



Colfax Elementary Tiger Tales

Fourteenth Edition
November 22, 2024

Important Dates

- **November 25 - 29**
Fall Break
- **December 5**
3rd Grade Field Trip to the
Colorado Ballet's Nutcracker
- **December 19**
1st Semester 95%+ Attendance
Celebration
- **December 20**
Colfax Only Day #2
NO STUDENTS
- **December 23 - Jan 6**
Winter Break

Visit our website for these dates and other important information.

Letter From the Principal

Colfax families,

As we close out the month of November, I would like to express my gratitude for our Colfax Community. Thank you to everyone who follows the traffic expectations, thank you to everyone who volunteers during the week, who positively promotes our school in the community, and who regularly communicates with your child's teachers. I especially would like to thank everyone for ensuring your children have strong attendance and thank you to everyone for participating in our community opportunities. As a parent myself, I too miss a lot of my own child's school events because of work, so I appreciate your involvement with reading our school communications, and again, ensuring your child is at school daily. Finally, I am very thankful that our school is not being closed and that our community does not have to go through that turmoil.

Starting in January, we will be sending Tiger Tales electronically only, UNLESS you tell us you would like a hard copy. Teachers will be contacting families to see if you need a paper copy of our weekly newsletter.

In this issue, we have students who have perfect attendance for the month of November, but next month we will be celebrating our students who have 95% or higher attendance for this first semester. For your planning purposes, students in 1st - 5th who have no more than 4 absences will be attending the movie, Moana 2 at the Alamo. Students will learn about this news after break, but we wanted to let you know and it is ok that you share this news with your child over break. ECE and Kinder will get a movie and snacks at school.

Have a safe break and we will see you December 2nd.

Onward,

~Michelle Koyama

What's For Lunch this Week?

Week:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12/2-12/6	All Beef Hot Dog OR Chili Relleno Quiche OR Yogurt Basket OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Vegetables & Fruit	Homemade Pizza Pepperoni or Cheese OR Ham & Cheese Croissant Sandwich OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit	Meatloaf OR Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich Or Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit	Beef or Cheese Nachos OR Turkey & Cheese Croissant Sandwich OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit	Chicken Caliente w/ Spanish Rice OR Southwestern Vegetarian Burrito OR Yogurt Basket OR Bonso Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit

The holiday season can be full of both joy & stress as a parent. Many adults can feel overwhelmed by the shift in routines during this season, which can make caring for your family difficult, but it also offers opportunities for fun and connection. As you navigate your kids being home from school, connecting with family, or feelings of isolation, consider these questions:

- *What is the priority for your family this holiday season? Is it connecting with loved ones? Maintaining traditions? Or maybe all you can focus on is surviving and maintaining the status quo. Consider what feels manageable for you, and how you can access support in the areas that might feel difficult.*
- *What are your family expectations this holiday season? This may be related to gifts, seeing certain family members, travel, or other expectations. Do you know what your children(s)' expectations are? If so, list them and talk about what is realistic to meet this year. If the expectations aren't realistic, how will you communicate any changes to your children?*
- *What routines do you want to preserve during holiday breaks? Consider keeping consistent bedtime and meal routines to create some structure during time off. This can help with your child's mood, energy, and stress levels - as well as your own.*
- *Where can you pause and be in the moment with your kids? The holidays can be busy, and at times, stressful. But they also offer opportunities for greater connection that kids remember throughout their lives. Allow yourself to take a moment to be present with your family this holiday season, and consider what a gift this alone can be!*

Mental Health Resources

As we enter the holiday season, we know that this is a time that can present challenges for many students and families. Below are some resources to access more support over the holiday season as many navigate difficult situations that may occur while school is out of session.



Resource	Number	Description
Colorado Crisis Services	844-493-8255, or Text TALK to 38255	Crisis services for adults and youth
Second Wind Fund	303-988-2645	Access to twelve (12) counseling sessions to youth at risk for suicide
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Call or Text 988	24-hour toll-free confidential suicide prevention hotline
The Trevor Project	866-488-7386	Crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ+ youth
Safe2Tell Colorado	877-542-7233	Anonymous reporting tool to report concerns. Reports can be made by phone, app, or online
DPS School Based Health Centers	303-602-8958	School-based Health centers offer no-cost child and adolescent care, and are available to any DPS student. (Various locations across Denver in schools)
WellPower	303-504-6500	Community behavioral healthcare located in Denver
Jewish Family Services	303-957-5000	Nonsectarian, nonprofit human services agency offering comprehensive, integrated, customized for individuals and families
Maria Droste Counseling Center	1-844-493-8255 Text TALK to 38255	In-person and/or online counseling services and psychotherapy for adults, children, teens, couples and families





Congratulations

NOVEMBER Perfect Attendance!



