

# The Creekside Crier

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## Principal's Message

Dear Creekside Families,

October ended with a blast of winter, and Thanksgiving isn't far in the future. Between now and then, there is lots going on at Creekside!

Our wrestling and volleyball teams are doing great! We had a record number of kids going out for these sports, and that is always so good to see. Clubs are up and running. Please check our website for times and dates. Be sure to check for Progress Reports starting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, students will not have school as this is a teacher work day. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a late start. Our monthly late starts are what we call Professional Learning Community (PLC) mornings. These times are designed to give teachers training on a variety of topics. Our first PLC was dedicated to learning how to embed technology into instruction. The October PLC covered 6 Trait Writing, Writing across the Curriculum, and how to create essential questions. The remainder of our PLC mornings will be devoted to helping our teachers with the Curriculum Mapping process. This is a district-wide initiative in which all teachers identify, implement, and assess essential learnings for all students, at all levels, in all content areas. This PLC time will allow teachers to design and implement curriculum that aligns with essential learnings from Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

I'd like to thank our wonderful PTO for once again being so generous! During conferences these wonderful ladies arranged and provided dinner and breakfast for our staff. Thanks to all our parents who contributed to those most welcome meals. In addition, PTO recently approved a purchase of numerous supplies from pencils to staplers to computers for our students and teachers. In tight times like these, these gifts are especially appreciated.

Please plan to attend the combined PTO/BAAC meeting on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library. There will be guest speaker there from

Great Education Colorado. This is a statewide, nonpartisan, grassroots organization that focuses on improving public education in Colorado. Great Education Colorado speaker Lisa Weil will talk to us about the current state of funding for education in our state and its impact on our schools.

Please plan to attend Coffee & Conversation with Mr. Capp and me on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 am. This is a time for us to talk Creekside and answer any question you may have. We really hope that you can take some time to attend.

We are making progress on traffic issues! We have hired crossing guards for the intersection of Leather Chaps and Creekside Drive. Special Education Paraprofessionals Ann Delaurell and Victoria Hunter will share am and pm duties. We are hoping to have these wonderful ladies trained and out there soon. I will gather all our walkers together before the crossing guards begin and talk with the kids about the change. We are also in the process of finalizing added signage through the town of Monument. We continue to ask for your vigilance in the parking lot and surrounding area during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember that students are not allowed to walk unattended through the parking lot during these times. All students must be dropped off along the driveway in front of the school as designated by the red line on the curb. Our kids are depending on you.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful that both of my sons are now safely returned from their deployments in Iraq, and I ask that you hold all our service men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers as the holiday season approaches.

And I give thanks for this Creekside community; beautiful children, supportive families, and a staff that is second to none.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Caryn Collette  
Principal

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 3<sup>rd</sup> VB vs Discovery Canyon **HOME**  
WR @ Discovery Canyon

November 5<sup>th</sup> VB @ Mountain Ridge  
WR vs Mountain Ridge **HOME**

November 6<sup>th</sup> Coffee & Conversation 10-11 am  
In the BEAST room

November 10<sup>th</sup> VB vs Eagleview **HOME**  
WR @ Eagleview

November 12<sup>th</sup> VB @ LPMS  
WR vs LPMS **HOME**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**  
**Teacher PLC Day**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> LATE START – 10:05**

November 17<sup>th</sup> Drama Performance 1:30  
Black Box Theatre  
VB @ Panorama  
PTO/BAAC Meeting 6:30 pm

November 18<sup>th</sup> Drama Performance 1:30  
Black Box Theatre

November 19<sup>th</sup> Act 1 Performance 1:00  
Black Box Theatre

November 20<sup>th</sup> Act 1 Performance 1:00  
Black Box Theatre

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> – THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL**

# F.Y.I.

## Student Accountability Announcement!

Thanks to a school wide effort amongst Advisory groups, the Creekside Student Accountability group collected over 1976 cans of food and toiletry items for our Harvest of Love food drive.

In addition, we collected **\$119.00** in cash donations.

Tri-Lakes Cares and the Sertoma club gathered our boxes and will distribute the items to families in need during the holiday season.

