



Nov 7, 2025

Good Afternoon, Gust Families,

Field trips are in full swing at Gust! This week, our students enjoyed several exciting excursions: Third graders visited the Museum of Nature and Science to explore the secret lives of elephants; second graders attended the Colorado History Museum; and fifth graders participated in an onsite class and field trip to the Museo de las Americas. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend Coffee and Community!

Important upcoming dates:

- Thanksgiving Break: November 24-28

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see all the fun activities happening at Gust.

Equity

Reserve your turkey at forefrontchurch.tv/events.



Operations

In the event of a 2-hour delay due to weather, students will arrive at 9:30. [Please see DPS's weather guidance.](#)



 Community Hubs  SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HUB HIRING FAIR DATE: NOVEMBER 13TH TIME: 4PM TO 6PM MEET WITH RECRUITERS FROM DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS WELL AS OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDING.        TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK OR CALL US TODAY! 720-424-2970 LOCATION Johnson Elementary 1850 S. Irving St. Denver, CO 80219 dpsk12.org/community-hubs/ Registration Link 	 Community Hubs  FERIA DE EMPLEO DEL CENTRO COMUNITARIO DEL SUROESTE FECHA: 13 DE NOVIEMBRE HORARIO: 4PM TO 6PM REÚNASE CON RECLUTADORES DE LAS ESCUELAS PÚBLICAS DE DENVER Y OTRAS AGENCIAS INCLUYENDO.        PARA REGISTRARSE SIGA EL ENLACE O LLÁMENOS HOY! 720-424-2970 DIRECCIÓN La Escuela Johnson 1850 S. Irving St Denver, CO 80219 dpsk12.org/community-hubs/ Enlace para Registrarse 
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Friendship Feast in Kindergarten!

The kindergarten classes will host a Friendship Feast on Friday, November 21st, from 1:30 to 2:30 in their individual classrooms. Invitations from the teachers were sent out today! Families are encouraged to bring a can of fruit to contribute. Each classroom will create a large fruit salad using canned fruit, and parents will participate in a learning activity ("Learning Salad") with their child at their desks. Look for the invitations from your child's kindergarten teacher!

Gifted at Gust Update from Catherine Forington



Greetings! We've just completed the gifted screening tests for first and fifth graders, with the results sent home in hard copy form. If you have any questions about these tests or their results, please don't hesitate to reach out. We've also been gathering test data and observations from teachers as we collect evidence for the identification of more students as gifted. For students who have been fully identified, their Advanced Learning Plans have been crafted and sent home via email. These tasks make up a bulk of the work of the Gifted Education teacher in the fall.

For the next few months, we'll begin working with more students and offering after-school activities. Pancake Science is being offered to third graders for the first time this year. Fourth and fifth-graders will have Pancake Science club opportunities in December. Then, it's Spelling Team in January! Be on the lookout for flyers coming home.

Always reach out if you have questions or ideas to share. I love talking with families about gifted education. catherine_forington@dpsk12.net

GT Department Family Series Invitation: Nov. 11

Please join us for our Gifted/Talented Department event on November 11, featuring GT Brain-Based Practices and Supports. You'll learn more about how your student's GT brain thinks and learns best.

- **Time:** Nov. 11, 5-6:15 pm
- **Where:** on Zoom.
- **Where to Register:** In the link above. If you need translations, let us know by this Friday, Nov. 7, 12 noon if possible. We have registration in 8 different languages.
- **The Event:** Neuroscience-based strategies to support and enrich gifted student learning.

Have a great weekend,

Kathleen Maruchau, Jill Ellis, and Dr. Leslie Hillen