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Front Office Hours: 7:30am— 4:00pm

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Every year at the beginning of March we celebrate the kickoff of national reading month. As a classical school this means a great deal to us as we find the written word as the door to open all other doors. Our Core Knowledge curriculum reflects our view of how reading adds value to the experiences of our lives.

Take time this week and this month to participate in reading with your children. Take time to talk about what you are reading. Spend some of the screen time this week watching reruns of Reading Rainbow and Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. Introduce younger children to the marvelous world of Dr. Seuss, Roald Dahl, and A.A. Milne. For older students dust off some of the greatest stories ever told like *The Swiss Family Robinson, A Wrinkle in Time, or Bud not Buddy*.

"Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. Read with your child often and create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and a passion for reading."

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."- Dr. Seuss

Great ways to inspire reading in children include:

- Keep books everywhere you spend time. Put them in the car, in every room of the house and tuck them in backpacks and purses. Make them easily accessible.
- Visit the <u>library</u> often. Knowing how to use the library and learning the benefits of a library fosters a love of reading as well as a genuine respect for the services libraries provide.
- Get caught reading. Children imitate what they see the adults around them do.
 Whether they see you read a magazine, newspaper, or novel, let them know reading is the cool thing to do.
- Read to your children. No matter their age, reading aloud strengthens their vocabulary and language skills. It also opens opportunity for discussion.
- Have your children read to you, too. You never know what you might learn!

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ABOUT RMCA

OUR VISION

Creating culturally literate citizens who will impact their world for life, liberty, and justice.

OUR MISSION

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy exists to support parents in developing citizens and characters who are equipped with a strong knowledge base and academic skills. The basis of this development is rooted in an academically rigorous, content-rich, classical educational program with Core Knowledge emphasis.



Process Champions

RMCA Captures Kids Hearts

Genuinely engaging our students is a pillar within the CKH program. There are several things we accomplish by implementing this step: we start the day with a positive greeting, affirm each students, welcome students into our class, and give them our full attention, first thing.

Important Reminders

UNIFORMS

Uniforms make it easier for students to focus in class and promote a safe student culture not focused on style, brands, and fashion trends. Please make sure your student's shorts and skirts are long enough to meet the uniform policy guidelines. Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than 2" above the knee when sitting. You may use this link for further information on the RMCA Uniform Policy. Students may "dress up" on occasions when special events are scheduled, ie: music programs, game days for athletes, picture days, etc. Rules for modesty and dress code still apply on these days. Skirts must be of school appropriate length, no strapless or spaghetti strapped tops, no tight or lowcut clothing, no heels greater than 1", etc. Thank you for helping us by having your child follow this policy!









CELL PHONES

Students need to have their cell phones and turned off and put in their backpacks before they enter the building in the morning. If students have their cell phones out of their backpacks the phone will be sent to the office. Smart watches may be worn if used as watches. If smart watches are used to take pictures, record, text, or place a phone call they will be taken to the office. Parents will be called and will need to pick the phone or smart watch up from the front office.

WATER BOTTLES

Please send your child with a water bottle

each day. The drinking fountains have

been turned off and covered for student safety. We have a touchless water bottle filling station available near the gym if

students need to refill their water bottle through the day. Parents have donated some water bottles for students who have

MASKS

We will continue to follow the state recommendations for students and staff members on wearing masks and facial coverings. Students ten and younger may wear masks and facial coverings. Students eleven years and older and staff members must wear masks or a facial covering. We ask that students wear masks and facial coverings without words or images that could be scary for our younger students.



COLD WEATHER



Colorado is known for its crazy weather! Be sure to watch the weather forecast and send warm coats for students on colder days. If it is too cold we will keep students in for inside recess, but want to give kids the opportunity to be outside and get their wiggles out as much as possible.

Important Reminders

DROP OFFS

Due to extreme cold weather conditions, please do not drop your student(s) at school before **7:30am**!

-ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent, the best way to notify the school is to e-mail Nancetta at nwestcott@rmcacs.org. You may also call the school and press #1 to reach the attendance line.

If your child has to be out of school for a COVID-19 related absence, you can contact your child's teacher for daily work. If your child is keeping up with their daily work and you are communicating with the teacher on a daily basis, the absences will not count against your child's total number of absences. This can apply if your child has to be out of school for a COVID-19 exposure or if they test positive for COVID-19 and are able to do school work.