Here are our totals by Advisory Groups:

Advisory	Thurs	Fri	Total
Sevast	67	6	73
Hutchinson	5	14	19
Lahnert	25	0	25
Murphy	24	3	27
Robinson	7	2	9
Anonsen	31	14	45
Round	22	6	28
Templeton	19	11	30
Wilder	11	0	11
Despres	6	0	6
Grow	46	0	46
Stewart	24	13	37
Krebs	12	0	12
Hammond	54	116	170
Vanderham	33	4	37
<b>Perez</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>316</b>
Phelps	12	2	14
Howells	40	2	42
<b>Martens</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>531</b>
Matthews	21	3	24
McClure	37	3	40
Bryant	5	3	8
Kirkendall	12	30	42
Collette	12	0	12
Strycker	4	20	24
Konduris	2	30	32
Pittman	23	0	23
Diamond =			
7	7	13	20
Normile	37	9	46
Snyder	1	32	33
Tate	55	12	67
Mabe	7	27	34
Jaimes	14	35	49
Gaigich	9	0	9
Gates	28	7	35

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Thank you to all our students and families for  
your generous hearts!

## Thank you for helping us, help others!

# Counseling Clips



Progress Reports for the middle of second quarter are due out next week and will be available on line in Infinite Campus. Please check Parent Connection as this is a great way to check to see how your child is doing at the mid-point.

Weekly Team newsletters is another way to see what is happening on your child's academic team and to get ahead on filling in their planner. In addition, there are usually attachments that share information about clubs and activities, one of the best things a student can do to get connected in school to his or her peers.

The winner of the October Great Pumpkin guessing contest is 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Kyle Abeyta. Congratulations, Kyle, and thanks to all the students who guessed!



## Band Concerts & Festivals

The band students just turned in their audition recordings for the Pikes Peak Honor Band. We will find out in mid-November who made this regional honor band.

Symphonic band is preparing for their **tour of the district elementary schools** on Friday, December 11. In addition to performing at Kilmer, Prairie Winds and Grace Best schools, the band will also perform a noon-time concert at Big Red for the district administrative employees. Parents are welcome to come to any of the performances. A time schedule will be published later this month.

**Thank You** to all of the band, choir, drama and dance parents who helped us with our FUNdraiser this fall. Your efforts will enable us to purchase curriculum, maintain instruments, and participate in festivals.

**Jazz In The Commons**, Wednesday, November 18 during Enrichment (7:40-8:00 am).

The Cougar Jazz band returns this year with some fine musicians and will present their first **Jazz In The Commons** concert on November 18.

Parents, students, and friends are welcome to come enjoy the music as our jazz band plays us into the day. There will be swing, rock, Latin, and ballad music.

Coming from the bands in December: 11th - Symphonic Band tour of elementary schools; 15th - Winter Concert, 7pm in the Commons.

Creekside's halls were filled with anticipation, and the LPHS auditorium with music and acting as all of our Creekside students attended the first ever **LPHS Arts JAM** on Tuesday, October 20. Groups from the band, choir, and drama departments performed giving grades 6, 7 & 8 a taste for the performing arts at the high school. Performing groups included the Women's Treble Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Choir, the Drama Classes, and Wind Symphony and Jazz Bands. Two drama students were our hosts, and the collage concert's hosts. Band students especially enjoyed hearing the trumpet and percussion ensembles perform. The LPHS drama students wrote the script for their performance highlighting life in the LPHS drama department. The day helped form good connections between the middle school and high school students in addition to giving Creekside students a chance to be in the high school for an event planned especially for them.

We are grateful to Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Douthit, Mr. Whitelaw and our school administrators for planning the **Arts JAM**.

**Jon Hutchison,**

**Band Director**



## UPDATE FROM OUR NURSE

TriLakes Cares will have Immunization Clinics here in Monument at their office (235 Jefferson St.) on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. If your health insurance covers immunizations, then the clinic will bill your carrier for the cost of the vaccine and you can avoid the office co-pay. If you do not have health insurance, then all needed childhood immunizations will be FREE for your children. Please be aware that your child must be accompanied by a guardian and take a copy of their immunization record to the clinic. Please call TriLakes Cares at 481-4864 for additional information and to find out if they participate with your insurance company.

