



APRIL 2023 Cougar News

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 4th, 6th, 7th

- CMAS Testing

April 12th 5:00 - 7:00pm

- Family Movie Night

MAY

May 24th

- Last day for 8th grade students

May 25th

- Last day for 6th & 7th grade students

Hello Thornton Middle School Community!

It is hard to believe that April is here already. My name is Censie Mumby (pronounced "Kenzie") and I am the Office Manager for Thornton Middle School. I have had the pleasure of meeting a lot of you as you come to the main office to check out your students for the day or call the main office. To those of you I have not met or spoken to on the phone, I hope I have the opportunity soon!

Please take time to read our April Newsletter, it is filled with great resources and information about the upcoming months. Also, please make sure you keep up to date on any additional events, resources, and information by visiting the Thornton Middle School website, Facebook page or Instagram. With the end of the school year approaching, it is important that we continue to keep you all up to date on TMS happenings.

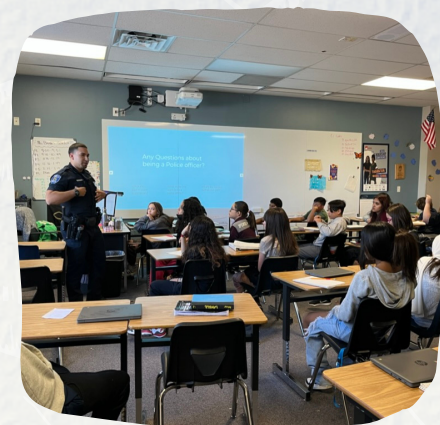
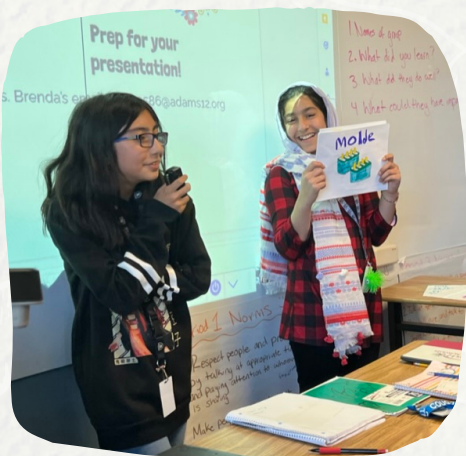
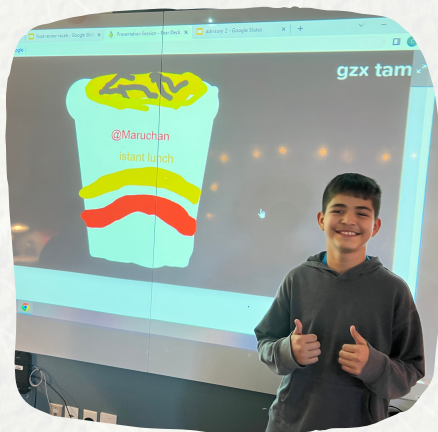
As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a wonderful April!

Censie Mumby
Office Manager
Thornton Middle School
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Check out what our students are doing!





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CMAS Testing Information

April 4th, 6th & 7th

Why do these scores matter?

- CMAS and MAP scores are used as a data point for placement into high school programs such as advanced classes, remedial courses, as well entry into tech programs (Future Forward and Bollman)
- The state uses CMAS scores to rate schools and for funding purposes.

Day of Testing

- Encourage your student to have a goodnight sleep the night before.
- Encourage your student to have breakfast on the days of testing, whether it is at home, or getting free breakfast in the TMS cafeteria!
- Remind students to bring their charged chromebook AND charger the days of testing.
- Encourage your student to do the best they can that day and to be mindful of the other students taking the test so that they can also do the best they can. TRY on every question. We want to know what you know of the standards. It's okay if you are unsure, the best thing you can do in any situation is try.

How can families support their student(s) in CMAS and MAP scores and their education in general?

