

# **Clear Sky Elementary**

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# Kellie Roe Principal

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# **Clear Sky PTO**

# **Message From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

I just left HalloWilcox with our kindergartners! It was so much fun to see them dressed up and trick or treating at our central office. They were polite and well mannered and made me very proud! The district did an amazing job decorating for our visit. (I think they had as much fun as the kids did!)

We are always working on improving our practice and one of the things that we are focusing on this year is improving our feedback in writing. Last year we began looking at writing rubrics that we felt would give students and parents accurate information about progress in writing. We also wanted a rubric that would give our teachers information about next teaching and learning steps for their students. We piloted a couple of rubrics and after a few tweaks settled on one that we will be using as a school.

We do formal writing samples three times and year and will be using our new rubric to assess them. I know that many teachers shared the first writing sample with parents at conferences. Hopefully you were able to see how your student is currently performing and areas of strength and weakness.

We will be working as a staff to calibrate and ensure that we are all utilizing the rubric in a similar manner. The rubric will be our primary data point for final scores on the Progress Report which I am excited about because I believe it will help to standardize our scores. We are anticipating that we will see a dip in writing scores initially, but because we will be able to better focus on what kids specifically need in writing those scores should go up quickly!

If you haven't seen the new rubric yet, I encourage you to ask your child's teacher to share it with you. If you have any questions or concerns about the rubric, I would love to chat with you about it further.

Every day I am grateful for the opportunity to serve such an amazing school. Thank you for entrusting your children to us!

Sincerely, Kellie Roe



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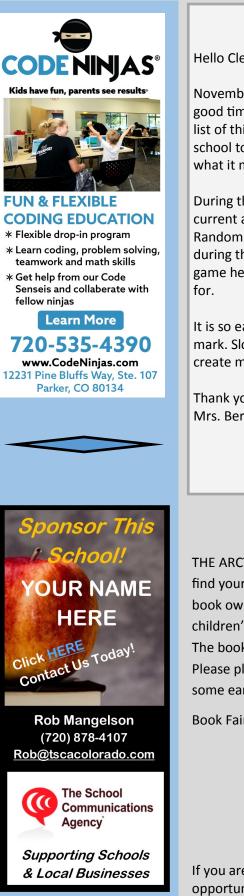
## Important Dates to Remember Friday Nov 8 Veteran's Day Program – 3pm (3rd grade music program) Monday Nov 11 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Tuesday Nov 12 3rd grade Field Trip – Cave of the Winds (rescheduled) Nov 14 6th grade – Butter Braid Delivery Thursday Monday Nov 18 CSE Fall Book Fair begins in the Library Monday Nov 18 CSE Night at Chipotle (5-9pm) Tuesday Nov 19 CSE Fall Book Fair in the Library CSE Choirs Concert @ 6pm Wednesday Nov 20 4th grade Field Trip – Western Museum of Mining & Industry CSE Fall Book Fair in the Library Nov 21 Thanksgiving Feast (see schedule below) Thursday CSE Fall Book Fair in the Library Thanksgiving Break: November 23rd – November 30th Monday **PTO Holiday Shop in Bungalow** Dec 2 Tuesday PTO Holiday Shop in Bungalow Dec 3 CSE Musical Auditions in the Music Room after school Wednesday Dec 4 **PTO Holiday Shop in Bungalow** 4th grade Field Trip – Colorado Capital/Judicial Center CSF Musical Auditions in the Music Room after school Thursday PTO Holiday Shop in Bungalow Dec 5

y Dec 6 PTO Holiday Shop in the Bungalow ends

Don't forget – Spirit Day is every Friday – wear your blue, white or gray/silver! \*\*some dates and times may change - notifications will be made by Thursday folders, emails or phone blasts

CSE Musical Auditions in the Music Room after school

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# **Berry's Bits**

Hello Clear Sky Families,

November is the time of giving. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is a good time to reflect on all of the things that we are thankful for. I have an amazing list of things to be thankful for, including my wonderful family and an amazing school to work at each day! I try to find the time with my own children to talk about what it means to be thankful and how we can show thanks.