## DRAMA & CHOIR NEWS!

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Scripted Drama class will be performing in the Black Box Theatre on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and again on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Please come and support your children for their performances.



Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Act 1 class will also be performing in the Black Box Theatre on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and again on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## HOMEWORK HELP

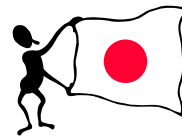
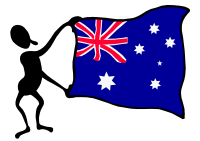
Homework Help is set up to give students a place to receive help on their homework. It is also available to students who wish to have a quiet, supervised place just to work on their homework. All students are welcome Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 142 with Mrs. DeLaurell from 2:45-3:45.

## International Dinner



The International Dinner will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, in the LPHS commons. It is open to all in the

District who are interested in international people and languages. You are welcome to bring a dessert from another country or tradition to share with everyone. There will be different restaurants there with samples from their menus. For our entertainment, we will have Native



American dancers, the Bearheart Family, whose children are Lewis-Palmer school students. RSVP

to Stephanie Johnson at [sjohnson@lewispalmer.org](mailto:sjohnson@lewispalmer.org) or 785-4204.



**Lisa Hatfield**

English Language Learners

# Student of the Month!

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Haley Dixon  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sierra Shopmeyer  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Carson Dobiash

## Congratulations!

## CLUBS Up and Running!!!!

### Chess Club

Club Start Date: September  
Club End Date: December  
Times: 3:35 – 3:35  
Day of the Week: Thursday  
Location : Room 211  
Sponsor: Mrs. Snyder



If you love to play chess or if you would like to learn this is place for you. We meet every week to teach those who are new and improve the skills of the experienced. See you there!

### Cooking Club

Club Start Date: September 1 & 3  
Club End Date: December  
Times: 2:35 – 4:00  
Day of the Week: Tuesday or Thursday  
Location: Room 110  
Sponsor: Mrs. Petersen



Have you always loved cooking or just wanted to learn more about how to cook? Learn cooking basics, terminology, proper measuring techniques and create one new recipe a week. Then you take the recipe home to enjoy preparing for your family!



## Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Club Start Date: September  
Club End Date: December

Times: 6:45

Day of the Week: Wednesday

Location: 221

Sponsors: Mr. Stewart & Mr. Mabe

**FCA: Fellowship of Christian Athletes has begun**

This is a student led bible study sponsored by Mr. Stewart and Mr. Mabe.

-We meet on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 in Mr. Stewart's room (221)

-If you have any questions, please e-mail us at: [mstewart@lewispalmer.org](mailto:mstewart@lewispalmer.org) or [jmabe@lewispalmer.org](mailto:jmabe@lewispalmer.org)

### 4 – Square Club

Club Start Date:  
November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Club End Date:  
December



Times: 2:35 – 3:20

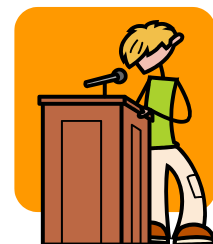
Day of the Week: Friday

Sponsor: Mr. Templeton

Come and enjoy playing 4-Square with us every Friday. We will begin in the commons area and go outside as long as the weather permits. Hope to see you there?

### Forensics

Club Start Date: October  
Club End Date: May  
Times:



Day of the Week:

Location: 6 Gold, Room 233

Sponsor: Mrs. Robinson

Forensics is every student's opportunity to meet new people, build self-confidence, learn life skills, have fun, and ham it up in front of a crowd. The Forensic team offers competition in a variety of categories that require acting, drama, and speech skills.

# Weight Lifting Club

Club Start Date: October

Club End Date: May

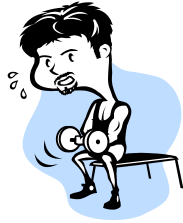
Times: 2:45-3:30

Days of the Week: Monday,  
Wednesday &

Friday

Location: Weight Room

Sponsor: Mr. Kirkendall



Do you enjoy lifting weights? Want to build your muscles? Then this is the club for you!