- Encourage students to complete all assignments and learning activities in all their classes, especially making sure that students make up all assessment opportunities.
- Be involved in the student's academics. Ask questions about what students are learning and ask to see work sent home. Log into Infinite Campus and ask about scores.
- Remind students of your expectations for their learning and to follow school expectations so that all students are able to learn and grow.
- Reach out to teachers and the school with any questions around your student's education. We are all here to partner to support students in learning and growing.
- Remind students to bring a charged chromebook to school EVERY DAY.
- Reading at home makes a BIG difference in students' learning!

Teachers are teaching and assessing the standards set out by the state of Colorado in classes daily. These are the standards that are assessed on CMAS.

What supports are in place at TMS to support students with CMAS?

Students take fall, winter, and spring MAP in reading and Math. These tests support students in experiencing a testing environment. This also provides standardized data to teachers to help support student learning.

Where can families go to find more information about CMAS and the standards in Colorado?

Adams 12 Five Star Schools information: <https://bit.ly/3ZkKiC3>

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) website: <https://bit.ly/3SM7xCK>



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Boys Basketball Game Schedule

Take time to cheer on our boys basketball teams at their games. We would love to see our community supporting TMS!

6th Grade Game Schedule

Game 1: Thursday February 23rd Thornton Middle School vs. Hulstrom K-8 @ Hulstrom K-8 (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 2: Thursday March 9th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Lab @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 3: Thursday March 16th Thornton Middle School vs. Thunder Vista @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 4: Thursday March 30th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ STEM Launch (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Round 1 Tournament: Thursday April 6th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ STEM Launch (Away) 6:00pm

Round 2 Tournament: TBD

7th Grade Game Schedule

Game 1: Tuesday February 28th Thornton Middle School vs. Hulstrom K-8 @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 2: Tuesday March 14th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Lab @ STEM Lab (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 3: Tuesday March 28th Thornton Middle School vs. Thunder Vista @ Thunder Vista (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 4: Monday April 3rd Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Round 1 Tournament: TBD

Round 2 Tournament: TBD

8th Grade Game Schedule

Game 1: Thursday February 23rd Thornton Middle School vs. Hulstrom K-8 @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 2: Thursday March 9th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Lab @ STEM Lab (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 3: Thursday March 16th Thornton Middle School vs. Thunder Vista @ Thunder Vista (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 4: Thursday March 30th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Round 1 Tournament: Thursday April 6th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ STEM Launch (Away) 7:00pm

Round 2 Tournament: TBD

Contact Angelina Jaimes with Questions 720-972-5161



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PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

Thornton Middle School Families

Thornton Middle School will have a movie night for all Students and Families.

¡We hope to see you there!

Day: Wednesday

Time: 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Location: In the school cafeteria

Cost: \$1.00 per family

Requirement: An adult must accompany all students to enter the movie

Snacks, nachos, popcorn, candy, and drinks will be sold.

*** CASH ONLY ***

If you have any questions, please contact

Ms.Laura al 720 - 972 - 5172



Family Movie Night

Wednesday April 12th
5:00-7:00pm

\$1.00 per family Snacks
will be sold (cash only)

Students MUST be
accompanied by an
ADULT



EL GATO CON BOTAS: EL ULTIMO DESEO

Familias de la Escuela
Thornton Middle School

Vamos a tender una noche de cine para todos los alumnos y familias de la escuela.

¡Esperamos que nos acompañen!

Dia: Miércoles

Hora: 5:00 p.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.

Lugar: En la cafetería de la escuela

Costo: \$1.00 por familia

Requisito: Todos los estudiantes **tienen que venir acompañados con un adulto** para poder entrar.

Se venderán palomitas, nachos, bebidas y dulces.

*** Dinero en **efectivo solamente** ***

Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor comuníquese con

Ms.Laura al 720 - 972 - 5172





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FLEX Lab Update!