During this season, find time to talk about the importance of giving during the current and upcoming holiday season. There are some many ways to give thanks. Random acts of kindness or donating food, clothes or toys are all ways to give during this season. Also, sitting together with the family to eat dinner or play a game helps students (and adults) realize what we have and what we are thankful for.

It is so easy during this busy time of year for memories to fly by and not leave a mark. Slow down during this time of year and remember what is important and create memories!!!

Thank you for all you do for our students, Mrs. Berry



# **Book Fair**

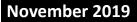
THE ARCTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING! Come to the fair and find your favorite titles for reading. Did you know that book ownership plays an important role in developing children's ownership of reading? (Miller & Sharp, 2018) The book fair is a fundraiser to raise funds for our library. Please plan to come! This may be a perfect time to get in some early Christmas shopping!



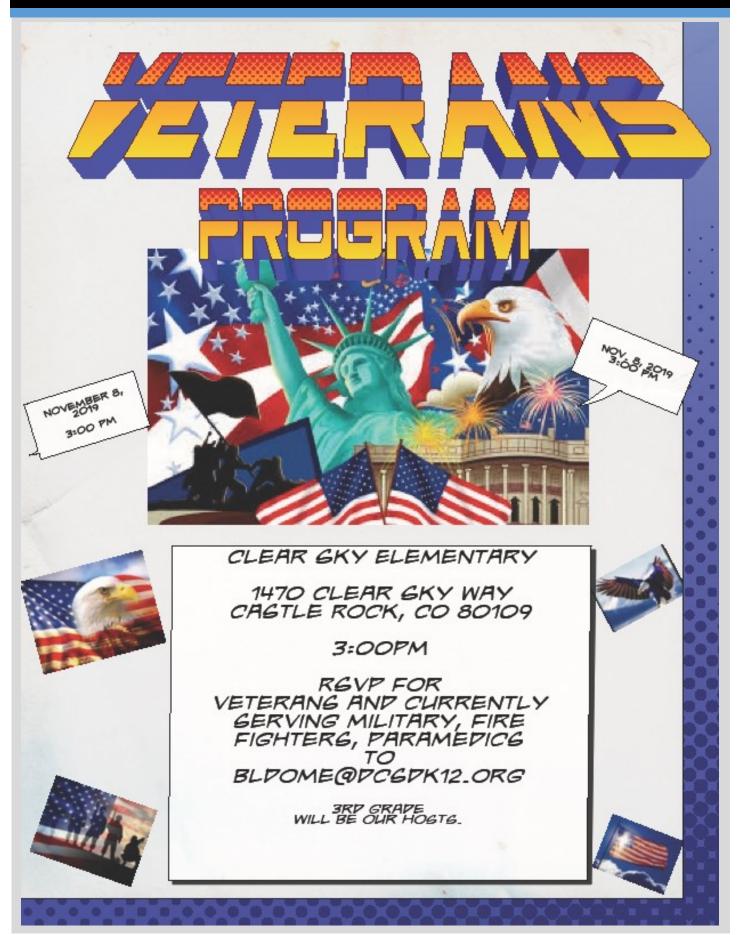
Book Fair dates & hours: Friday, November 15: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Monday, November 18: 8:30am – 4:30pm Tuesday, November 19: 8:30am – 7:15pm Wednesday, November 20: 8:30am – 4:30pm Thursday, November 21: 8:30am – NOON

If you are interested in helping at our bookfair, please take a look at our opportunities to volunteer on this signup genius: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u>



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Congratulations to the 2nd grade for their fun filled production of "Pajama Party". You were amazing!



# BRAVO!!!!!!



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# **Grade Level Happenings**

## 4th – 6<sup>th</sup> grades



Since the return of Fall Break, we have started our recorders unit. All students should have their own purchased recorder and book. These are available at www.myschoolbucks.com.

