



Colfax Elementary Tiger Tales

thirteenth Edition
November 15, 2024

Important Dates

- **November 20**
Annual Thanksgiving Lunch
- **November 21**
CSC 3:15 in Library
Childcare Available
- **November 21**
1st grade Reader's Theater in
Cafeteria 8:20am
- **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,

First, I would like to thank everyone who was able to join us at last week's Coffee with the Principal - even if it was just for a bit. Attending this morning meeting or the afternoon CSC meeting is a way to meet other parents in different grade levels as well as learn about things happening at Colfax. Please remember that if you have questions for Ms. Ventura or myself, please let us know. You don't have to wait for one of these meetings to get your questions asked and answered. We hope to continue to see as many parents as possible at our school meetings and events.

Next, our teachers finalized gradebooks for the end of Trimester 1 and report cards will be sent home Friday, November 15th. Throughout the year, teachers are monitoring student learning toward grade level standards and making sure students are prepared for the next grade level. Three times a year guardians receive a report card that communicates where students are in relation to grade level standards. For many years we have not used letter grading, so I wanted to make sure you had the information needed to 'decode' your child's report card. Here is a key to the number system so you know what it means.

If you see a...

- **3 or a 4** = this is GOOD! A 3 means your child is meeting the criteria of that standard. If they have a 4, it means they are exceeding the standard.
- **2** = means they are making progress toward the standard but have not YET met the expectation. With some push and support from school and home, we can help get your child to a 3!
- **1** = means they are not meeting the standard and there should be concern. Teachers will have a comment sharing why your child is not meeting the standard at this time.
- **N/A** = means the standard has not yet been taught, and you will see a grade for that standard later in the year.

Have a safe weekend.

Onward,

~Michelle Koyama

What's For Lunch this Week?

Week:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/18-11/22	Beef Tamale OR Cheese Quesadilla OR Yogurt Basket OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit	Tomato Soup w./ Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Turkey & Cheese Croissant Sandwich OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit	Roasted Turkey w/ Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Vegetables & Fruit Harvest Cake	Cheeseburger OR Hamburger OR Black Bean Burger, Yogurt Basket OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit	Potstickers -Chicken & Vegetables OR Vegetarian Egg Stir-Fried Rice OR Bonzo Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruit

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



Weather Delay and Cancellation Procedures



If DPS schools remain open during severe weather:

- The district will monitor the weather throughout the day to ensure student safety.
- Traffic conditions may require students to spend additional time at home.
- If severe weather begins during the school day, DPS may decide to call an early dismissal.
- After-school activities (athletic events, enrichment programs, etc.) may be modified or canceled as a result of the weather conditions.



If DPS calls a Weather Delay:

The purpose of the Weather Delay Procedure is to provide school buses additional time to pick up students and reduce student wait time in severe weather.

- Students walking, biking, carpooling or taking RTD are encouraged to leave home two hours later than they would normally leave for school. (Example: If students leave home at 7:45 a.m. for school, they would now depart at 9:45 a.m. to arrive to school on time)
- Breakfast will still be served to students as they arrive to school.



If DPS schools are closed due to severe weather:

- Please confirm school is closed from DPS communications including visiting the DPS webpage at www.dpsk12.org
- SchoolMessenger - If a Weather Delay or School Closure is announced, you will receive a call, text and/or email through SchoolMessenger. Please make sure your contact information is up to date with your school's front office and in Parent Portal.

- Please make the necessary plans for the care of your student in the event that school is canceled.



NW Community Hub

Did you know there is a statewide program called [Energy Outreach of Colorado \(EOC\)](#) that helps families with past due Xcel Energy bills? The Denver Public Schools Community Hubs can help DPS families with their applications. The NW Community Hub @Trevista can process EOC applications for families attending NW DPS schools.

A little more about the EOC program in DPS:

- We can help families with past due electric and gas Xcel bills (the bill should be in the parents' name and the parent currently lives in the location where Xcel is set up)
- It is a one- time payment assistance per EOC cycle (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025) * up to \$1,000 for past due electric or gas and up to \$2,000 for both*
- The payment is combined with a financial workshop supported by our partner [Operation Hope](#)
- The process includes: qualifying, financial workshop, EOC application, and Community Hubs paperwork
- If you know of families in need of EOC assistance outside of DPS, they can visit: <https://energyoutreach.org/get-help/> to find an agency

To learn more, ask questions or to schedule an appointment to start the application process, please call the NW Community Hub at Trevista at 720-423-1180, or email nwcommunityhub@dpsk12.net

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



THANK YOU

**To everyone
following the traffic
laws and who
cooperate with the
parking situation
after school.**

Raegan Dotson, Program Supervisor
Call/Text: 720.692.7994
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.

All School Ofrenda: Honoring our Loved Ones



If you have a loved one (family, friend, or pet that has passed away) you would like to honor them, here are some ways you can do so:

- 1.) **Place a picture of the person on our Ofrenda**
- 2.) **Place items that they love-** *Please make sure that any item you leave on the table is replaceable. We trust our community to honor this space, but do not want to see any heirlooms or irreplaceable items get broken or go missing.*
- 3.) *The Ofrenda will be up and in the hallway until Monday November 18th, so please make sure to pick up your items before we leave for Thanksgiving Break!*