FLEX Lab at the Thornton Middle School location will no longer be operating due to very low attendance.

Students may attend any FLEX Lab location regardless of where they live or what school they attend, including the sites that are currently operating:

Horizon High School - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Northglenn Middle School - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm
Silver Hills Middle School - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm

****A fourth FLEX Lab site at Thornton High School on Tuesdays, 3:30pm-6:30pm, beginning the week after spring break on Tuesday, March 28.

Just a reminder that there won't be any FLEX Lab at any of the sites during the weeks of March 13-17 and March 20-24!



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

- The Counseling Center will be updating a new flyer and QR codes to include Spanish and Pashto this Month of March.
- Counselors will be in the classrooms again this month to deliver ICAP lessons and will be completing follow-up lessons.
- Counselors will be updating "The Three Hurts" and will be presenting this to all students
- Judi's House will be starting their Grief Groups this month and will last until May 11, 2023.

Thornton Middle School Counseling and Mental Health Team

TerriLynn Vigil: Counselor, 6th (720-972-5174) TerriLynn.M.Vigil@adams12.org

Janene Peralta: Counselor, 7th (720-972-5173) Janene.S.Peralta@adams12.org

Catherine Lee: Counselor, 8th (720-972-5175) Catherine.R.Lee@adams12.org

Madison Boren: School Social Worker (720-972-5172) Madison.P.Boren@adams12.org

Alexis Gordon: School Social Worker (720-972-5187) gor027586@adams12.org

Amanda Gonzales: Social Emotional Learning Specialist (720-972-5179) Amanda.Gonzales@adams12.org

Sarah Gillis: Restorative Practices Coordinator: (720-972-8945) Sarah.L.Gillis@adams12.org



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Thornton Middle School Spirit Wear!

THORNTON SPIRIT WEAR STORE



TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



1stplace.sale/15653



Show Your Cougar Pride!

Excited to share this opportunity with our TMS students and families.

Please visit the link to check out all of the great TMS Spirit Wear available to our community.

Order online and have your order shipped directly to your home.

Store Link:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CO/Thornton/Thornton+Middle+School>



Check out what our Thornton Middle School Clubs!

Late bus available, contact main office for details.

Learn more about these clubs by visiting the TMS Website

esports club

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:45-5:30
Place: M193
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel

SPIRIT CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

Math Counts

TMS MATH TEAM

Day: Monday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: U107
Sponsor: Ms. Minik

FITNESS CLUB

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: Gym
Sponsor: Mr. Gutierrez

pride Club!

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel & Ms. Pulzone

ART CLUB

Day: Tuesday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

POP/ROCK CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:30-5:15
Place: L138
Sponsor: Mrs. Starbuck

YEARBOOK CLUB

Place: M104
Time: 8:00am-9:00am
Day: Tuesday
Sponsors: Mrs. Bair & Ms. Brisch

ACT, SING, DANCE Performing Arts Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: M155
Sponsor: Mrs. McKercher & Mrs. Rotman

Orchestra Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L142
Sponsor: Ms. Gooch
7th & 8th grade ONLY



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Community Closet



Our Closet is available for you and your family needs!

- Jeans/Pants/Leggings/Socks/Shoes/Belts
- Shirts/sweatshirts
- Winter hats & gloves/Jackets
- Canned goods/dry goods/snacks
- Hygiene items/cleaning supplies

**Closet is open every
Wednesday 3-4pm.**

For more information or for an appointment contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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The Voices of the Comadres Parent Group

Parents and Guardians, we want your input and help. Join the Comadres Parent Group.

- Plan upcoming events
- Help improve our school
- Engage with the TMS community

**Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month
9am-10am @ Thornton Middle School**

For more information contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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ATTENDANCE



Contact Information:

Attendance Line - 720-972-5198

Nancy Bender - Attendance Secretary
720-972-5169 -

Nancy.L.Bender@adams12.org

If your student arrives more than five minutes late for school, please have them stop at the Attendance Office to get a late pass. They should do this as soon as they walk in the school building. The reason this is an important step is to make sure that your student's attendance is updated and corrected.

