



Paw Prints

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GRANT RANCH SCHOOL ECE-8

About Paw Prints 2019-2020

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Paw Prints is a monthly newsletter for Grant Ranch School. This is an important communication link for parents and includes important happenings at our school.

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November 1 – PTO Fall Festival 6:00 – 8:00pm

November 9 – PTO Craft Fair and Breakfast with Santa

November 14 – GRS Annual Thanksgiving Meal

November 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break No School



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Fall Festival



Grant Ranch Fall Festival

6:00-8:00 pm Friday November 1st, 2019

Please join us for food, games, and fun! There will be a haunted hallway, food, carnival games, bouncy castles, cake walks, face painting, dancing and more!

Volunteers will receive 1 free student entry for every adult volunteer. Please send an email with your name, and student if you are interested @ GrantRanchSchoolPTO@gmail.com

In order to make this event a success we are looking for families to donate store bought candies, cookies, and cakes. You can drop bags of candy off in the office or with your student's teacher.

Events and Prices

Entry	\$3.00 Per Student
Meals (Hot dogs/Hamburger, chips, drink)	\$5.00
Snacks	\$1.00
Cake Walk	\$1.00

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Drawing Contest

Congratulations to the winner of our GrizzBee drawing contest!

Meet the Artist

Name: Kayleigh Thorstad

Age: 12 (at age of drawing)

Grade: 7th

Favorite Pastime: Kayleigh enjoys spending time hanging out with her brother, Ian.



Career Aspirations (Goals): Kayleigh dreams of being a farmer, artist or neurologist.



Kayleigh's winning GrizzBee drawing. Kayleigh envisioned the bees needing to form into a grizzly shape in order to protect themselves.

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Weather Delay Schedule



Weather Delay Schedule

Information for Families and Schools

In an effort to increase student safety during winter months, Denver Public Schools would like to remind you of its Weather Delay Policy for the 2019-20 school year. **New for this school year, all schools (regardless of start time) will be delayed by two hours if a Weather Delay is called by the District.**

The purpose of the Weather Delay Schedule is to provide school buses additional time to pick up students and reduce student wait time in severe weather. The decision to close or delay school will be made by the superintendent based on information provided by representatives from DPS Transportation Services, transportation agencies and the weather bureau.



If DPS calls a Weather Delay:

- Morning school buses will run on a delayed schedule and begin pick-ups at bus stops two hours later than the normal pick-up time. (Example: If your morning school bus pick-up time is 7:55 a.m., your bus will pick up at 9:55 a.m.)
- 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, he/she would now depart at 9:45 a.m. to arrive to school on time)
- ECE and kindergarten: Morning (AM) kindergarten will be canceled. Afternoon (PM) preschool students will attend school and have bus service on their normal schedule.
- Breakfast will still be served to students as they arrive to school.



If DPS schools remain open during severe weather:

- The district will monitor the weather throughout the day to ensure student safety.
- The required transportation will be provided. However, services may be modified to ensure bus driver and student safety.
- Traffic conditions may require students to spend additional time in route to school, special activities, programs or at home.
- If severe weather begins during the school day, a decision may be made regarding early dismissal.
- Bus routes will run in the same order as normally followed in the afternoon. Depending on conditions, arrival times at home may vary.
- After-school activities (athletic events, enrichment programs, etc.) may be modified or canceled as a result of the weather conditions.



If DPS schools are closed due to severe weather:

- Transportation will not run any buses.
- All after-school activities, which include middle and high school sports, are canceled and transportation will not be provided for these activities.
- Please make the necessary plans for the care of your student in the event that school is canceled.



How you will be informed:

In the event of inclement weather, district officials will make the decision by 5 a.m. If the decision is made to close or delay school, local television and radio stations will be notified immediately and broadcast regular announcements of school closures or delays. You can also visit thedenverchannel.com, 9News.com, kdvr.com, and denver.cbslocal.com. Notifications in Spanish will be made on radio newscasts on 1150-AM, 1280-AM and 1090-AM.

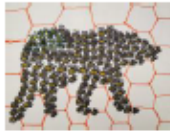
Robo Call – In the event that a Weather Delay or School Closure is called, families will receive a Robo Call notification informing them of next steps. It is important that families maintain updated contact information with their school's front office and in Infinite Campus.

Weather.dpsk12.org – Emergency School Closures or Weather Delays will be posted here and on transportation.dpsk12.org.

Social Media – Announcements to close or delay school will also be posted to [Facebook.com/DenverPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/DenverPublicSchools), as well as @DPSnewsnow and @DPSschoolbus on Twitter.