ECE		Kinder		First Grade	
McKinley Allison Eddie Antonio Nova Archuleta Koda Deece Danny Enriquez-Araiza Axel Garcia Maddox Garcia Avery Larin Jazmine Medina Robert Medina Jr Zaiden Rangel Camille Reynolds Oliver Rosas Munoz Kalila Schneider D'Layla Torrez Elias Villarroel Arraiz Serenity Williams		Jeremiah Brown Ismael Cabral Rodriguez Ellis Clucas Nelbanys Coa Luciana DeMarrias Bernard Denmark Emmy Duran Luis Gallardo Garcia Liam Ibarra-Mercado Emmy Parenti Genevie Parenti Jowell Pena Brexleigh Ramsey Alina Rosas-Munoz Emiliangel De Jesus Vasquez Milano Christina Velazquez Gonzalez Ivy Williams		Taleen AlRubaiawi Zoe Arias Reynoso Ruby Calderon-Castruita Leilani De La Cruz-Torrez Edwarlys Diaz Maurera Fern Garstka Daviannys Gomez Daniel Jaramillo-Vargas Auriangel Milano Vasquez Ashton Payne Julieth Pereira Curiel Keilimar Pereira-Franco Liam Perez Dulce Pitones-Almanza Anthony Riggs Cortes Freddiannys De Jesus Robles Vargas Izayah Rodriguez Marcelous Thomas Fabian Vargas Alexis Vega-Duran	
Second Grade		Third Grade		Fourth Grade	
Lareen Alrubaiawi Daniella Armijo Remmi Ballesteros-Devora Eimy Barco Yahirani Castruita-Calderon Sequoia Causby Kinleigh Clark Neko Clucas Isaac Encinas Garcia Fern Garstka Charlie Gonzales Mike Holguin-Sanchez Miriam Ibarra-Mercado Matiwos Kirubel Roquelle Lopez Ortega Suleyma Morales Aubriana Moreno Townley Parenti Amy Regalado-Corona Pedro Reyes Garcia Kaine Riggs Cortes Esthephany Romero A'Kai Tyler		John Castruita-Calderon Ezekiel Cruz Elijah Garcia Yonatan Getahun Julio Gonzalez-Rios Logan Heern Hezekiah Hurtado-Craft Jace Lopez-Jefferson Jaivon Montour Melissa Padilla-Rebolledo Kaden Palacios-Porteous Xzavier Rangel Ema Robles Freddimar Robles Vargas Reydisel Romero-Ochoa Fernando Velazquez-Gonzalez D'marion Williams		Danna Arias Reynoso Yandel Calderon Naomi Carmona Rory Clucas Brianna Enriquez-Martinez Oliver Flores-Reyes Karen Gonzalez Martinez Maria Jose Lozano Chacon Jonesy Mulliniks Brea'lenn Ramsey Maximiliano Renteria-Rivas Keivis Rios-Pereira Erick Rubio Jayden Salazar-Balbuena Ryatt Serna Jesse Vargas Alan Vega-Duran Jared Cardoza Castillo Aspen Causby Marc DeMarrias Lauren Falconetti Isaiah Garcia Robert Guerrero-Dozal Ariana Morales Herrera Tarenzo Patterson Yenesie Pena Ruby Rounds Parker Stewart Teshayla Thomas	



Community Hubs

DENVER
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NW Community Hub

<https://kenziscauses.org/toy-shop-denver/>



Registration is NOW REQUIRED. You **MUST** register when the link goes live on our website www.kenziscauses.org on December 5, 2024. A completed survey will be required to enter the toy shop upon arrival. A birth certificate for each child from anywhere is **REQUIRED** along with a picture ID for the parent receiving services. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more information about this requirement.

You may only shop for your children at this event.

Denver Toy Shop details

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:

3,500

DATE: December 7, 2024

LOCATION:

National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80216

TIME:

8:45am – 3 pm

CHILDREN RECEIVE:

A new toy, a stuffed animal, & a card game.

OTHER DETAILS:

We encourage you to bring a large, black lawn bag, a wagon or a cart to take your toys home in.

Registration is required and will be open on December 5, 2024.

Most up to date information will be found on our Facebook page. Links are below.

KENZISCAUSES.ORG • <https://www.facebook.com/kenziscauses/>

<https://kenziscauses.org/toy-shop-denver/>

Lost & Found

We have an abundance of coats, jackets, and warm clothing in our lost & found. Please come take a look to see if your child's items are in this space.

PLEASE put your child's name in their jackets so we can help them find their owner.

Thank you



Please DO NOT make U turns in the middle of the street.
THANK YOU



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E-mail: raegan_dotson@dpsk12.net



Discovery Link Camp Days @ Colfax 7am-5:30pm

- November 25th & 26th
- December 23rd
- January 2nd, 3rd, 6th

Please ensure students are not bringing any toys from home, including slime, stuffies, make-up and sprays.

Discovery Link is currently at capacity. If you have selected days and no longer need them please log into SchoolCare Works and remove your days to open up a spot for another student on our waiting list.

Please reach out to me in December if you are in need of after-school care for January - June.

Please remember that Discovery Link is on a first come first served basis! If your student arrives at Discovery Link and the day is not selected for them, they will be sent to the office and you will need to come pick them up from school. The main office closes at 3:30pm.

Please remind your students that Discovery Link expectations are the same as the day school expectations. We work closely with the day school program to ensure a safe program for all students. Cell phones are not to be used by students during Discovery Link program hours. Please contact 720.692.7994, if you need to get into contact with your student.

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1-877-542-SAFE

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Report**

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