These items are **<u>required</u>**. If your student needs only one of these items, you may order them from there as well. Free/ Reduced lunch, please go to the same sight and order the same way, it has that option for you. If they have last years' materials, it is the same and should be used this year and years to come.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Veterans Day Program Nov. 8, 2019 @ 3:00pm. A thank you to our Veterans, currently serving, police, firefighters, paramedics and more. We will start recorders after the program. See above to order.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grades

Music Theory? How to read and write music and put it into playing instruments. Fun unit that takes us everywhere music has to offer. Ask your student about their exploring of music.

#### Kindergarten

Keep that beat! What's a beat? How do we play a beat? Using non-pitched instruments to learn how to play the beat





Fall Singers Concert (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) Nov. 19, 2019 6pm

#### Jr. Singers Mini Musical Circus Circus

Dec. 11, 2019 6pm



April 2 and 3, 2020 6pm Auditions: Dec. 3-5, 2019 Watch for Signup Genius times (Must be in Singers choir to participate)

# **Innovation Lab**

We are in our third round of rotations for the Innovation Lab and we are focusing on circuits. With some of the challenges, students will also have the opportunity to continue their work with coding. Students in the younger grade levels will have the opportunity to explore the concepts of basic circuitry using either Snap Circuits or "Squishy Circuits". Below are the design challenges that each grade level will be working on during this unit:

**Kindergarten:** How might you design and build a creation that includes a complete circuit?

**1st Grade:** How might you design and build a creation that includes a complete circuit?

**2nd Grade:** How might you design and build a creation that includes a complete circuit?

**3rd Grade**: How might you design and build an instrument from recycled items that includes some type of circuit component?

**4th Grade:** How might we design and create an obstacle for a mini-golf course using littleBits and other materials?

**5th Grade**: How might you use littleBits and other materials to "Hack Your Fall/Halloween/Thanksgiving" OR How might you use a micro:Bit and other materials to create a musical instrument?

**6th Grade**: How might you use littleBits and other materials to remake your favorite carnival game, or imagine a brand new game? OR How might you use littleBits and coding to create a 2 person game?

#### **Want to learn more about Design Thinking or LAUNCH?** Visit these two resources:

Design Thinking - https://www.ideou.com/pages/designthinking

LAUNCH - http://thelaunchcycle.com/

#### WANT TO DONATE?

We are always looking for materials, expertise, and extra hands! Some of the items we can use are: Clorox Wipes, paper towel, Windex Vinegar Spray, old Operation games...we need it for dissection, Snap Circuits (even if they are missing pieces we can use them). Visit out updated Google Doc (<u>https://goo.gl/3RIMpJ</u>) to see what materials we need. If you want to volunteer your time, please feel free to contact me. You will find a form on the "Maker Program Materials" page.

Jennifer Innovation Lab Specialist @ CSE STAR Discovery Educator & LC Member BrainPOP Jr. Technology Advisor http://www.theteacherscorner.net



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Free general admission for kids 18 and younger every day at the Denver Art Museum.

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#### **Science Special**

We wrapped up our unit on physical science last week. During this unit, we had the opportunity to have Peter Davison visit our school. He performed his show, Loco Motion: The Science and Circus Act Show. He not only amazed us with his acts but he taught the kids about gravity, force, balance, and Sir Isaac Newton and his three laws of motion. Thank you PTO for making this assembly possible.

We are starting our new rotation during the last week of October. The grade grade levels will be working on the following concepts:

#### Kindergarten and 1st grade:

Our youngest scientists will be working on observation and learning about the weather. They will be weather watchers and through hands-on activities, they will investigate types of weather, how clouds are formed, and what causes it to rain and snow.

#### 2nd and 3rd grade:

Our focus will be learning about data collection and measurement through hands-on experiments. Students will be learning some strategies for collecting/recording data and how to represent the data in graphs. They'll be learning about measuring liquid volume, mass, and length and will use these skills to conduct an experiment involving growing sea creatures.

