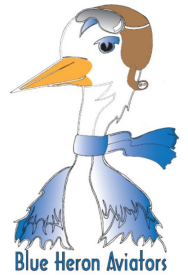


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Attention Blue Heron Families,

Please take a moment to look over your information in Jeffco Connect. In the event of an emergency we will do everything we can to get ahold of you.

If, however, we cannot reach you, we will contact the next person on your student's contact list. Please make sure you have an adequate number of contacts for us to try. If you are the only contact on your student's list, and we cannot reach you, we will have to contact the authorities for your student.

That is why it is imperative to list several (3-4) trustworthy family members or friends. These should be people with whom you would feel safe taking your child off of school grounds. Our goal is to safely reunite you with your student in the event of an emergency.

Please find the link **here** to update your contact information.

Thank you.

Important Dates

3/20-4/27 CMAS Testing - click here for a complete schedule

3/26-3/30 Spring Break

4/5 Young Ameritown

4/6 Peer Mentors -(8:15 in Mrs. Helmerich's room)

4/12 BAC (5:00pm - 6:00pm, Library)

4/12 PTA (6:00pm -7:00pm, Library)

4/17 PTA Fund Raiser - Garlic Knot (All Day)

4/20 Peer Mentors (8:15-8:45 Mrs. Helmerich's Room)

4/27 Early Release - Students dismissed at 1:00.



2018 Dakota Ridge Football Youth Camps
For information click **here**

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Safety Check

We need your help. You may have noticed Jeffco Security Patrol and Jeffco Deputies visible on Dorado before and after school this week. People are driving TOO FAST through the crosswalk at the top of the hill on Dorado Drive (the southwest corner of our property). As I can sometimes be, let me bluntly say: WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS DRIVING TO AND FROM SCHOOL. We have staff and students in this area trying to cross the street. There is not a traffic light there and we put a staff member in an orange vest holding a stop sign. Last Friday morning, that staff member had to push two students out of the way because a car was driving over the 20 mph speed limit and did not see the stop sign or people in the crosswalk. Please remember, that although your child may be safely in the car, there are many students who walk and ride bikes, scooters, etc. to and from school. A child hit by a car is not only devastating to the family of the injured person, but also a traumatic, life altering experience for the driver and anyone else who witnesses the event. I have already experienced a student on my watch several years ago get hit by a pickup truck crossing the street to get on a bus. I don't ever want to be a part of that kind of tragedy again. For everyone's sake please, please be careful driving to and from school as we navigate big and small vehicles around pedestrians sharing the same space.

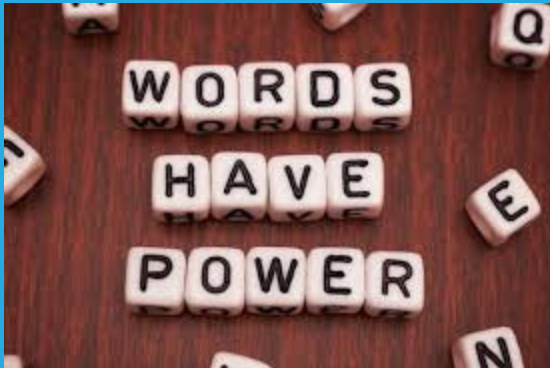
Respectfully,
Principal Sandy Burch

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Words Matter Now More Than Ever

Language can lift us up and inspire us, but it can also hurt, make us less than. Since the Florida school shooting, it is more important now to not dehumanize one another with threats of violence in our everyday slang. Words that are commonplace online, like “murder,” “kill,” “throat-punch,” and so many more are not acceptable ways to communicate frustration, anger, or emotions. We are asking our Jeffco students to choose their words carefully because they matter, and we are asking you as a community to help model this behavior. It is all of our responsibility to model and create an environment of hope, health, and strength for our students.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION 2018-19

We are seeking engaged Jeffco parents, staff, and business and community members to support the district and Board of Education by serving on advisory committees. Further information on the responsibilities and functions of committee members can be found **here**.

We are seeking members for the following committees:

- District Accountability Committee
- Technology Data Privacy Advisory Committee
- Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee (1338)
- Capital Asset Advisory Committee

Online applications will be reviewed by the Board of Education in May so that members can be appointed in June to begin committee work for the 2018-19 school year. Applicants will be contacted via email after the close of the application period in April. If the application meets committee membership requirements, details on next steps will be shared.

The following are welcome to apply:

- Teacher(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools
- School administrator(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools
- Individual(s) involved in business(es) in the Jeffco Public Schools district boundary
- Parents of current Jeffco Public Schools students
- Community members without students attending Jeffco Public Schools

Thank you for your consideration of these vital roles to serve Jeffco Public Schools.