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WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

It's almost time for our annual International Walk to School Day. This year, it is celebrated on October 6th. This observance started as a way of creating awareness for walkable communities and has grown to become a series of international events taking place in more than 40 countries! There are many benefits of walking! It is a great form of exercise that helps reduce the risk of obesity and heart disease. It's fun and it improves your mood! It is also planet friendly as it helps reduce CO₂ emissions. We will be participating by having a walkathon at school during regular PE classes. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately wearing their tennis shoes.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Our student handbook has all the important rules and procedures that students are required to follow. This includes information about grades, dress code, absences, and more. Please read your student handbook that is available on our webpage or a printed copy can be sent home at your request.

<https://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/o/les>

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

September is attendance awareness month! September is Attendance Awareness Month! We have some fun activities and competitions planned! Every school day is an opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and connect with classmates. Help your child build strong attendance habits by arriving at school on time and ready to learn each day. **September 14-18 will be attendance awareness spirit week! Every day counts!**

Sept 14: Pajama Day – Jump out of bed in your pajamas and arrive on time!

Sept 15: Show Up, Glow Up – A bright future starts by showing up every day. Wear your brightest, neon colors!

Sept 16: Step Up for Attendance – Take the next step and be at school. Wear crazy socks and shoes!

Sept 17: Head for Success – Wear a hat as you head for success by arriving on time each day!

Sept 18: Be Here to Win! – Wear school colors! Celebrate showing up, learning, and growing together.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

If your student rides a bus to and from school, it is important that an adult be visible to the driver at the bus stop in the morning and afternoon. If an adult is not visible, the driver will not allow the student to get off the bus. The student will be taken back to school and parents/guardians will be contacted.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

Dillon District 3 has purchased Student Accident Insurance that covers supervised and sponsored school activities. If you are interested in extending the insurance, you can get a brochure with additional information and purchase prices from the school office.

TITLE I PTO MEETING

We will hold our first PTO meeting of the year on September 15 at 6:00. Please join us to learn more about what's going on in your child's classroom, as well as Title I. We will also be giving away free books! More information will be sent home later. Make sure to check your child's folder daily!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to fill several positions at our school. The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's administration and faculty. These meetings bring parents, educators, and community members together to help improve our school. We are also in need of PTO officers to help organize meetings throughout the school year. A survey will be sent via text for anyone interested in holding a position within PTO. The survey must be completed by September 11. Thanks for volunteering!

TITLE 1 PARENT COMPACT

A draft copy of the Dillon School District 3 Compact will be sent home by text message. This compact describes how parents, children, and the school will work together to support the child's learning. A final copy will be sent home next week for you to sign. Please take a moment to review this important information and return to school.

FALL PICS

Picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16. You can preorder these photos by completing an order form, which will be sent home on Thursday, September 3. You can also purchase pictures after picture day by scanning the QR code that comes home with your child. Every student will be photographed for the 2026-27 yearbook, so dress your best!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Our 4th and 5th grade students can be a part of the LES student council. An interest meeting was held on Monday, August 31. At this meeting, students were given requirements to apply for student council membership. Applications are due on September 9. Students will begin campaigning on September 14. All 4th and 5th grade students will vote for student council members and representatives on September 25. We are so proud of our student council and all they do for our school!

FCA

We are so excited to continue working with Carol Edwards from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Mrs. Carol will continue to lead monthly meetings for 4th and 5th grade students. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 in the gym. Permission slips were sent home in August. Only students with a **signed permission slip** will be allowed to attend. If you need a permission slip, please send a note to your child's teacher. We can't wait to see all the fun things Mrs. Carol has planned for our students!

Coming up.....

Sept 3	Progress Reports
Sept 4	Workday – No School for Students
Sept 7	Labor Day – No School for Students
Sept 9	Student Council Applications Due
Sept 14	Student Council Campaign Begins
Sept 14	Pajama Day (Attendance Week)
Sept 15	Neon Colors Day (Attendance Week)
Sept 15	Title I PTO Meeting 6:00
Sept 16	Crazy Socks & Shoes (Attendance Week)
Sept 16	FCA 7:30
Sept 16	Picture Day
Sept 17	Hat Day (Attendance Week)
Sept 18	School Colors Day (Attendance Week)
Sept 25	Student Council Vote

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL: Please make sure your children are unbuckled, finished eating, have book bag and lunchbox in hand, and are ready to exit the car when it stops. Please pull your car all the way up to the car in front of you. This helps the line move faster in the morning. Students should arrive before 8:00 to eat breakfast. Grades 4K-2nd are dropped off on the front loop. Grades 3rd-5th are dropped off on the back loop. If you are dropping off multiple children, please go by the youngest grade.

DISMISSAL: Please make sure your car tag is displayed **sitting up** in the front windshield of your car, or attached to the passenger visor or rear view mirror, so it can be easily seen by the caller and the adults on duty **until after your child is safely in the car**. Tags that are laying on the dash are difficult to see and slow down the flow of dismissal. There are several examples of good tag placement below. Also, please do not get out of your car in the drop off/pick up area. If you need to buckle your child's seatbelt, please pull over, out of traffic, at the ballfield to buckle up. We cannot take transportation changes over the phone. If you change the way your child is getting home, it must be done in writing. Please send a note with your child for any transportation changes. Thank you for your help!

CAR TAGS

On visor with rubber band or clip



Sitting **UP** on the dash (passenger side)



Hanging from rear view mirror with a pants hanger

