parent or legal guardian of a Colfax student may self-nominate and/or nominate another parent/guardian of a currently enrolled student.

If you are interested in becoming a voting member to this committee, please contact principal Michelle Koyama at 720-424-8740. We appreciate your consideration and desire to get involved. **The kick off CSC meeting is September 25th from 3:15-4:15pm. Childcare is provided. Please contact Ms. Koyama asap.**



THANK YOU to all those who came out for CHICKENFEST



This year, Colfax elementary artists ECE-5th grade participated in sharing their art with the 40West Arts District and local community this past Saturday! Ms. Heather hosted a booth for our school and brought in over \$300 in donations for the art program, and some very happy people went home with original works of art created by Colfax students! We look forward to participating in ChickenFEST again next September.



Carnival Help Sign-up



[Click here](#) or
Scan

Lunch / Recess Volunteer Sign-up

Please consider assisting on the playground
and/or cafeteria weekly or occasionally.

[Click here](#) or
Scan here:



JOIN US FOR OUR
COLFAX CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH**
3:30 PM - 5:30

**\$10 PER
BRACELET IN
ADVANCE**

**\$15 - SAME
DAY
PURCHASE**

**COLFAX
ELEMENTARY**

BOUNCY HOUSE



GAMES AND PHOTO BOOTH



HOT DOGS, POPCORN, ICE CREAM



PURCHASE BRACELETS IN THE OFFICE WITH MS. EDLYN