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# **LOOKING AHEAD**

- 1/28 Picture Day with Skillmans Photography
- 2/12 CogAT Testing Starts for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.
- 2/12 Valentine's Day ?
   Celebrations!
- 2/15 No School,
   Presidents Day

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

None this week!







# REMINDERS FROM CHEWIE

Skillman order forms for Picture day next week will be going home in "Chewie's News" folders this week. We are no longer calling them Thursday Folders, since they will not be going home every Thursday. We are trying to go paperless, but sometimes there will be important papers that will need to go home, and when there are, they will be traveling home in these folders. Please remember to fill out any items inside and send them back to the Millennium Falcon ASAP. Thank you!



### **Family Support Resources**

January 2021



The COVID-19 pandemic has created financial hardship for many in our community, leading to housing instability and food insecurity. There are financial resources available to help families and landlords and protections in place to help people stay housed. Below is a summary of some key resources that families can access for support with housing, food, and utilities.

#### Context:

- » CO eviction moratorium expired 12/31/2020 so evictions can resume for non-COVID-19 related reasons. The federal moratorium will expire 1/31/2021.
- » 50% of Larimer County renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing (before the pandemic). National data suggests that 1 in 4 of all renters and 1 in 2 Hispanic/Latinx renters worry about paying rent during the pandemic.
- » More than \$2.7 million in emergency rent assistance has been distributed in Larimer County since March 2020.
- » Prior to the pandemic, 1 in 11 Coloradoans reported not knowing where their next meal would come from. Because of the pandemic, 1 in 3 Coloradoans (especially those with young children) now report this type of food insecurity.

The following information is not a comprehensive list of resources in the community, but rather is designed to direct families to key resources specific to financial needs during COVID-19.

Need additional support or resources not listed below?

- Contact your school's Family Liaison: <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/psdschools.org/fl-template/">https://sites.google.com/a/psdschools.org/fl-template/</a>
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• Call 211 for help in English and Spanish M-F 8:00 – 5:00.

#### **Emergency Rental Support**

State and federal funding sources approved in late December 2020 may cover past due rent as well as future rent payments to help families with COVID-19 related financial strain stabilize their housing.

If you cannot pay your rent:

- Ask your landlord if they are accessing the <u>Property Owner Preservation (POP) program</u>. POP pays landlords directly if you are not able to pay rent due to financial or health impacts of COVID-19. POP funding will cover the full monthly rent amount.
- If your landlord is not accessing POP or you don't qualify (the financial stress is not related to COVID), access: Neighbor to Neighbor:
- $\circ$  Find application for rent assistance via <u>n2n.org</u>. Apply online or by phone at 970-488-2382. Hours: M-Th 8:00 12:00, 1:00 5:00, F 8:00 12:00 Note: Neighbor to Neighbor is working hard to process all rent applications, however due to demand there may be a 1-2 week wait for assistance.
- Interfaith Solidarity and Accompaniment Coalition (ISAAC):
- o Members of our immigrant community can access urgent rent support from ISAAC by calling the <u>Fuerza Latina</u> Immigrant Assistance Hotline, available 24/7 at 970-472-1501.



### **Eviction Legal Aid**



If you get an eviction notice:

- Contact the above agencies for emergency rent support as soon as possible and tell them you received an eviction notice, even if you have accessed rent support in the past.
- Contact Colorado Legal Services for help responding to an eviction notice: Phone: 970-493-2891, 211, W. Magnolia St. Fort Collins, CO 80521
- Review this Housing Empowerment Guide https://fuerzalatinafoco.org/resources prepared by Fuerza Latina to understand your rights and the type of information that you will need to gather.