-PRESCHOOL

RMCA is currently enrolling Fall Preschool and Kindergarten Summer Camp from ages 3 to 7 Please contact Melissa at mcornelius@rmcacs.org or 719-550-5440 for registration information.

Dr Seuss Week March 1-5





Cat in the Hat

Red, white, & black tops*
w/uniform bottoms!
(doesn't have to be solid-colored)

Tuesday

Green Eggs & Ham

Crazy socks* w/ full uniform!





Wednesday

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think

Bright-colored tops*
w/uniform bottoms!
(doesn't have to be solid-colored)

Thursday

There's a Wocket in my Pocket

Crazy hair day w/ jeans!



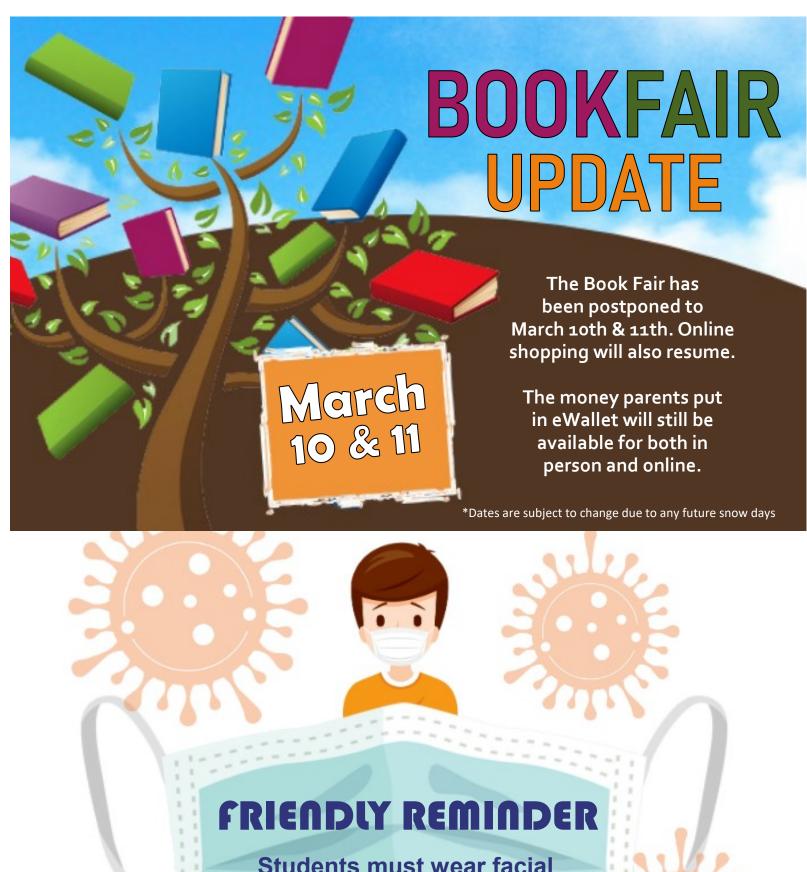


Professional Development Day





*no words, no controversial or disturbing images



Students must wear facial coverings without words or images that could be scary for our younger students.



ITSPICTURETIME

Mddle School Order Class Portraits



Students must be in uniform



There will be no picture retakes



Order forms were sent home-Pay on picture day



Deadline

to order is

MARCH 1st!

Yearbooks

Please e-mail any pictures you have of your student doing extracurriculars, remote learning, or schoolwork to

Order



Link to order your Elementary Yearbook



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DISCOVER SUMMERS

YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

Ages 5 - 12

Camp starts on May 24, 2021.
We will have weekly sessions running through August 13, 2021.

TIME

6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

COST

Registration Fee (one-time) \$50 per child

Weekly Day Camp Fee

Full Week - Members Full Week - Nonmembers

\$220 \$250 3 Day Option - Choose your 3 days!

Available at Tri-Lakes only

Members \$155/week

Nonmembers \$185/week

LOCATIONS

- Briargate YMCA
- Tri-Lakes YMCA / Lewis Palmer Elementary School
- Southeast YMCA
- Downtown / central locations will be announced soon!

