

# *The* Oliver Outlook

August 22, 2022



Silver Creek families,

If you are new to Silver Creek Elementary, I'd like to welcome you to our wonderful school. This is the Oliver Outlook that will come out each week at 4:00 P.M. on Mondays through our messenger app which is connected to your email.

We are off to a GREAT start! Mrs. Spratt (our A.P.) and I are extremely impressed with how well our students, staff and families have adjusted. If your little ones are coming home tired, melting down, hungry, these are ALL normal issues for the first few weeks of school. Our students are pretty busy here at school working on routines, building their stamina, meeting new friends and already learning.

### ***Here are some updates and information:***

**Our Theme For The Year:** Each year I come up with a theme for our staff. It usually “hits” me in the summer while I’m riding my mountain bike. This year’s theme is “Another Step in the Crosswalk”. You may or may not know that I am a bit of a music fan. I was reading the Dave Grohl book, The Storyteller, this past spring. The very last chapter is where I got the theme and the idea for our focus of the school year. There are many correlations that I made between the chapter and our school, but for the sake of time, our staff will continue with our “next steps in the crosswalk” by focusing on (1) implementing our new Benchmark Advance reading program, (2) continue to support students in the social emotional space with daily meetings and weekly lessons and (3) improve our culture and climate within our students, staff and community.

**New website:** We are excited about our [new website](#), but it is definitely a work in progress. I am getting better at uploading articles by the day. Thank you for your patience.

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**College Shirt/Snack/Drink Cart (stock the lounge):** As per tradition, our students and staff will celebrate high learning by wearing our favorite college shirt on the last Friday of every month, which will be THIS Friday. Also, in years past, our generous community has donated items for our staff and volunteers to give them a great drink and snack to kick off their last Friday of every month. We are also going to use the donated items to stock the staff lounge. It is always great to have a snack or drink as a pick me up. We are going to continue to carry on both of these traditions. Please join us in wearing your favorite college gear this Friday, August 26, 2022. [If you would like to donate items, please click on the Sign Up Genius link. WE truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.](#)

**Summer Bingo reading sheets:** If your child completed a summer reading bingo, please hand those into your teacher. Mrs. Spratt and I will be planning the invites and lunch party for our participants. Please look for more information in the coming weeks.

**School Supplies (Giving Committee):** I thank everyone enough who donated items for our Giving Committee School Supply Drive. Of course we always take care of our own students that need items, but it is always great to teach our Eagles that giving is great too. Our Giving Committee directors, Kristin Baca and Bry Dirnberger, will organize all of the donated items and deliver them to Thornton Elementary School. I love this tradition of helping our Thornton Elementary School students/staff and I know their administration does as well. Thank you all!

**Crossing Guards:** As I mentioned last week, we are in need of crossing guards. If you can volunteer on specific days (A.M. or P.M.), we will absolutely work with your schedule. Please [email me](#) personally and I will get you in contact with our Crossing Guard Coordinator and get you trained at school as quickly as possible.

**Medication at school:** Please remember to bring in all medications and forms to the Health Office as soon as possible. Please don't send in medications with students, they need to be brought in by an adult. We are not allowed to give students medications without a form signed by the doctors office and you must provide all medications. We do have a special peanut free table in the lunchroom. If your child needs to sit at this table please notify your child's teacher and the Health Aide. If you have any questions please [email](#) our Health Aide, Mrs. Mindy.

**Hats at school:** Our superintendent has lifted the “no hats” policy in all of our Adams 12 Schools. As an ex-high school dean, this was a bit of a shock for me, but I’m over it now :). Students may wear hats at school. I have shared with the staff, like with anything that is brought into the school, if it becomes a distraction, interferes with learning, etc., then we will handle that individually.

**Our school’s social media:** Silver Creek Elementary has [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). I run both of these accounts. These accounts are only used for celebrating and communicating. If you have any questions or comments regarding anything related to the school, please feel free to contact me through my

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email vs. our social media pages. Most of my posting is in the evening and then I'm not readily available.

**After school pick up:**

- The parking lot will be closed to ALL cars (except handicap stickered cars)
- This is for the safety of all at Silver Creek
- If you are in the lot before it is closed off you may NOT park in the hug n go, you will need to park in a parking spot
- Cross at the crosswalks ONLY
- Cars in the lot will not be allowed out until MOST of the families have crossed through the crosswalks
- NO parking or crossing on 152nd Ave (north of the school)
- If you might be late, please call the main office at 720-972-3940 and let them know so we can bring your child to the office before release
- No U-turns in or around the school where students and families are present
- Please communicate with your child and let them know where you will meet them after school
- Students and families will need to leave the school ground as soon as school is over and pick up has occurred. Our playgrounds are reserved for our B.A.S.E. program until 6:00 P.M.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's Oliver Outlook. We are very excited for this upcoming school year. Have a great rest of your week.

In partnership,

Mr. Oliver

Principal

**Important upcoming dates:**

- Silver Creek Sneak assembly **8/31/22 8:30 A.M.**
- Labor Day - no school **9/5/22**
- Assessment Day - students attend at their specific time (info to come) **9/6/22**
- Picture Day **9/8/22**
- Silver Creek Sneak and Carnival **9/16/22 4:00-7:00 P.M.**