#### For Families Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness

If you are being asked to leave your home, you can get help from these organizations:

- Family Housing Network: www.familyhousingnetwork.org/ Day Center and offices: 1606 S Lemay #103, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Phone: 970-484-3342. Hours: M - Sa 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Catholic Charities, The Mission in Fort Collins for emergency overnight shelter. Call for an appointment: Phone: 970-484-5010. Hours: M-F 8:30 - 4:30, 460 Linden Center Dr. Fort Collins, CO 80524
- Homeward Alliance, in partnership with the Family Center/La Familia, Fuerza Latina and the Family Housing Network, provides services through the Camino a Casa Collective. o The Collective offers bilingual resource navigation assistance to help families—primarily Spanish-speaking—connect to community resources. This collective provides flexible funding for items that are not often covered by other agencies (e.g. application fees). o For more information or assistance, please contact Nancy Camacho, Bilingual Family Housing Navigator, at Nancy@HomewardAlliance.org or call (970) 430-6513. Hours M-F 8:00 – 5:00, Sa-Su 8:00 – 1:00

#### **Food Support**

Food insecurity has increased rapidly during the COVID pandemic. We encourage every family who is facing food insecurity to reach out and see if they are eligible for SNAP (food stamps) or WIC (for families with very young children). The recently passed Federal COVID Relief bill includes an increase in SNAP benefits and additional changes that expand eligibility. Many organizations are ready to help with SNAP and WIC eligibility and enrollment support (support is available in English and Spanish).

- Food Bank for Larimer County, Daysi Sweaney at 970-829-0152 or snap@foodbanklarimer.org
- Larimer County Public Assistance Support, 970-498-6300 or benefits@larimer.org
- Hunger Free Colorado, 855-855-4626 or https://www.tfaforms.com/forms/view/4747130
- Or apply online directly through Colorado's PEAK https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/ Note: PSD tablets and laptops can access the PEAK website

#### **Utilities Support**

If you receive a notice that your utilities will be shut-off unless you make payment:

- Contact one of these agencies for one-time bill payment assistance: O Catholic Charities Larimer County, 970-484-5010
- The Family Center/La Familia, 970-221-1615
- Goodwill of Colorado, 888-775-5327
- Contact the City of Fort Collins Utilities to set up a payment arrangement:

970-212-2900, V/TDD: 711 or email utilities@fcgov.com

• Visit: fcgov.com/utilities-affordability





# Larimer County is at Level Orange right now,

## so please follow this guideline when returning to learn.

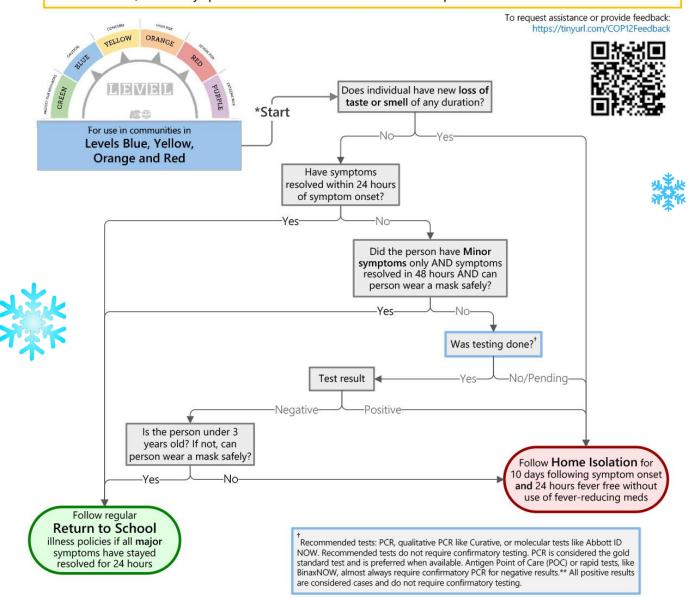
### Return to Learn: guidance following a positive COVID-19 Symptom Screen (R2)

STOP

This decision tool is NOT intended for cases or close contacts of COVID-19.

A confirmed COVID-19 case or close contact should follow public health isolation or quarantine instructions for return to school/work. No test result can end an individual's isolation or quarantine period early.

\*All students/staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested as soon as possible.



