



July 26th, 2024

Dear Cherrelyn Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am excited for my second year as Principal at Cherrelyn, and am looking forward to seeing our wonderful students very soon! I love our staff, students, families and community. **Our Back to School Night is August 8th from 4:00-5:30.** All families who joined us later in the year last year, or are new to the district/Cherrelyn this year will be invited to a **New Family Night on August 6th, from 3:30-5:00.** Games and activities to learn about what makes Cherrelyn Cherrelyn will make it a great event. All students begin school on August 13th. Please see information about arrival and dismissal below.

Our incredible secretary, Colin Brown (welcome to the team, Colin!), has been busy making sure all families are registered and students are in classes. You'll be receiving notification before school starts of who your student(s)' teacher will be! If you have not registered yet, please call our main office and Colin can help! Jerry Salazar, our fabulous Building Engineer, and his team have been working hard all summer to make sure the building looks beautiful for students' arrival.

This year we will continue to work towards achieving our purpose: "Cherrelyn Elementary is a safe and predictable environment where all students, families and staff feel seen, valued, and supported. Students, families, and staff will treat each other with appreciation and respect, showing care by holding each other to high standards for continuous improvement. This leads to ambitious growth for every child, especially those with marginalized identities. In addition to academic preparedness, students leave Cherrelyn with a love of self and agency to advocate for and enact change to make our world more just."

Engaging with families is crucial in achieving this purpose. Please be sure to read the weekly family update that is posted in ParentSquare every Friday. It contains important information from the school, parent committees, the City of Englewood, and other partners. This year, grade levels will also be sending home weekly newsletters, which will be available via ParentSquare and on our website. We also have many opportunities to get involved. There will be information on our PTSO, SAC and potential Club partnerships(!) at Back to School Night on August 8th, 4-5:30pm, as well as information on volunteering in a variety of roles. Additionally, we want to be involved in the community *with you!* As there are various community events in which your students take part, please let us know so we can better engage in community!



Please read the following important reminders:

### **Arrival & Dismissal**

Please read our [Arrival and Dismissal procedures](#). All families will need to let teachers know how their students will be getting home each day.

### **Attendance and Tardies**

It is important that students are at school every day when they are not ill. Poor attendance can lead to falling behind in school, even starting in Kindergarten. Please see this [document](#) for more information from [attendanceworks.org](#). If you have questions about illness and whether or not your child can come to school, please consult this [document](#). School begins promptly at 7:45am each day. Please make every effort to have your student here on time when doors open at 7:30. We begin our days with important building of social emotional skills and community in each classroom.

### **Bringing Toys to School**

Students are not allowed to bring toys to school unless there is a special reward day that their class has earned. You will always receive communication from your student's teacher if there is an incentive activity for their class. This includes collectible cards.

### **Englewood Schools Fee Schedule**

Please see [here](#) for board approved district fees for students. Reach out to Diana Zakhem with any questions.

### **School District Resource Events**

On August 5th, at the Englewood Schools Family Resource Center at Colorado's Finest High School of Choice, from 9:30-4:30. See the [flier](#) for more information.

### **Join Cherrellyn's School Accountability Committee (SAC)!**

District SAC/DAC Kickoff held at Bishop Elementary (5:00-7:00 pm) Dinner is served from 5-5:30 followed by the kickoff. Childcare will be provided for children 3-12 years old. Want to learn more about how to use your voice to make Cherrellyn and Englewood Schools the best place they can be for your student(s)? Learn more and register [here](#) (and learn more at Back to School Night!)

I look forward to meeting new families and seeing returning ones very soon! Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

In Partnership,

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Dr. Laura Z Haringa  
Principal