

Dear Buffalo Trail Families,

This letter contains important information for the start of our 2017-2018 school year.

We will be hosting a Meet and Greet open house on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-6:30 pm. The Meet and Greet is a great time for you and your child to check out their new classroom, meet their teacher and bring in their school supplies. If you ordered school supplies at the end of the school year through our PTCO, you will be able to pick up those supplies.

Instead of the usual stand and deliver Back to School Night, our teachers would like to have an opportunity to get to know you and your hopes and dreams for your students a little better. For that reason, teachers will be holding “getting to know you” meetings with families throughout the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Be on the lookout for more information from your child’s teacher about this during the first week of school.

**Each year, all families are required to complete “Online Parent Forms” prior to the first day of school. Online forms will be available starting on or after July 1st. Your child’s name will not appear on any of our class lists until Online Parent Forms are completed.** Please follow the link below to complete your forms: <https://my.cherrycreekschools.org> If you need access to a computer, you are welcome to come to the school starting August 1<sup>st</sup> and use a computer in our library.

We operate on a transitional calendar, which means we have two-week breaks in the fall, winter, and spring. The transitional calendar may give way to a 4-track or traditional calendar in the future when an area has experienced a tremendous housing growth, or a decline in student population.

School will begin on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, and Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten. School starts at 8:00 am and ends at 2:45 pm. Morning Kindergarten session is 8:00 am – 10:45 am. Afternoon Kindergarten session is 12:00 pm – 2:45 pm.

Kindergarten classes will not start until Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> to allow the teachers time to conduct individual assessment screenings. Kindergarten assessment screenings will be held Monday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 8. If you have not yet scheduled an appointment for your kindergarten student’s screening please do so at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4dadac22a0fc1-201718> Additionally, we need all kindergarten families to submit the AM/PM Kindergarten Preference form using the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/IHWQO3J33sG870Qv2> as soon as possible.

Also, for the first week of school, kindergarten students will spend time in each of our kindergarten classes. This will allow our teachers time to get to know each of the students before assigning them to the classes they will remain in for the rest of the school year.

For more information, please visit our school website: [buffalotrail.cherrycreekschools.org](http://buffalotrail.cherrycreekschools.org)