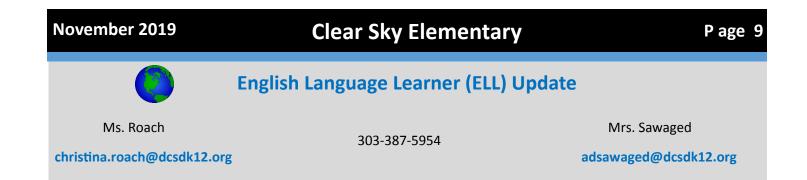
#### 4th, 5th, and 6th grade:

Our focus will be learning about variables in experiments. We will discuss independent, dependent, and controlled variables and will focus on the importance of having only one independent variable in an experiment. Students will conduct various experiments and will identify the variables involved. These will be great skills for the students if they choose to participate in our science fair coming late February.

Thank you for sharing your young scientists with me. I absolutely love the opportunity to watch them grow, experiment, and learn.







Dear Families,

Our Reading Together program is launching and students are so excited to be in the program! Parents letters were sent home and based on the responses, we will start with Phase I where tutors will mentor as reading partners with students within our program to enrich and develop reading strategies through mentor text. We are so excited that our students both tutors and tutees develop reading skills and strategies that will help them access the content learned in the classroom.

Ms. Roach and I encourage you to download the <u>TalkingPoints</u> app on your phone as a way to communicate with us and the school. Talking Points offers a great opportunity for families and teachers to communicate in whichever language they feel comfortable with.

Please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns.

#### Queridas familias,

¡Se está lanzando nuestro programa Reading Together y los estudiantes están muy emocionados de estar en el programa! Las cartas de los padres fueron enviadas a casa y, en base a las respuestas, comenzaremos con la Fase I, donde los tutores serán mentores como socios de lectura con los estudiantes dentro de nuestro programa para enriquecer y desarrollar estrategias de lectura a través del texto del mentor. Estamos muy emocionados de que nuestros estudiantes, tanto tutores como tutores, desarrollen habilidades y estrategias de lectura que los ayudarán a acceder al contenido.

#### aprendido en el aula.

La Sra. Roach y yo lo alentamos a que descargue la aplicación **TalkingPoints** en su teléfono para comunicarse con nosotros y con la escuela. Talking Points ofrece una gran oportunidad para que las familias y los maestros se comuniquen en cualquier idioma con el que se sientan cómodos.No dude en llamarnos o enviarnos un correo electrónico con cualquier pregunta o inquietud.

# **Notes from the Front Office**

- Entrance into the building or school grounds: All parents and/or visitors must get checked into the building or school grounds at the office. You will need a **photo ID** to receive a sticker pass. This ensures students and staff that visitors have been properly checked in at the office. Upon leaving we ask that you stop by the office to return your stick to get checked out.
- Attendance: All students who will be absent from school will need parents to call the attendance line at 303-387-5902. Please leave a detailed message as to why your child will not be at school along with the dates your student will be gone to avoid getting an attendance call and ensure their absence is excused. You can call the attendance line any time of the day, night, or days in advance. IF your child will be late to school you can leave a message on the attendance line to inform us of their tardiness to avoid getting an attendance call. All students MUST be signed in by a parent. All attendance will get updated from the sign in/sign out sheet in the front office.
- End of the day messages: Messages get sent to your child at the end of the school day. We have noticed an influx of last minute messages this year. We ask that parents call by 3:30p to ensure your child gets the message he or she needs to make it home safe. We will not take or send messages after 3:30p.
- Substitutes Needed

Do you or someone you know have a Bachelor's Degree or Higher? Have you ever thought about substitute teaching? We'd love to have you come in and substitute teach at CSE!

To get your substitute license from the state, go to <u>https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/checklist-</u> <u>substituteauth3year</u> and follow the steps to get your authorization from the State of Colorado. Once that is completed, you can apply to be a substitute. By going to <u>https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/one.aspx?</u> <u>portalId=220484&pageId=5760488</u> you will see the district page for Licensed Substitute Teachers, including how to put in your application. We have found that our best substitute teachers often come from our parent community. The best part is, you can choose to only at Clear Sky! **Cleaning out your closet?** Please consider donating some clothes to our Health Room. We are in need of boys size 4-7 shorts/ sweatpants, socks, and slip on shoes like crocs

#### Thank you for all you do!

### **School Counselor – Second Step**

An important skill which the Second Step Program emphasizes is empathy. Teaching empathy can help students manage interpersonal conflict at school, help them be a good friend, and be a leader. The lessons in the empathy unit focus on helping identify emotions in themselves and others, which is a part of empathy. If you would like more information on instilling empathy in your child, I would recommend the book, "Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-me World, by Michele Borba.