Checking Your Student Out Early



We understand that there will be times you will need to check out your student from school early. When doing this you **MUST** come inside to the main office window to sign them out. You will need a **picture ID** and you must be on the authorized pick-up list for the student you are checking out in the Infinite Campus system.



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Office Hours

As a reminder the office hours at Thornton Middle School are as follows:

8:30am - 4:45pm Monday - Friday



Student Drop-Off



**Thank you for your
help on this request!**

Please do not drop your student off before 8:30am in the mornings.

Students will not be supervised and cannot be in the building prior to 8:30am.

Breakfast is available starting at 8:30am every day for every student.

If students are involved in a morning club, they must have a pass from a teacher to enter the building before 8:30am.



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Buy A Yearbook

Purchase your 2022-2023 Yearbook today!

Starting at \$25.00. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE!](#)

Chromebook Policies

If a Chromebook is turned in by a custodian:

- 1st time-Warning
- 2nd time-Lunch Detention
- 3rd time-Call home and after school tutorials/ detention

If a Chromebook is lost:

Students should report it to the media tech in the library to have the device disabled/ locked.
Student will then be notified to come retrieve their device when found.

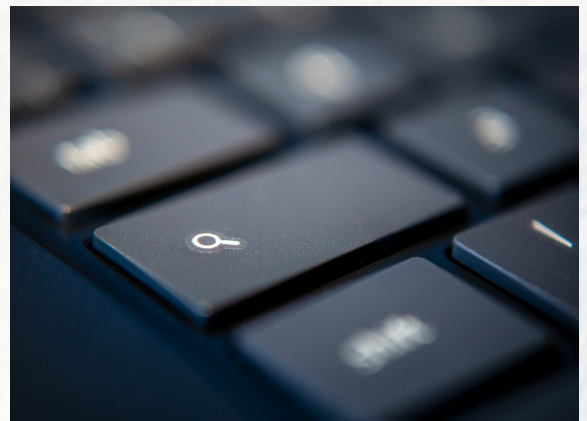
If damages are assessed they will be determined as intentional or non-intentional:

Fines escalate by incident. The first incident will be documented and fined for \$5 until the damage intent is determined.

Fines will be removed if determined to be non-intentional.
Non-intentional damage includes software issues and normal usage wear and tear.

Any physical damage outside of normal wear and tear will be classified as intentional.

- 1st Incident -\$5
- 2nd Incident -\$50
- 3rd Incident -\$75
- 4th Incident or lost -\$150





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Five Star 5k

Saturday April 29, 2023

8:00am - 11:00am

**Five Star
5K**
CORRE CAMINA RUEDA

Adams12
Five Star Schools

SÁBADO, 29 DE ABRIL DE 2023 | 8-11 AM
RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK, BRIGHTON, CO

PLAYERA INCLUIDA CON LA TARIFA DE INSCRIPCIÓN.

HORARIOS DE CARRERAS

8:00 a.m. Carrera Fun Run/Caminata/Roll (1 milla)
8:45 a.m. Carrera de 5K/Caminata/Roll

Un evento inclusivo de todos los niveles de habilidad y apropiado para sillas de ruedas.

TARIFAS

Las tarifas de matriculación varían de \$0 a \$30
Visite el sitio web para ver las opciones de precios.

PREGUNTAS

Envíenos un email AD12FiveStar5k@gmail.com

ACTIVIDADES FAMILIARES DIVERTIDAS

DJ, Comida y Premios
Feria de Bienestar Gratuita
Presentación de Invitados Especiales
Presentación de los ganadores de la beca Aim for the Stars

**INSCRÍBASE
AHORA:**



WWW.ADAMS12.ORG/FIVESTAR5K

Todos los fondos recogidos se usarán para mejorar los programas de bienestar en Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

**Five Star
5K**
RUN WALK ROLL

Adams12
Five Star Schools

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 | 8-11 AM
RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK, BRIGHTON, CO

T-SHIRT INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION FEE.