Join us for one week or all summer long!

Learn more at ppymca.org/daycamp

YMCA OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

Financial Assistance Available • CCCAP Accepted



Copy paper cases and masks will be counted towards volunteer hours!

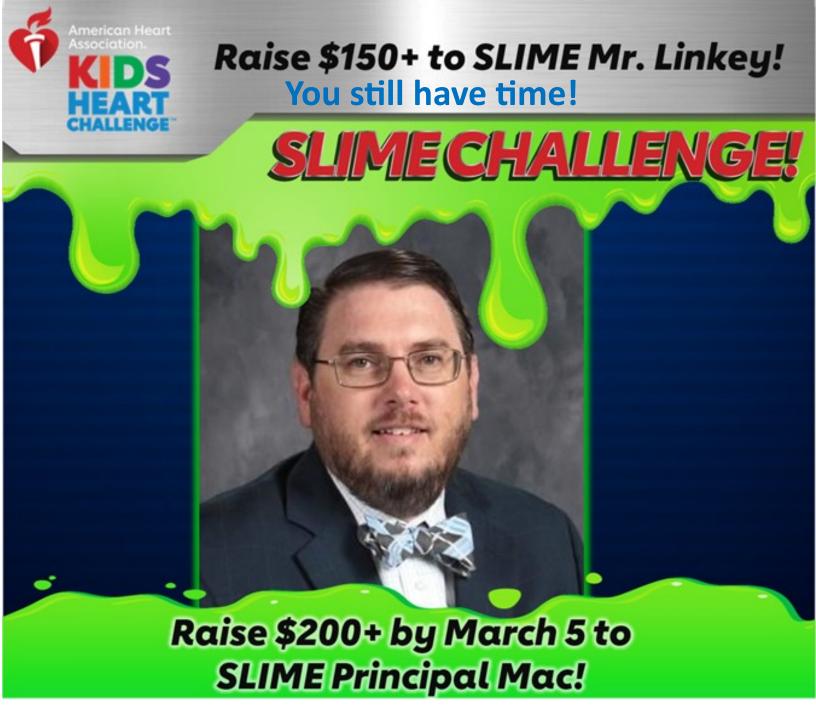
Every \$10 donated = 1 volunteer hour

You must complete an application to volunteer or receive volunteer hours. APPLY HERE!

Please bring item(s) along with a receipt to the front office. Hours will be logged accordingly.

*Due to COVID-19, please contact your child's teacher for work-at-home projects

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail info@rmcacs.org



Students who raise \$150 will get to SLIME Mr. Linkey? Well, students who raise \$200 will ALSO get to SLIME Principal Mac!! It's not too late to get started, you now have until **March 5** to earn your time to SLIME! Congratulations to these students who will get to SLIME Principal Mac and Mr. Linkey!

Ezra M, Vanessa L, William H, Brooke C, and Luna V!

Access the KHC Mission Experience here to complete the missions.

Action to Complete the Mission: Visit our school's Kids Heart Challenge page: http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr id=5551&pg=company&company id=282222 OR download the Kids Heart Challenge app and register!

My Kid's Lunch



All meals are FREE to students until the end of the school year. At RMCA, we are invested in our students' health and are committed to offer healthy food to our students.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/1/21	3/2/21	3/3/21	3/4/21	3/5/21
Cereal	Cinnamon Roll	Blueberry Bread	Waffles Syrup,	Professional
Whole Apple	100% Juice	Whole Orange	Fruit Cup	Development
Chicken Soft Tacos Cheddar Cheese, Tortilla, Salsa Pinto Beans	WW Penne, Beef Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Cinnamon Apples	Chicken Nuggets & Waffles, Syrup Home Fries Dried Fruit	Beef Sloppy Joe, Wheat Bun, Steamed Corn, Whole Fruit	Day No School
Peach Crisp				NATURAL MATURAL

COVID-19: Information for Families

Stay Safe, Stay Well, With These Helpful Reminders

- ▶ Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Yes, even when you are at home!
- ▶ Avoid being around people that don't live in your house. Many people get sick being around people that they know. Limit contact to 15 minutes or less.
- ▶ Continue with social distancing (6 feet), just like at school.
- Wear a mask when you leave home, and when you are around people that don't live in your house.
- ▶ Help out with cleaning at home disinfect items that others might touch, such as counter tops, tables, door knobs, light switches, handles and drawer pulls, toys, personal items, and surfaces in the car too.
- Don't share eating utensils, cups or glasses, or drink containers such as water bottles or juice boxes.
- Open windows at home when the weather is good. Fresh air is important.
- Consider getting a flu shot soon contact your medical provider for information.