Upcoming Lessons in November Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Empathy Unit Lesson 6: Feelings Lesson 7: More Feelings 2nd Grade: Empathy Unit Lesson 6: Learning More About Feelings Lesson 7: Feeling Confident 3rd Grade: Empathy Unit Lesson 5: Understanding Perspectives Lesson 6: Conflicting Feelings 4th Grade Lesson 5: Understanding Complex Feelings Lesson 6: Understanding Different Perspectives 5th Grade Lesson 5: Taking Others' Perspectives Lesson 6: Accepting Differences 6th Grade: Values & Friendship Unit Lesson 5: Social Values Lesson 6: What's A Friend Lynsey Karagan

School Counselor Clear Sky Elementary

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# You're invited to Clear Sky Elementarys Annual Thanksgiving Feast! Thursday, November 21st

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 21st. The meal will include Roasted Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Roll, a Yummy Dessert and milk or water.

Please fill out the reservation form below and send it in by Wednesday, November 6th. Please **DO NOT** send money now.....You can pay the day of the feast. Please have exact change if possible.

> Cost: \$4.25 for adults and non-students \$2.85 for students 11:00-11:30 am - K/1st. grade 11:30-12:00 pm - 2nd grade 12:00-12:30 pm - 5th grade 12:30 -1:00 pm - 3rd grade 1:00-1:30 pm - 6th grade 1:30-2:00 pm - 4th grade

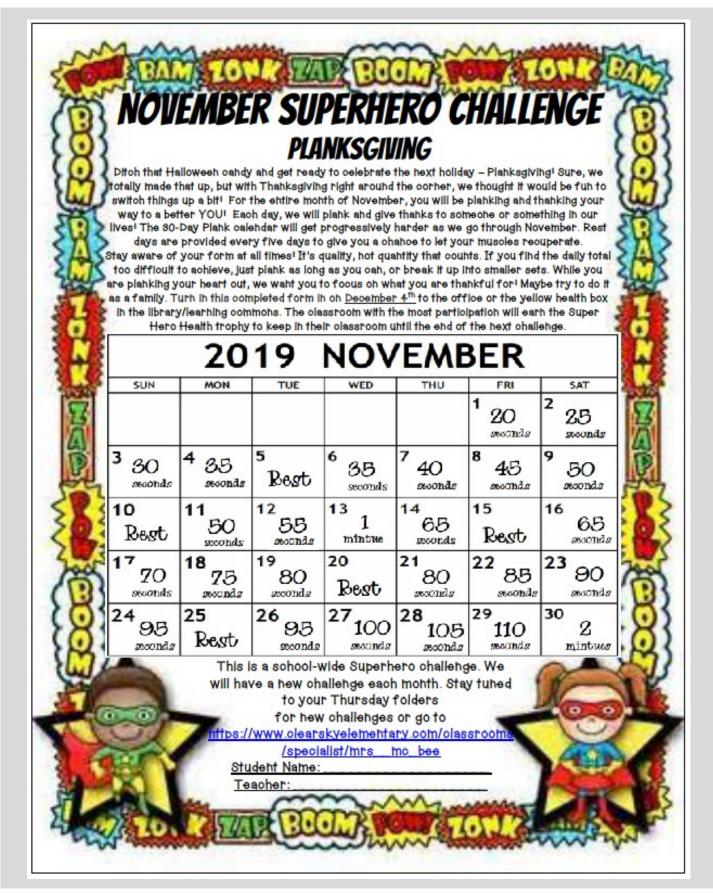
Questions? Please email Vicki.Coronis@dcsdk12.org

Clear Sky Elementary Thanksgiving Reservation

Students Name:	
Students Grade:	
# attending (DO NOT include your CSE students):	
Please return hottom portion by Wednesday, November 6th	

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## Health/Movement



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# PTO Update | November 2019



**The Holiday Shop is coming soon!** Dates this year are December 2nd-December 6th. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The Holiday Shop will be set up at the school and supervised by our parent volunteers. We believe this program can create wonderful memories for the children while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different prices ranges to choose from. We will be sending home a "money control" envelope, that you can use to help your child decide who they should buy gifts for, and how much they should spend. You can even suggest ways that your child can earn extra shopping money!

