



Colfax Elementary Tiger Tales

Second Edition
September 1, 2023

Important Dates

- **Sept 4**
No School - Labor Day
- **Sept 7**
CSC Kickoff Meeting
3:15pm in Library
- **Sept 8**
Food for Thought Power Sacks go home at the end of day
- **Sept 14**
Coffee with the Principals & MLE-PAC #1
8am-9am
- **Sept 16**
Saturday School
9am - 12pm
- **Sept 20**
Picture Day - Class & Individual
- **Sept 21**
Colfax Fall Carnival
- **Sept 22**
No School for students
DPS Staff Development Day

Visit our website for these dates and other important information.



Letter From the Principal

I am embarking on my third year at Colfax Elementary, and each day I am thankful for the privilege to be the principal and get to work with such an amazing group of students, educators, and community. For the past two years we have had very consistent staff, and they work relentlessly for our children. This past week, all our efforts from the past two years are showing in our School Performance Rating results. This is a rating for all Colorado schools. [Here is an article](#) that gives more background and has the list of all schools from the Colorado Department of Education and their ratings.

For the first time in a long time, our school rating is GREEN! Colfax is also the only Colfax corridor school with a green rating!

School	2023 Preliminary Rating	2019 Final Rating
Colfax Elementary School	Performance Plan	Improvement Plan: Meets 95% Participation

We are very proud of all the work that has taken place the past two years, and appreciate all the parent / guardian partnerships that we have. Our children need all of us working together for their future.

We tell the students every morning to Make Every Minute Count, and Every Moment Matter. We will continue to do so this year, and we look forward to another great year of learning!

~Michelle Koyama

Lost Items?

Check out the lost and found section by the back door. We already have lunch bags and a few sweaters.

Reminders

You can start dropping your kids off at 7:30am. Please arrange your schedule at home so you are in the habit of getting your kids to school on time - it's a life skill you can model for them.

Morning / Drop Off:

- We have supervision starting at 7:30am for students in Kinder through 5th grade.
- Students wanting breakfast must arrive between 7:30 - 7:45am in order to have enough time to eat.
Enter through the back door.
- Supervision **AT THE FRONT DOOR** begins at 7:45am.
- School begins at 8:00am
- ECE students must be signed in with the ECE teachers at 8:00am.

Calling ALL Interested Volunteers

We can use volunteers with various tasks around the school like morning drop off and lunch duty. Additionally, if you are interested in helping classrooms with field trips at any point during the school year, you will need to complete the form below.

If you are interested in volunteering in-person you are available during the school day, please complete the DPS Volunteer Background Check located at the following link - <https://equity.dpsk12.org/get-involved/volunteer-services/>

Please also contact Brenda Rivas, our Family Liaison by leaving a message in the main office OR by emailing her at Brenda_Rivas@dpsk12.net.

Collaborative School Committee (CSC)

We are in need of establishing our CSC for the 23-24 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 open and available to the public. We are seeking nominees who are interested in serving on the Colfax CSC for the 2023-24 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 7th from 3:15-4:15pm. Childcare is provided. Please contact Ms. Koyama asap.

Free Tickets for the Colfax Community

We have been gifted free tickets to a performance at the Buell Theatre. All students are going home with the brochure explaining the performance and how to claim the free tickets. The event takes place Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm, so claim your tickets soon if you are interested in attending. This is not a school sponsored event, we are just sharing the opportunity.



What's For Lunch this Week?

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9/4 - 9/8	NO SCHOOL	Homemade pepperoni or cheese pizza or wow butter sandwich Fruit veggies & MILK	Country chicken bowl / biscuit or Grilled cheese sandwich fruit veggies & milk	All Beef hot dog or Garden chile or yogurt basket fruit veggies & milk	BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH BABY BAKED POTATOES / BROCCOLI & CHEESE FRUIT VEGGIES MILK



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

SAVE THE DATE:

COLFAX FALL CARNIVAL

Thursday September 21st from
3:15-6:00pm

Wristbands on Sale SOON!

*** GAMES * TREATS * CRAFTS *
AND MORE!**

Barnum /
Barnum West

Valverde

Villa Park

West Colfax

Hermosos árboles disponibles para ser adoptados

¡Aplique para el 5 de Sept!

solamente \$10

bit.ly/grow-shade

info@TheParkPeople.org
 Para ayuda en Español: 720-251-2864



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Community Hubs @ Colfax Elementary

Hi parents and guardians- this will be our last outreach request for fall, 2023 classes. Please share with your DPS neighbors or friends 😊

The Colfax Community Hub will be hosting instructor Mayra Lagunas as she offers no cost virtual classes for GED in Spanish. The classes begin on September 18th and will be offered online on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm-3pm. Scholarships available for the course textbook.

Please complete this form and we will reach out to you to schedule an appointment to meet with the teacher.

- <https://forms.gle/44LGVJTnJxxEyxtr8>
- Scan QR code with your phone's camera to click the Google link



To watch a video from the recent graduation of 28 DPS moms with their GED please visit

- <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CtcvRz6r90M/?igshid=NzgyYTk0Y2YyNg%3D%3D>
- Scan QR code with your phone's camera to click the Instagram link



We will also be offering no cost in person and virtual ESL and GED English classes at the hub. Classes will be offered Monday-Thursday. Scholarships available for the course textbook.

- In person classes will be from 8:30am-1:30pm. Virtual classes will be 3:30pm-6:00pm (each class will be one to two hours depending on the class size)
- GED in English will be offered onsite one day per week. Day and time to be determined. Additional virtual tutoring available.

Please complete the form link and we will reach out to you to schedule an assessment to help assign parents to the correct level class. More details will be given to those that sign up.

- <https://forms.gle/44LGVJTnJxxEyxtr8>



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