Monitor Your Whole Family for Symptoms Daily:

- Monitor all family members for fever or other symptoms of illness, while at home or before leaving home. Take everyone's temperature with a reliable thermometer.
- If your student has any symptoms (even one symptom), they should not be going to the school, to small group instruction, or to special services for any reason. Notify the school immediately and keep your child at home.
- Any of the symptoms listed are possibly COVID-19. It is not possible to tell the difference between COVID and any other illness such as a cold, the flu, seasonal allergies or other illness, without a COVID PCR test. Some people have COVID and have only Minor Symptoms. Some people don't have any symptoms and still test positive for COVID. You might not know if someone has COVID or does not have COVID.
- Symptoms of COVID can appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. A COVID positive person can share the virus 2 days (48 hours) before they have any symptoms.

COVID-19 Symptoms				
CRITICAL SYMPTOM	MAJOR SYMPTOMS	MINOR SYMPTOMS		
Loss of taste or smell	Feeling feverish, having chills, temp of 100.4F or more New or unexplained persistent cough New or unexplained shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Sore throat Runny nose or congestion Muscle or body aches Headache Fatigue Nausea, vomiting Diarrhea		
EMERGENCY COVID-19 WARNING SIGNS include: trouble breathing,				

EMERGENCY COVID-19 WARNING SIGNS include: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face. Seek medical attention immediately by calling 911.

This list is not all-inclusive for Major, Minor, or Emergency Symptoms. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning. Your medical provider may want to discuss evaluation, testing or have other directions for you.

If Anyone in the Home has any Symptoms or is Sick:

Stay home! Avoid being around others. If symptoms last longer than 24-48 hours, contact your medical provider. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/care-for-someone.html

Where to get tested for COVID-19:

- www.ElPasoCountyHealth.org/covid-19-testing-information
- ➤ A PCR test is best. A rapid test for COVID-19 is only treated as accurate if it is a positive result. A rapid test might be negative because it's done too soon or too late to detect COVID. A PCR sample is sent to a lab for results.
- ▶ If there are no symptoms, it may be too soon to tell if COVID is present or not.
- ▶ It may take several days to get results back. While you wait, stay home and monitor symptoms. Avoid others.
- ▶ If anyone in the home has been tested for COVID, or has symptoms, it is best that everyone in the home stays home and waits for the test results. Or, separate the sick person from others as much as possible while waiting.

If Anyone in the Home Tests Positive for COVID-19:

- ► Please notify the school, or school nurse.
- Even if we are E-learning, it is very important that we accurately keep track of the number of cases in our community and those cases associated with our district buildings.
- ▶ If someone in the home is positive for COVID, everyone in the home must stay home and isolate or quarantine also. The decision for the exposed household members to isolate for 10 days, or quarantine for 14 days, is dependent on several factors.
- ▶ Please contact the school nurse for more guidance. The school nurse can provide you with information that you need to care for your family and protect the community.

For further guidance, contact your medical provider, El Paso County Public Health, or your school nurse.

This information provided by District 49 Nursing Services

If you were advised to go into Isolation or Quarantine, would you know what to do? www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID-19-Quarantine-vs-Isolation.pdf

- Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their own home.
- How long is Isolation? 10 days to monitor for other symptoms and recover. Isolation is only 10 days, because you may have already had the virus 2-4 days before symptoms appear. Stay home and only go out if medically necessary.
- Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. It helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms.
- People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department. Stay home and only go out if medically necessary.
- How long is Quarantine? 14 days to monitor for any symptoms. It takes 2-4 days after being around someone sick with COVID for symptoms to appear if you are infected.
- If you have been around someone who has COVID, you will be advised to Quarantine. If symptoms start during Quarantine when you have been around someone with COVID, you will need to start your own 10-day Isolation to monitor for other symptoms and to recover.
- Note: If quarantine begins at noon on Day 1, it ends at noon on the last day.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html

