

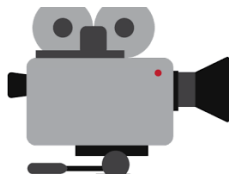


FRIDAY BLAST 4/3/2020



Hello Bell Families,

Today, we all received the information from Jeffco that we will be continuing remote learning through the end of the school year. We realize that students have materials and medications at the school that will need to be picked up at some point. At this time, however, no students or families are allowed inside of any Jeffco schools. We are waiting on direction from the district on how and when we will manage pick-ups, but we anticipate that it will not take place until some point in May. We will give you more information as the district provides it. Thank you for your patience!



Video Message For Students:

Please share this [MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL](#) with your students (1:37 minutes long). Parents / guardians are welcome to view it, too!



Here is another video for you! Our staff wanted to reach out to say hello, and thought it might be fun to introduce you to some of our pets! Take a look at some of our teachers' furry (and not so furry) friends. [Bell Staff Pets Video](#)

GOLDEN BACKPACK PROGRAM CHALK CONTEST



How to enter:

- get creative with your sidewalk chalk!
- include BGoldN & HelpGoldenNow.org in your design
- include the Golden Backpack Program in your design
- Post pic of your masterpiece on Facebook or Instagram & tag @Goldenbackpackprogram
- Have fun!

Post photos by April 10th at 9:00p to be entered in the contest to win a \$100 Woody's Pizza gift card - pizza party at home or save it for later to come in for some tasty pies!

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How Bell is Helping our Community; How You Can Help, Too

I wanted to let you know that we proudly answered the call from Golden Mayor Laura Weinberg and the **Golden Backpack Program** when they reached out asking to use Bell's parking lot for food distribution to our community members who might be struggling to make ends meet right now. **The Golden Civic Foundation is collecting donations to fund this project**, and **several Golden area restaurants are preparing the fresh meals** for daily distribution. The need has grown tremendously since the distribution began just two weeks ago. **Food is distributed at 9:00am and 1:00pm Monday through Friday at Bell.** We are so happy that we can help in this effort.

- If you are interested in **helping through donation**, please visit the [Golden Civic Foundation's website](#) (linked here).
- If **you are in need of food**, come to Bell at the meal distribution times listed above. Cars simply line-up in the fire lane in front of Bell and move through as Golden Backpack Program volunteers place meals inside your car.
- If you need other assistance, go to the [City of Golden's website](#) and the link for COVID-19 assistance ([linked here](#)). Finally, if you are in need of assistance, you can also contact a Bell counselor. We can help you find resources.



Continuing to Adjust to Remote Learning - How to Better Read Directions

Teachers continue to adjust their lessons based on what they are hearing from their students. This also means they are adjusting how they are presenting their directions and what assignments they are assigning. One common observation amongst many teachers is that students need to ***make sure they are reading the directions closely and thoroughly.***

In several cases, not reading directions closely has caused students to do more work than was required. Because teachers are not there to explain the directions, students often have to rely solely on the written directions. Encourage students to:

1. Read the directions **more than one time.**
2. Annotate the directions: **underline the verbs (actions). Circle the nouns.**
3. **Verbally relay**, in their own words, to someone else what the directions are asking of them.
4. If they still don't understand directions for an assignment, **please reach out to teachers.**



Restorative Practice for Home: A Tool to Help Families Address Challenging Behaviors

At Bell, we use **Restorative Practices** daily to help students, and sometimes staff, who are experiencing conflict. It helps build strong relationships between friends and with teachers and to address challenging behavior. You might find some of the components of this program helpful at home.

Check out our **Restorative Practices at Home** guide in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for tips and tricks like:

- Having meaningful conversations with your child(ren) at home
- De-escalating your child(ren) when they are upset or frustrated
- Talking to your child(ren) about inappropriate behavior
- Coming up with meaningful consequences

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Jeffco Schools Foundation: A Message about Supporting Students during Crisis

We will overcome the impact that COVID-19 is having on our community. Together, we will persevere through this crisis. At this time, our District, our schools, our educators, and our students need additional support to rise to the challenge of Distance Learning, and to ensure even our most vulnerable populations are able to continue to access learning.

We are asking for financial support to secure resources to ensure every student has the tools they need to access learning from their home. This means giving the District the ability to support severe needs and shortages in essentials across our community. Please consider supporting us to ensure we meet the needs of all our learners. To donate, visit [Jeffco Schools Foundation - Donations](#). Questions? Contact Jeffco Schools Foundation Executive Director Angela Baber angela.baber@jeffco.k12.co.us or 720-272-0285



Outdoor Lab: Keeping the Tradition Alive

Bell MS 6th graders were lucky enough to squeeze their Outdoor Lab experience in right under the wire just before Jeffco closed the sites and went to remote learning. We were some of the lucky ones; several schools in the District were scheduled to go in April and May, and the District is currently determining next steps for these schools. With that in mind, *we know the value of this experience for our 6th graders, and it cannot be done without the support of the Outdoor Lab Foundation, as well as community donations for our school.* **On April 16, the Foundation is putting-on a virtual fundraising event, featuring former Denver Broncos star Karl Mecklenberg! Please see below for details.**

What: Outdoor Lab Foundation Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day- special celebrity guest, Karl Mecklenberg

When: Thursday, April 16th from 5-6 p.m.

Event Description: To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Outdoor Lab Foundation is hosting a virtual happy hour. The Outdoor Lab Foundation supports the Jefferson County Public Schools Outdoor Lab program, sending over 6,000 sixth-grade outside to a residential science experience in the mountains. The Outdoor Lab program has been **impacting student lives for 63 years** at the two historic mountain sites, Mount Evans and Windy Peak Outdoor Lab. During this live virtual event, we will have special celebrity guest, Karl Mecklenburg, former football linebacker for the Denver Broncos in the National Football League introduce the event. He will discuss the importance of a virtual community coming together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day while supporting local Jefferson County nonprofit, the Outdoor Lab Foundation. We will have guest speakers talk about conservation, how you can continue to practice conservation inside your home and community while in quarantine, and more.

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Golden Schools Foundation Awards



Every year, the Golden Schools Foundation (<http://goldenschoolsfoundation.org/>) awards two Golden-area teachers with a Teacher Recognition Award ([click here for past winners](#)). They receive \$1,000 to spend in their classrooms, and a beautiful crystal apple to recognize them for their amazing contributions to our schools. Golden Schools Foundation is currently accepting nominations from parents, students, principals or other staff members. **Nominations are due April 7.**

Please note that Bell teacher, Jayson Haberkorn, has already won this award and is not eligible to be nominated for this award again. We thank him for his incredible and creative dedication to teaching.

Click one of the below links to access the nomination form either online or pdf format:

- [Click Here for the 2020 Teacher Recognition Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [Click Here for the Golden Schools Foundation - Online Teacher Recognition Form 2020](#)

Award Criteria & How to Nominate:

Write a one page letter showing how the teacher you wish to nominate demonstrates the following criteria:

NOTE: this award is not limited to teachers that serve in the classroom, but is also for other school staff that play large roles in our children's education. For example a DTL (Digital Teacher Librarian), AMP Teacher, SELS (Social Emotional Learning Specialist), Principal, Special Education Team Member, etc.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Cindy Pearson, Bell GSF representative on the Golden Schools Foundation Board at cindyalmpearson@gmail.com