#### Critical Symptom

Loss of taste or smell

#### **Major Symptoms**

- · Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4° F or greater
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

#### **Minor Symptoms**

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea
- tif all of the following conditions are met, confirmation of a negative antigen test with PCR is not needed (in all other circumstances, a negative must be confirmed with PCR.)
- No known exposure to a person with known or suspected COVID-19 (or part of an outbreak) No travel to an area with high incidence of COVID-19
- Lives/works/attends school in a community with 2-week incidence <50 cases per 100,000 (this information can be located at https://covid19.colorado.gov/data under</li>
- Experiencing minow symptoms only (sore throat, runny nose or congestion, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiing, diarrhea)



### Valentine's Day Celebration:

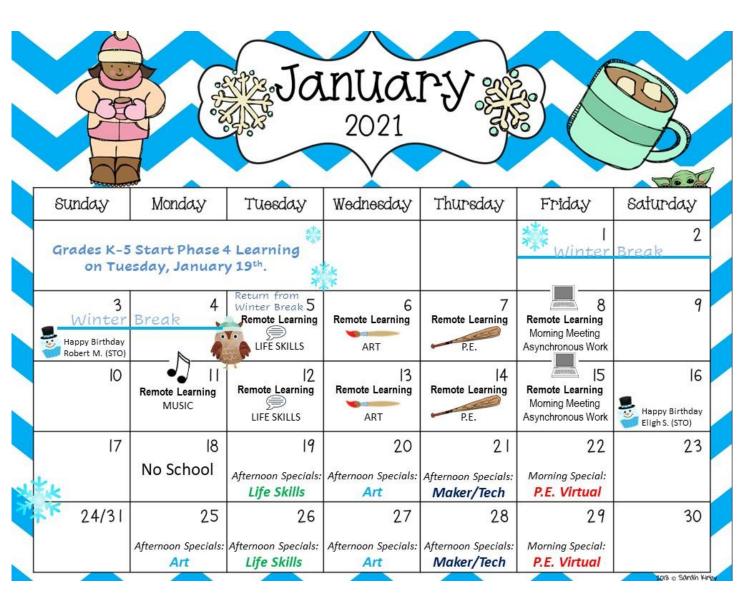


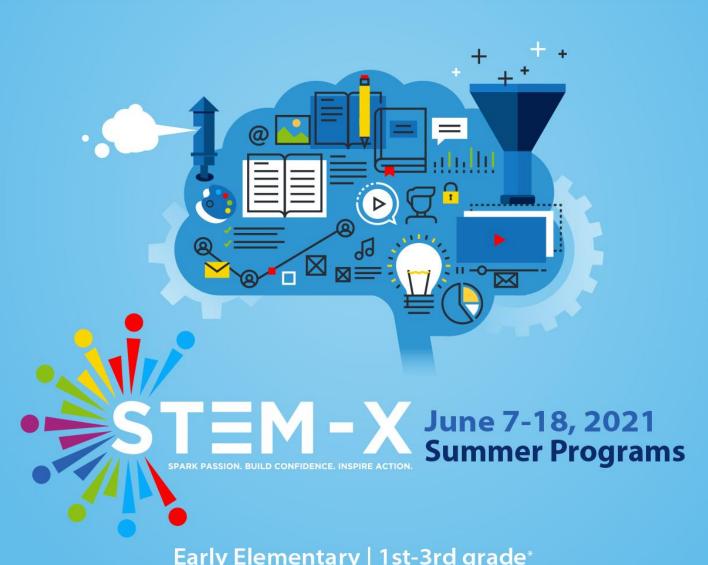
On Friday, February 12<sup>th,</sup> we will be celebrating Valentine's Day! Be sure to wear Red and Pink! The students can bring in decorated Valentine boxes from home to set out in the gym, along with Valentines and store-bought treats which can be put in the boxes. These boxes will remain in the gym over the weekend, allowing them time to be safe for handling, and the kids can take them home on Tuesday (there is no school on Monday). We look forward to seeing all or your creative designs!



Just a reminder parents, the school menu can be found online at https://psdschools.nutrislice.com/menu/stove-prairie

# January Calendar





Early Elementary | 1st-3rd grade\* Elementary | 4th-5th grade\* Middle School | 6th-9th grade\*

(Students entering these grades in Fall 2021)

Open to ALL students from any public, private, or international school.

Fee waivers available to those who qualify.







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