RACE TIMES 8:00 a.m. Fun Run/Walk/Roll (1 Mile) 8:45 a.m. 5K Run/Walk/Roll <i>Event inclusive of all ability levels and is suitable for wheelchairs.</i>	FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES DJ, Food and Door Prizes Free Wellness Festival Special Guest Appearances Aim for the Stars Scholarship Awards
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FEES
Fees range from \$0-\$30
See website for price options.

QUESTIONS
Email us at AD12FiveStar5k@gmail.com

REGISTER TODAY!

WWW.ADAMS12.ORG/FIVESTAR5K

All funds raised will go toward enhancing wellness programs in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.





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Free Tax Preparation

IRS Certified Volunteers

Thornton Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd.

January 31 - April 13, 2023

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

First-come, first-served. No appointment needed. Income limit \$58,000.


WHAT TO BRING

- Photo identification for you and your spouse (if filing joint return)
- Social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) documents for everyone listed on your return
- All W2's for wages from each employer
- 1098 for Education Loan Interest or Tuition Credits
- 1099 for Interest, Pensions, Social Security, Unemployment, Misc. Income
- Letter 6419 documenting any advance Child Tax Credit payments received
- Letter 6475 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit payment amounts
- For direct deposit of refund or automatic withdrawal if you owe, bring proof of account (Check)
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number

WILL NOT PREPARE

- Schedule C with loss, depreciation or business use of home
 - Rental Income
 - Farm Income
 - Complicated Schedule D (capital gains and losses)
 - If you engaged in any transaction involving virtual currency
- Please see a professional tax preparer for assistance with complicated returns.



 Need free school clothing for your kids?
Clothes To Kids of Denver can help!


To be eligible, students must:

1. Be age 3-21 and enrolled in preschool-12th grade, or working toward a GED.
2. Live in the 11-county Denver Metro Area.
3. Be considered in need of assistance.

No referral required!

Shoppers no longer need a referral or proof of automatic qualification to shop at Clothes To Kids of Denver. If students meet our basic eligibility guidelines listed above, they can shop!



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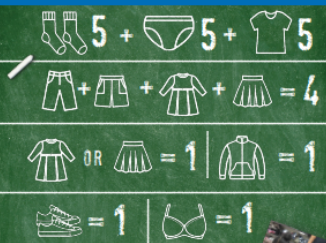
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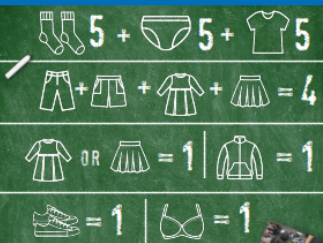


 Each Student Receives



 Ready to shop?

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To make an appointment to shop in person or to place an order for curbside pick-up, call us at 720-379-4630 or email appointment@clothestokidsdenver.org.

Have Questions? Please visit <https://clothestokidsdenver.org/referral-process/>

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 ¿Necesita ropa escolar gratis para sus hijos?
¡Clothes To Kids of Denver le puede ayudar!


Para ser elegible los estudiantes deben:

1. Tener de 3 a 21 años de edad y estar inscritos en la escuela (prescolar hasta grado escolar 12) o en el proceso de obtener diploma de preparatoria (GED).
2. Residir en uno de los 11 condados del área metropolitana de Denver.
3. Necesitar la ayuda de nuestro programa.

No requerimos referencial

Los estudiantes no necesitan una referencia o prueba de calificación automática para visitar Clothes To Kids of Denver. Si los estudiantes cumplen con nuestra guía básica de elegibilidad enumerada anteriormente, ¡pueden visitarnos!