Be on the lookout for the flyers and envelopes to come home in Thursday folders. And as always, we can't do this without your help. A signup will be sent out soon with time slots for parents to come and help. Thank you in advance for helping to make the Holiday Shop a positive experience for our students!



# **Chipotle Spirit Night**

Monday, November 18th 5-9pm 5642 Allen Way Make sure to bring a flyer (hard copy or on your phone)

## Hope to see you there!



King Soopers has changed their rewards program. Clear Sky Elementary can now get credit each time you use your King Sooper rewards card by following these simple steps:

- Go to http://www.kingsoopers.com
- Either create an account if your King Sooper card is not registered yet or log into your account. New users will need to create a new account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card.
- Once logged in, click on community rewards and search for Clear Sky Elementary by name or enter the code PH868 and then click Enroll.

Please contact CSEPTOpresident@gmail.com with any questions.

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

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# **CLEAR SKY PTO**

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#### Shoparoo

Hassle-Free Fundraising Turn your shopping receipts into donations for your school. It's that simple.

Download on the App Store Google Play

**Shoparoo** is a FREE mobile application that turns pictures of grocery receipts into dollars for your school!

Download the app today and help earn \$\$ for CSE!



Facebook:https://www.facebook.com/ClearSkyElementaryPTO/Website:http://www.csepto.com/Email blasts:Sent out each week by Susan Snider in the front office, these email blasts will contain<br/>information about upcoming PTO needs and planned activities



# **Avid4 Adventure**



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

6th grade students are again selling Butter Braids to help with their Outdoor Education trip fees. Ordering this year is really simple- there is an online store! (Local orders only- no shipping available). You can select a 6th grader to receive credit for your order or you can order under "CSE" for your order to be delivered by me .

The credit for the CSE orders will go toward paying for those students who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Order deadline: November 6<sup>th</sup>

Here is the link : <u>https://tinyurl.com/yy7qiff2</u>



## **DCSD Community Events**

#### **Douglas County Community Nights with the Denver Nuggets**

Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00pm vs. Washington Wizards Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm vs. New York Knicks Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm vs. Orlando Magic

For tickets go to: https://Nuggets.KSETickets.com/dc1920

Tickets starting at \$24!!

## THE FOUNDATION FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS



Apple Award Nominations OPEN now through December 1st The Foundation for Douglas County Schools is proud to honor the outstanding educators and staff that are making a difference for our students everyday.

<u>Click here</u> to nominate your favorite CSE Educator or Staff member.

**DISCOUNTS** - The Foundation for Douglas County Schools partners with Denver's premier sports teams, attractions and venues to provide you with exciting discounted programs/games, all the while giving back to your school. Here are some upcoming events; use the links below for purchasing your discounted tickets.

- An updated 2019-20 DCSD Community Event overview flyer with ALL scheduled events to date and clickable links!
- Some FABULOUS family-friendly discounted offerings from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts including Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas - The Musical (Dec 6 & 8 - While supplies last!)
- THREE options to see the Denver Nuggets play this Fall! (Nov. 26, Dec. 15 & 18). A portion of the proceeds from all three games go back to your school! (The first round of flyers should arrive next week if your school requested them!)

# **Memories**

#### **Cvhs HOMECOMING PARADE**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Ms Aversa's class:

Students wearing their "reading glasses" for their "reading eyes" during their guided reading group:







# Memories

# **CSE PTO Fall Festival**



# Memories

# **Donuts with Dudes**