References

- www.elpasocountyhealth.org
 https://covid19.colorado.gov
- www.cdc.gov https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy

Encore Updates

February 2021





Date

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February February 16th-22nd Kids Heart Challenge Scholastic Book Fair



Hi RMCA Family,

My Name is Chad Linkey, I will be taking over as the new elementary PE teacher and I am super excited to be here! I have been teaching Physical Education at the elementary level for 6 years. My wife and I just moved to Colorado about 4 months ago and we are so happy to be here. We are originally from Arizona and had a great opportunity to move out the Spring's area. I was extremely excited that a position opened up to continue my passion for teaching during these crazy times. So far I have been able to meet a lot of the students and it's been an awesome time getting to know them. I look forward to getting to know more about them as the year progresses!

My philosophy in PE is not just sports related but it is about personal growth. I try to emphasize to my students that it's not about comparing yourself to others but to realize where you are at physically and try to improve yourself. My main goal for all students is to find something active they enjoy so that they can maintain an active lifestyle that will continue way past just PE and school. Being physically active is so important and every single student can find something they enjoy and keep themselves engaged whether that is a sport or just some type of outdoor activity!

Chad Linkey - clinkey@rmcacs.org



ART

Greetings from Ms. Parrish in the Art Studio!

I am very excited as my Art Studio is once again buzzing with joy through the creative expression of my many artists! My Kindergartener artists have completed the study of the seasons and are now completing beautiful Native American symbols, as they practice patterning and working with shapes. Grade 1 has completed the study of Egypt creating 3-D pyramids and are now creating their own colorful and playful version of the solar system! 2nd grade is now completing their ancient Greek wax etchings which beautifully showcase complex Greek designs and moving next into the study of the westward movement - with wagons west! 3rd grade has gone into the wonderfully decorative stage of their Roman art compositions, displaying Roman symbols! 4th grade is now completing their study of the Middle Ages and the stunning Illuminated Manuscript process, creating personalized bookmarks. 5th grade is nearly finished with their amazing and spectacular Gothic Cathedral drawings which highlight many architectural features found throughout the Renaissance study. While moving through our strong and rigorous Core Knowledge curriculum, as students complete lessons, they have the ongoing opportunity to work on processes and fundamentals of still life drawing. There is never a dull moment!

Warmly,

Ms. Parrish - Art Director, Art Teacher K - 5 cparrish@rmcacs.org

It is incredible to see how far we have come in Latin class since the beginning of the school year. The Kindergarten classes have been learning a lot of vocabulary words for objects that we see around the house, such as "window," "dog," "cat," and others. They are starting to even use them in sentences, which is super exciting! The First Graders have been working so hard on learning their "Animal Words," and they get better and better at them each week. Second Grade has just started our verb unit, and I can already see their progress. We are now reading and analyzing full Latin sentences as Second Graders! That is amazing. Third and Fourth Grade are both moving on to the next chapter story in our textbook "Latin For Children," where they will find out more about the fate of Marcus and Julia. And the Fifth Graders are continuing to explore and learn more about the Roman Army by asking their own questions. I am continuously inspired at the effort and ability of our students at RMCA, and I am excited to see where we go from here!

James Booth - jbooth@rmcacs.org

The Library is hosting a

Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 16th – Feb. 22nd



IMPORTANT Book Fair Information

- First and foremost, during the book fair, the Library will be closed for all usual Library activities. There will be NO book Check-In or Check-Out for students during the week of the fair. All students must hold onto their library books until the book fair is gone.
- All Kindergarten and Elementary classes will shop on their scheduled Library day ONLY!
- Middle School students may shop with their Order Class ONLY!

Changes for this year due to COVID restrictions

- This year's Book Fair will have <u>BOOKS ONLY</u>!
 (No spy pens, posters, gadgets, etc...)
- Students will only have 1 opportunity to shop the book fair and that is with their class on their scheduled library day only. Students who forgot money or were absent will need to shop online.
- Students <u>may not</u> shop before school, after school or during recess or during lunch.
- Students must pay with either eWallet, cash, or check. Please encourage students to count their money and have it labeled <u>BEFORE</u> they come to the library. <u>Any change due will be</u> <u>donated to the library</u>. All purchases are Tax Free!
- BINGO for BOOKS has been canceled for this year.