Hotlines – A message announcing the closure or late start will also be left on the school district's closure hotline at 720-423-3200, as well as on the DPS Transportation hotline at 720-423-4600.

Spelling Bee



You're invited!



The annual Grant Ranch Spelling Bee will be held on November 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria at Grant Ranch School. All are invited to come and support our spellers! Students in grades 3-8th were encouraged to participate in their grade level spelling bee in order to qualify for the school wide bee. The top three spellers at each grade level will be participating in the Grant Ranch Bee on November 6th, 2019. The top ten spellers from the school wide bee will represent Grant Ranch at the interschool bees.

Congratulations to our top spellers in each grade level!

3rd Grade

Gracie Filostin

Alana Jaramillo

Emma Halstead

Donovan Martinez – alternate

4th

Dillyn Kellogg

Ryan Stanley

Dante Bonath

Remy Montoya– alternate

5th

Katie Stearns

Olivia Rice

JJ Rodriguez

Kaira Xu– alternate

7th

Kevin Neo

Celesta Oliver

Jeremiah Escamilla

6th grade

Ian Thorstad

Josslyn Alcon

Evan McDaniel

Steve Rivera – alternate

8th

Jaden Zalesova

Chasen Rowland

Lauren Henning

Bully Prevention Month – Social Emotional Learning Team

The SEL team went to every class 1st-8th grade to present a Bully Prevention lesson that highlights the difference between conflict and bullying. What to do when bullying happens which is: stop, walk and talk. And had parent involvement.

Thank you from the SEL team to Anthony Vigil for his time, support and commitment to bully prevention. We appreciate you!

"I'm the proud father of 3 young Grizzlies, and am a Sheriff's Deputy for Arapahoe County. My roles as both cop and father provide me a unique perspective on bullying in the classroom and allow me to confidently and authoritatively broach the subject with students. I firmly believe that school should be about fun, friendship, and learning and that bullying has no place there. I have committed to assisting the Grant Ranch counseling staff with educating our youngsters about bullying and cultivating a safe, supportive culture among the student body where all students, from K through 8th grade, proactively look out for each other and weed out instances of bullying wherever they see it. I look forward to this opportunity to help the Grant Ranch family and encourage all parents who wish to get involved to contact the administration. Go Grizzlies!"

~Anthony Vigil

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Grant Ranch Bullying Prevention and Intervention Process

At Grant Ranch:

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will try to help students who are bullied.
3. We will make it a point to include students who are left out.
4. If we know that someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and at home.

The Board of Education supports a secure school climate, conducive to teaching and learning that is free from threat, harassment and any type of bullying behavior. Bullying is the use of coercion or intimidation to obtain control over another person or to cause physical, mental or emotional harm to another person. Bullying can occur through written, verbal or electronically transmitted expression or by means of a physical act or gesture. -Denver Public School Board Policy JICDE

Bullying is not to be confused with everyday conflict, instead, bullying is repeated behavior that is:

1. Targeted
2. On purpose
3. There is a power differential between students. This may include age difference, social identities like race, ethnicity, and/or gender, social status amongst peers.

The Grant Ranch Social Emotional Team will provide lessons around bullying and new bullying procedures in classrooms.

DPS Discipline Matrix:

- Minor Bullying (e.g., verbal and written harassment) is a Type 2 Offense on the DPS discipline matrix
- Severe Bullying (e.g. acts of aggression or intimidation and repeat Level I behavior) is a Type 3 Offense on the DPS discipline matrix

➤ **1st Offense:**

1. Immediate intervention by the adult that witnesses/learns about the bullying behavior.
 - a. Adult should separate involved students.
 - i. If the adult has time, talk to each student one on one. Goal is to learn what is happening and determine if behavior is bullying (vs. ongoing conflict or meanness)
 - ii. If the adult is unable to talk to students, let students know someone from admin/SEL will be speaking to them about what happened.
 - iii. Students should complete a basic incident report:
 1. What happened?
 2. How were you involved?
2. The intervening adult will fill out a behavior referral form
3. SEL and Admin team will notify:
 - a. Parents of the targeted student
 - i. By an attempted phone call and log communication in IC

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Bully Prevention, continued...