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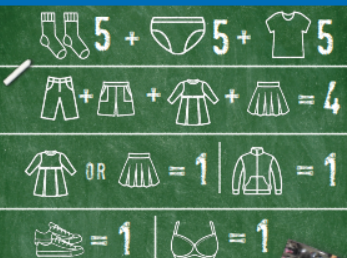
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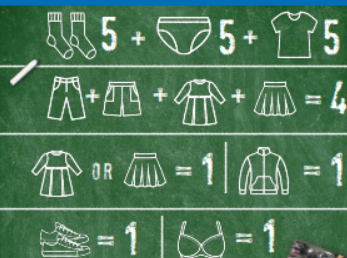



 Cada Estudiante Recibe



 ¿Listo para visitarnos?

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Thornton Middle School



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[TMS Facebook](#)

[TMS Instagram](#)



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District Weather Policy

Process for School Closures and 1-hour Delayed Starts:

In the event of inclement weather, Adams 12 Five Star Schools uses a variety of resources to determine if conditions exist that warrant a 1-hour delayed start or closure of schools.

If conditions pose a concern for student and staff safety, the district will make every effort to announce a decision by 5:30 a.m. to close or delay opening schools. A 1-hour delayed start or closure will be communicated in several different ways, including:

- District website
- School websites
- Local media outlets
- Email and text message to parents
 - Ensure your information is up-to-date in Infinite Campus
 - In order to receive text messages, opt-in today by texting "YES" to 67587
- District's hotline (720) 972-4000
- Social media (Facebook - Twitter)
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Keep in mind, you will only receive alerts if schools are closed or operating on a 1-hour delay. If schools are open and operating on a normal schedule you will not receive an alert.

If schools are open but a parent feels, based on personal circumstances, that conditions pose a safety concern for their child getting to or from school they can call the school for an excused absence.



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Infinite Campus - Parent Portal



Did you know that Parent Engagement has a direct correlation to student success?

Students with engaged parents are more likely to have higher self-esteem, lower absenteeism and earn high grades or test scores. So what are you waiting for? Log into Campus Parent and get engaged today!

PARENT FAVORITES:

- Accessing student grades
- Give that praise and encouragement for that A or B they studied hard for!
- Review attendance and absences
- Get real-time notifications if your student is absent
- Seeing assignments due or upcoming exams

Connect Today

Campus Parent can be accessed on the web (login information is received from your district), using the Campus Parent mobile app.

- [Link #1 Adams 12 Parent Portal Signup to create Infinite Account](#)
- [Link #2 Access Infinite Campus and change Password](#)
- [Link #3 Infinite Campus Video how to access IC for Parents, Grades, Attendance, etc](#)



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Free Counseling Sessions for Youth



The Office of Behavioral Health has launched **IMatter**, a program to provide up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth, as a part of House Bill 21-1258 (more information below). Parents can sign up and get resources and therapy sessions for their child. Youth, ages 12-18, can sign up for mental health sessions. Check out this article from [Chalkbeat for more information](#). You can order I Matter materials free of charge through this [form](#).

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health and its partners have launched IMatter, a program that provides up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth.

Get Connected

Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services.

Contact Information

- For general inquiries about the program, contact elizabeth.owens@state.co.us.
- To inquire about being a provider within the program, contact providers@imattercolorado.org.
- To receive help with the website or support in scheduling a session, email support@imattercolorado.org.

Free/Reduced Benefits

Apply now for meal benefits for the 2022-23 school year. We are asking all families to apply to support potential funding or benefits that go beyond meals. Remember all families must reapply every year.

Apply today at www.adams12.org/myschoolapps. Please be sure to submit an application. Your household's free and reduced-price lunch program (school meals) application can help your family access discounted internet and phone costs and secure additional funds for your school. If your household qualifies for school meals, you might also qualify for P-EBT.