



# *Family Bulldog Bulletin*

**August 28, 2023**

**\*\*Letter from the Principal\*\***

Hello Mortensen Families,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our annual Back to School Night last Wednesday, August 23, 2023. Listed here are the classes who won the contest for the highest percentage of attendance:

***PreK-Second Grades***

Mrs. Ranum's Class	60%
Mrs. Starkey's Class	63%

***Third - Fifth Grades***

Mrs. Fransen's Class	71%
Mrs. Bartuska's Class	60%

Congratulations - Each of the students has won three Bulldog Bones!

We anticipate a productive partnership with you this year to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers

- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Please consider volunteering at school as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to Mortensen's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

- 1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom
- 2) Reading with children who need extra help
- 3) School-wide events including our PTO Activities and Fundraisers
- 4) Involvement on our PIE (Partners in Education) Committee – an Advisory Council to the Principal
- 5) Student recognition events
- 6) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers

The wonderful Mortensen Staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this special school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions about how to make the beginning of this school year the best it can be, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,

Karla B. Hankins, Principal

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These presentations were presented at Back to School Night on 8/23/23.

If you were unable to attend, please view them below.

Welcome to our 2023-2024 school year! We are happy to provide the presentations linked below to prepare families for our upcoming school year. By 8/28/23 please review all applicable presentations with your student to learn more about the Mortensen Elementary School policies and procedures. We will continue to add to this resource library as needs arise.

Preschool		Kindergarten		
				
<b>Victoria Hansen</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Caty Nation</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Ashley Seagraves</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>		
1st Grade		2nd Grade		
				
<b>Emily Jackson</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Erin Ranum</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Suzanne Koop</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Hilary Starkey</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Melissa Adams</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>

3rd Grade		4th Grade	
			
<b>Kim Fransen</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Brittany Gilbert</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Todd English</b> <a href="#">Presentation 2023</a>	<b>Jennifer McCain</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>

5th Grade			
			
<b>Kris Bartuska</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>Jessica Kelley</b> <a href="#">Presentation</a>		
<a href="#">5th Band/Orchestra Opportunities</a>			

# Mortensen Student/Family Video/Presentation Library

*Click title to go directly to the presentation on that topic*

		<a href="#"><u>Bulldog Be's and Conduct Code Presentation 2023 Mrs. Karla Hankins, Principal</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Technology</u> (slides #16-20)</a>	<a href="#"><u>Mental Health Team</u> (updated 8/14/23)</a>  <a href="#"><u>Second Step</u> (School-wide, evidence-based social-emotional program)</a>	<a href="#"><u>South Jeffco Children's Theater &amp; Craft Club</u></a>



**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED LAST WEEK!**

**Drake Allen, Landon Diaz, Brodie Lauwers, Beatrice Ortega  
& Ryker Vargas**

## \*\*News from PTO\*\*



Hello Mortensen Parents,

The Mortensen Elementary School back-to-school spirit wear sale will end soon! Save 30% on everything in the store. Choose from hundreds of spirit wear designs and garments that are delivered to your home in days! Visit <https://1stplace.sale/16808>



## BARKY'S BONFIRE!

Come join us **Friday September 29th** for Barky's Bonfire from **5-8 pm!** Featuring food, games, arts and crafts, face painting, obstacle course, bounce house, magician, and more! Flyers will go home in Friday folders on 9/1 and are due back to your teacher on 9/21.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$7 at the door. We can't wait to see you there!

**\*\*Our first PTO Meeting will be on Wednesday, Sep. 6th at 6:30 in the LMC.  
We'd love to see you there!\*\***

## Bulldog Bulletin for this Week

Monday Aug 28		Modified Attendance Day - come by appointment only

## Coming Up

Sep 4  
Sep 6  
Sep 13

Labor Day - No School  
PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 pm)  
Fall Picture Day

Sep 14  
Sep 20  
Sep 21  
Sep 22  
Sep 29

Freddy's Spirit Night (4:00-8:00 pm)  
PIE Meeting (5:30-7:00 pm)  
Field Day 1st -5th grade  
Teacher Work Day - No school for students  
Barky's Bonfire (5:00-8:00 pm)

**Keep scrolling for more information!**



**Parents: Do you know where you should park?**

*PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE HUG & DROP ZONE OR IN OUR BUS LANES.* The bus lanes are where our buses enter and exit to drop off and pick up our students. They are on a schedule and when parents park in this lane then the bus has nowhere to park and causes delays. We do have a parking lot that you may park in. Our Hug & Drop Zone is designed for parents to drop off their children before school and pick them up after school. This means that the parent does not leave their car. If you need to leave your car to pick up your child you will need to park your car in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

# **SOUTH JEFFCO CHILDREN'S THEATER**

**JOIN  
US!**

**RETURNING FOR THE 15TH YEAR, SOUTH  
JEFFCO CHILDREN'S THEATER IS FOR 3RD  
THROUGH 8TH GRADERS IN THE SOUTH  
JEFFCO AREA.**

Meetings for the fall session will be held on  
Thursday's after school from 3:30-5:00,  
beginning September 14th and running  
through November 16th.

Fees will be \$100 for the fall session.

During this session students will be  
working on drama skills, dancing, and  
singing. This session will help us to assess  
commitment and abilities, as well as to  
prepare each student for their auditions for  
our theatrical performance (TBD) in May.

This session is highly recommended for  
anyone who would like to audition.

Auditions for the Spring show will be held  
Thursday, November 30th.

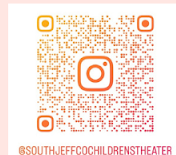
Call backs will be December 7th.

Cast list posted December 14th.

Rehearsals will begin following Winter  
Break.

**MORTENSEN  
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SCHOOL**

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## **PARENTS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**WE WILL BE HAVING CHOIR ON THURSDAYS FROM 2:30-3:30 FROM SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14 SO THAT STUDENTS CAN ATTEND BOTH CHOIR AND CHILDRENS THEATER (not required) ON THE SAME AFTERNOON. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. 303-982-0022**

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303-989-7542

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9020 W. 88th Avenue, Arvada  
303-428-5377

**GOLDEN**

2001 Youngfield Street, Golden  
303-233-0039

**CONIFER**

10903 US Highway 285, Conifer  
303-838-2783

**LITTLETON**

5500 S. Simms Street, Littleton  
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