Please follow the link for more information about eWallet and to shop online.

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rmca2021

Remember the RMCA Library receives 50% of the profits! Let's fill the library with new books for the students to enjoy!

Kamrine Finney kfinney@rmcacs.org (719)550-5326 NEW Volunteer Opening Every Tuesday 3pm – 3:45pm Contact Mrs. Finney if interested.

Music





Manuel Brion better known as Mr.B is our K-5 Music Instructor this semester. He first began his career in Education as a Summer Filmmaking Instructor at the New York Film Academy, Ever since, he discovered a passion for Fine Arts Education. Manny holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Performance; not only utilizing his degree to teach but also works for independent films. A life goal of Mr.B's is to establish a Performing Arts Education Center; enforcing a mission to offer opportunities in the arts to students of all backgrounds. With music this semester, Mr.B looks forward to leading the students in music theory, musical theatre, and the appreciation of music technicality. But also challenge them to think about the value of artistic performance components in music. Hobbies and interests that Mr.B enjoy are swimming, reading, and traveling. Mr.B loves to learn every day, so he is hopeful to apply to Graduate School in the upcoming year to earn an M.Fd.

mbrion@rmcacs.org

How to Update Student Information in

POWERSCHOOL

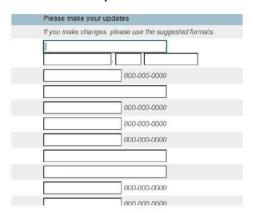
Step 1: Login to your parent PowerSchool account through our website



Step 2: Locate the Demographic Change option on the left-hand side of your account



Step 3: Enter any new phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts or other changes of information. Make sure to press submit on the bottom right.



^{*}If you do not know your login information for PowerSchool, please contact us at 719-622-8000 and we can provide that for you.

^{*}If you want to update a student's address in PowerSchool, please send proof of residency to Lauren Huitt at Lhuitt@rmcacs.org. The only documents that will be accepted for an address change are a utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement, or real estate tax bill from the current calendar year.

^{*}If you do not see Demographic Change as an option on your account, please email Cassandra Cannon at ccannon@rmcacs.org and she will be able to add that feature for you.

^{*}If you have multiple children at RMCA, please complete this process for each child on your account in PowerSchool.





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Parents are key players in creating safer schools and communities. Safe2Tell Colorado provides the only anonymous way for students, parents and community members to report unsafe and risky behaviors before they grow out of control. Each year, Safe2Tell Colorado receives thousands of reports on bullying, cyber-bullying, suicide threats, mental health concerns, child abuse, substance abuse, violence, planned school attacks, and other concerning behaviors. Each concern reported to Safe2Tell Colorado allows for caring, concerned adults to effectively intervene in the life of a child or youth who is struggling.

Safe2Tell Colorado wants everyone to know - telling isn't "snitching." Telling is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors or dangerous situations. Not sure if you should use Safe2Tell? If you don't, who will?

We need your help to improve your school and community. By calling, you can help stop a friend from committing suicide, get another student off drugs, or stop a bully from making other people miserable. If you have information about the following topics, please call.

To make a report, call 1-877-542-7233 from anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call is free. You may also make a report by clicking on the yellow conversation box adjacent to this paragraph that reads Submit a Tip or download the Safe2Tell mobile app on the Apple App Store or Google Play. Remember, your identity is safe. No one will ask for your name or number. There is no caller id., no call tracing, no call recording and no call forwarding. We only want to hear your concern and try to help.

The anonymity of all Safe2Tell Colorado reports is protected by C.R.S. 07-197. This means the reporting party remains UNKNOWN by Colorado State Law.

My Kid's Lunch



FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL CHILDREN AGES 1-18

Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30am	Sundays from 12:30pm to 2pm
NUEVA VIDA CHURCH	BY GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER
801 N. Circle Drive COS, CO 80909	737 Dale Street Fountain, CO 80817

7 days Breakfast & Lunch w/gallon milk per child