- b. Parents of the responsible student
 - i. By an attempted phone call and log communication in IC
 - ii. A copy of the bullying incident report will need to be sent home to be signed and returned by the student's parent(s).
 - c. All staff that interacts with both students will be notified to increase supervision.
 - 4. Responsible students will have a restorative conversation to repair the harm to the community
 - a. Option to have a peace circle *ONLY IF* targeted student advocates for option themselves and responsible student is taking full responsibility for their actions.
- **2nd Offense:**
 - 1. All interventions above.
 - 2. Loss of privileges such as: choosing a seat in the cafeteria, lunch in the cafeteria, recess, and/or sports.
 - 3. Additional consequences can be given: reflective essay on the individual and the school community, community service, powerpoint or project
 - 4. Additional steps:
 - a. Teachers may move class seating arrangement
 - b. A class switch may be made
 - c. SEL skill building on empathy and healthy social engagement
 - d. A daily point sheet/ check-in and check-out focusing on kindness, respect, and safety that is tied to incentives.
- **3rd Offense:**
 - 1. All interventions above.
 - 5. Scheduled meeting with the responsible student's family, administration and SEL team to make a plan around student's needs and set expectations around consequences if bullying behavior continues
 - a. Recess or lunch will be altered. Student will be separated from peers. Community service opportunities will be provided such as picking up trash and cleaning the school community to try to repair the harm that has been caused.
 - b. If bullying occurs in the halls or before or after school, student will leave 3-5 minutes early and not be with their peers. A student support plan may also be put in place to help support the student and help decrease bullying behaviors.
- **4th Offense and beyond:**
 - 1. All interventions above.
 - 2. Student may also be suspended or expelled for bullying behavior. Bullying is not tolerated at Grant Ranch or in Denver Public Schools.

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Lock-In



Games, Movie, Friends, Laughter, Fun Sleep at GRS!



Join us for a Grant Ranch Lock-In!

Date: November 15, 2019

Grades: 5-8th grade (All students must currently be enrolled at GRS)

Time:

- Student drop off between 7:30-8:00 p.m. only (Doors locked at 8:00 p.m. sharp.)
 - **Must** enter through the gymnasium door near the basketball court.
- Student pick up between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Saturday - **All students must be picked up by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.**
 - There is an option to pick up your student between 11:00 – 11:30 p.m. on Friday night. Please read and initial the last section on the second page if you intend to pick up your child Friday night.

Cost: \$25 per student due by November 8, 2019. *No late registrations will be accepted.*

Teacher Permission REQUIRED in addition to parent: All students must have their homeroom teacher sign off on their permission slip in addition to a parent. A teacher will consider your behavior when deciding if you have permission to join the Lock-In.

Snacks: *Please bring a snack to share with the snack table* as well as any individual snacks you may need.

A very light breakfast will be provided prior to pick-up.

Comfort Items: Please bring a sleeping bag/pillow or blanket to use during the Lock-In. You may also want to bring a game, deck of cards, or book. If you love to play Magic the Gathering, bring your decks and play. If you love to play Pokémon (the card game, not Pokémon Go!), bring your cards. Just make sure whatever you bring is school appropriate.

Safety: All students will be expected to stay within the boundaries of the Lock In – the gymnasium. We'll have activities happening inside the gymnasium to keep you entertained - dancing, movies, games, gaming, and hanging with friends. Come ready to be safe and have fun! There will be a space designated for sleeping and other spaces designated for late night fun.

This is an event at school, therefore school behavior and code of conduct is expected. Students found violating the code of conduct will have a parent called to pick the student up. No refund will be issued.

We understand that not all children may want to spend the night. There will be a pick up window from 11:00 -11:30 p.m. if you would like to pick up your child. Please indicate that on the attached form.

All proceeds will benefit our Destination Imagination teams.

Lock-In, continued...

Lock IN Permission Slip

My child, _____, has permission to attend the Grant Ranch Destination Imagination Lock –In on November 15. I understand that I must drop off my child between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The only door that will be used is the door to the gymnasium. I understand I must pick up my child between 8:00 a.m. – 8: 30 a.m. on November 16th. All children must be picked up by 8:30 a.m.

I have discussed with my child behavior expectations and my child understands the school code of conduct is expected. Any misbehaving will result in my child needing to be picked up by me. I understand I will not be issued a refund.

I also understand my child must have their homeroom teacher sign off on their permission slip. This is a fundraiser so no refunds will be issued once payment has been collected. The cost is \$25 per student and the deadline for permission slip and payment is November 8. No late permission slips will be accepted.

_____ Child's Name _____ Grade

_____ Parent Name Printed

_____ Parent email

_____ Parent contact phone number on Nov 15/16

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Teacher Name Printed

_____ Teacher Signature

_____ Food Allergies

Will medicine be needed during the event? _____ Yes _____ No

*****We know that some children may not be able to stay the full night so we will have an option to be picked up from 11:00-11:30 p.m.

_____ Initial here if your child will be picked up on Friday night from 11: 00-11:30 p.m. and will NOT be staying the night. You will need to pick up your child at the front gymnasium door.