

FALCON BLUFFS MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FBMS Collective Commitments:

Grit, Growth Mindset,
Intellectual Curiosity,
Relationships,
Collaboration
and Professionalism

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A Word From the Principal

Hello Falcon Bluffs Families,

Welcome to our final edition of Falcon Files for the 2023-24 school year! May bring MANY end of year activities and updates so please take a few minutes to review our newsletter below. A few highlights include:

1. We want to thank you for your support throughout the assessment season. As you know, students have been diligently preparing for and completing their end-of-year district and State assessments, showcasing their knowledge and growth throughout the year. We are excited to share results when we return from summer break.
2. In the next couple of weeks, we will welcome 5th grade students from our elementary schools into FBMS to help them make initial connections and get familiar with our building. This is always an exciting time to meet our incoming students and start building relationships in preparation for August.
3. Our 8th grade outdoor celebration is the evening of May 23rd. We will have games, music, food trucks, and FUN! More information to come but all of our 8th grade families are welcome. This has been a remarkable 8th grade class, and I must confess I have mixed emotions about them leaving. I am excited for their high school adventure to begin but also sad to see them go!

Thank you once again for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with them, and I wish you a safe and relaxing summer break.

Tom Burns
Principal



Calendar of Events

SAVE the DATE

MAY 6-7	Math MAP Testing
MAY 7-8	Spirit Night at HiLo Restaurant 11am- 8pm (Mention FBMS)
MAY 8	Bike to School Day
MAY 9	PTO Meeting 8am
MAY 15	Outdoor Choir Concert 5:30pm @ FBMS
MAY 15	Outdoor Band/Orchestra Concert @ FBMS 6:30pm
MAY 16	Chatfield High School Graduation 9am @ Red Rocks
MAY 23	8th Graders last day of school
MAY 23	8th Grade Celebration 5pm-7pm
MAY 24	Last Day of School for 6th & 7th grade 1:35pm dismissal

Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.

Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.



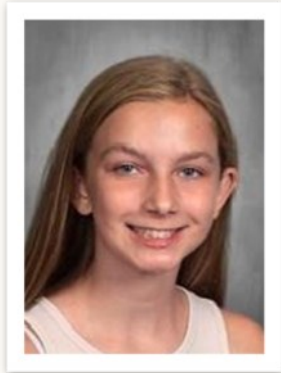
To sign up, use this QR code or go to LongmontDairy.com/mooola.html

Students of the Week and Month

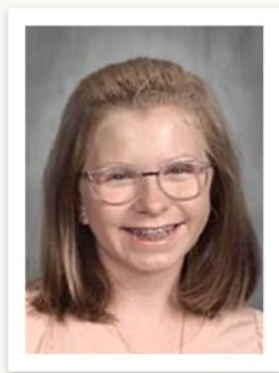
We are excited to recognize students who exhibit our 6 Commitments throughout each week. Our process includes: Teachers nominate students for the Commitment of the Week. Of those students nominated, one student per grade-level is chosen as student of the week based on the number of nominations received. Our students of the month are those who received the most nominations throughout the entire month.



Congratulations to our Students of the Month!



Nadia Behuniak
6th grade



Addie Gibson
7th Grade



Jack Clemenson
8th grade

Teachers of the Month



Ms. Javidi
Support Services



Ms. Kowalsky
DTL/Teacher



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DREAM BIG, CALL SMALL

303-717-6201



PTO Events and Information

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Falcon Bluffs is going back to Chick-Fil-A!

FALCON FRIDAYS AT Chick-fil-A

Dates: 2/9, 2/23, 3/8
3/29, 4/12, 5/3, 5/17

Time: 4:15-5:30pm

Location: C-470 and Kipling

WIN A \$10 GIFT CARD!

Chick-Fil-A is welcoming Falcon Bluffs students for FALCON FRIDAYS!! On the dates and times above, students are welcome to come dine, socialize with friends and enjoy time with peers outside of school. Each date will host 1-2 parent chaperones for staff support and friendly reminders of public property use and respect. Several students who showcase respect and leadership have the chance to earn a \$10 gift card.

PARENT CHAPERONE SIGN-UP →




Please check this [link](#) throughout the year for volunteer opportunities.

Falcon Bluffs receives fundraising percentages from American Furniture Warehouse purchases! Please click [here](#) for details.

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

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Falcon Bluffs PTO News

Congratulations to your new board for 2024-2025. Ken Colaizzi as President, Enid Spinks as Treasurer, and Aaron Ward as Secretary. The board still has roles to fill if you are a parent with some extra time to help this group continue to support our staff and students. Email falconbluffspresident@gmail.com for more information. The next meeting will be **June 13 @ 4pm**. Check our webpage (the PTO tab on the Falcon Bluffs home page) for updates and information this summer!! <https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/pto>



Thank you parents for helping make our TAW a full week of treats, food and prizes. Your support enabled us to spoil our staff and let them know how much we appreciate and honor them.

Lost and Found

There are TONS of items in the Lost & Found! We will bring all items out to the front of the school on both **Wednesday, May 15th (3:45-4:15pm) & Friday, May 17th (8:30-9:15am)**. **ALL REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE JEFFCO ACTION CENTER ON TUESDAY, MAY 21st.**



Skate City Summer Passes

A \$5 Summer Pass will allow you **\$1 ADMISSION** during any regular public skating session. \$2 from each pass sold comes back to the PTO!! Wow, that's 40%! Thanks Skate City!

Click this link to purchase:

https://us.partywirks.com/storefront_express/main/vendor/skate_city_colorado/520/inquiries/3926



Falcon Bluffs PTO News, continued...

8th Grade Continuation Picnic

8th Grade Continuation Picnic. Please join us on Thursday, May 23 from 5-7 at Falcon to help us celebrate and send up our class of 2028! Our Olympic theme will provide yard games, prizes, food trucks and music. Bring the whole family to help us celebrate these great kids! Bring a chair and/or blanket as we host this event outdoors on the football field. In case of poor weather, the event will be in the gym.

Food trucks this year include: **The Snowy Churro**, **Campfire HotDog Grill**, and **Lisette's Tacos**. Come check them out.

UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS:

June 13, 4pm

9384 W Finland Dr (Trailmark)

July 11, 4pm

9925 W Baden Dr (Trailmark)

August 15, 8am

FBMS Conference room



School Policies



Dress Code:

As we move into 2nd semester, we would like to take a moment to remind families about our school's dress code policies. Our school dress code was designed to promote self expression while also ensuring professionalism as we focus on a positive learning environment for all students. As partners in your child's education, please take a moment to discuss these reminders with your student.

Here are some key points to keep in mind regarding our school dress code: Our full dress code policy [can be found here](#).

Pajamas: Over the holidays, many students receive a wide variety of sleepwear including PJ tops, bottoms, and slippers. In many cases, these are the colorful, flannel PJ's. Please remind student not to wear these items to school. No slippers, blankets, or pillows.

Appropriate graphics/language: Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate for a learning environment. Avoid clothing with offensive language or graphics including weapons.

Hats: Hats are not to be worn inside the school building. Examples include, but are not limited to baseball caps, bandanas, beanies, cowboys hats, hoodies pulled over head and any other head covering.

FBMS values and supports our diverse student perspectives as a form of self-expression, and we strive to balance individuality with the shared responsibility of maintaining a professional and positive school environment. Your support in reinforcing these guidelines with your child is greatly appreciated.

Student ID's at lunches:

As you may recall from our beginning of the year communication, this year all students in Jeffco are required to bring their ID to lunch in order to enjoy district breakfast/lunch items. Unfortunately, we have many students who regularly forget their student ID. This slows down the process considerably as it takes additional time for cafeteria staff to look up and type in ID numbers in our system. To expedite the lunch line, beginning in January, students without ID's will be called to the line after all other students have picked up their items. If your student has lost their ID, please have them [complete this request form](#). This form is also located in their Advise google classroom.

Thank you for your support.

Transportation:

Due to driver shortages and combined bus routes for Falcon Bluffs, any student needing to ride a different bus other than their assigned bus MUST get this approved by transportation first. The buses to and from our school are at capacity. Please call transportation at 303-982-9057 to get this approved prior to your student riding a friend's bus. Once approved, please send a note with your student giving permission to ride the non-assigned bus. Your student will need to bring the note to the office and have it signed by office staff. Once signed by someone in the office, your student will give the note to the bus driver.

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From the Counseling Office

Dear Falcon Families,

Over the next several weeks, your child will be discussing bullying as part of Second Step® Middle School. Bullying is at its peak in middle school, and research indicates that taking proactive steps to address bullying will help reduce occurrences of it in our school. Second Step Middle School is designed to support your child in developing the knowledge and skills to help stop bullying. Students will learn how to recognize bullying in various contexts, how to use strategies to stand up safely to bullying, and how to seek help if they or someone they know is being bullied.

Here are some key definitions your child will be learning:

6th Grade

- Bullying: intentional physical, verbal, or social aggression. It's often repeated over time and occurs when there's a real or perceived power imbalance.
- Bystander: anyone who's aware that bullying is happening
- Online bullying: the use of technology to harass, threaten, or intimidate another person
- Physical bullying: hurting someone's body or possessions
- Relational bullying: hurting someone's reputation or relationships, such as by excluding them
- Upstander: someone who stands up for a person being bullied
- Verbal bullying: saying or writing mean things about someone

7th Grade

- Bullying: intentional physical, verbal, or social aggression. It's often repeated over time and occurs when there's a real or perceived power imbalance.
- Gender-based harassment: aggression against someone based on their sex. This also includes aggression against someone because they do not conform to male or female stereotypes.
- Harassment: aggression against someone based on a real or perceived characteristic they have, such as their race, religion, sex, or gender. It's serious enough to create an unsafe environment and is a form of discrimination.
- Sexual harassment: when someone bothers someone else with words, actions, or pictures of a sexual nature.

8th Grade:

- Bullying: intentional physical, verbal, or social aggression. It's often repeated over time and occurs when there's a real or perceived power imbalance.
- Environmental factors: the physical space and any rules and regulations that apply within an area
- Harassment: aggression against someone based on a real or perceived characteristic they have, such as their race, religion, sex, or gender. It's serious enough to create an unsafe environment and is a form of discrimination.
- Social factors: common beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of a particular group or community

We encourage students to report any instances of bullying they witness or experience to you and to trusted adults at our school. Additionally, if you have any questions about Second Step Middle School, please don't hesitate to contact our Administrative Team and/or Counseling Team for more information. Thank you for your support as we work together to build a bullying-free community.

Sincerely,

Your Administrative Team and Counseling Team

Kevin Hostetler, School Counselor (6th grade Green & 8th grade) Monica Mitchell, School Counselor (6th grade Blue & 7th grade) Jessica Riley, Social Emotional Learning Specialist
Halle Gerash, Social Worker

ALP Questions:

Please contact Melissa Berry at melissa.berry@jeffco.k12.co.us

Travel Opportunities

Sign up today for Falcon Bluffs Travel in 2025. It is only \$95 to enroll and reserve your spot. There is risk free enrollment for the first 14 days of enrollment - money back for any reason.



Italy - Spring Break 2025

6 spots remaining: [Italy 2025 Sign Up Here](#)



DC/Gettysburg - end of the year 2025

4 spots remaining: [DC/Gettysburg 2025 Sign Up Here](#)

Any questions: email Mrs. Hill - kahill@jeffco.k12.co.us

Snow Days and Late Starts

Inclement weather may influence Jeffco to utilize our late start policy. In those situations, FBMS will operate on a 2 hour late start with school beginning at 10:50am. The full schedule [can be found on our web site](#). For more information on Jeffco's late start policy [click here](#).

Emergency Procedures

Please take a look at the following link with regard to emergency situations at school - Information for Families, published by Jeffco Schools:

[Jeffco Student Safety and School Emergencies for Families](#)

Student Insights

Introducing Student Insights

Last spring we introduced [School Insights](#), a web-based resource that offers information about Jeffco schools to help you stay informed and engaged in school quality and improvement efforts. Now, we're excited to share the new [Student Insights](#), which provides information about each student's learning progress.

Student Insights makes it easy to access information about each student's district and state tests and their individual learning plan goals. It is a helpful way to check in on learning progress, review academic goals, and identify issues to talk about with teachers. Student Insights is confidential and may only be accessed by Jeffco students and their parents or guardians using the log-in name and password you use for other district tools, such as Infinite Campus.

You can learn more by watching [this short video](#), reading the [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or by talking with your student's teacher or the school principal. Please check out this new resource and let us know what you think!

District Information

Summer Communication for TechforEd Chromebooks

Information on [Chromebook repairs over the summer](#)

Scroll down for communication in Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Summary: Jeffco issued TechforEd Devices go home over the summer with students.

As Jeffco continues to prepare students to thrive in a connected, digital world, all students in grades 1-12 have been provided with a personalized learning device. These devices will be sent home over the summer* with all students. By having the devices over the summer, it will allow students to continue learning and to create equity among all of our students. *Families are encouraged to manage the usage/access to the device as they feel is appropriate.*

**12th graders will turn in their device in May, to be communicated from their school.*

**Students in Kindergarten will not take a device home over the summer. However, if a kindergarten student is enrolled in Jeffco Reads, their school will issue a device to the student.*

In order to support learning over the summer, below is a list of learning opportunities and technology resources to keep students engaged and safe online.

Summer Resources

[Mental Health Support](#)

[Jeffco Summer Learning](#)

[Jeffco Public Library](#)

Technology Resources

[Tech for Ed Website](#) (for the resources below)

- Device Care and Repair
- Digital Citizenship and Wellness
- Digital Learning Applications
- Low Cost Home Internet Option
- Tech Support

Moving OR changing schools over the summer?

Families moving outside of Jeffco or to a charter school need to return their devices to their school; if their school is no longer open the device should be returned to Jeffco Public Schools, 1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27, Golden, CO 80401.

Families moving within Jeffco can take their device with them to their new school. 5th grade students will take their device to middle school with them for use through 8th grade. 8th grade students will take their device to high school with them, where they will trade it in for a new device to be used throughout high school.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Hello Falcon Bluffs Families,

My name is Kameron Strunk, and I am the new SRO (School Resource Officer) for Falcon Bluffs. I graduated from Falcon in 2007 and have spent most of my life living in Jefferson County. It is an honor to be a part of the Falcon Bluffs family and I look forward to meeting you in the months ahead. I am proactively reaching out to parents for support on a few items. I have observed numerous unsafe driving incidents over the past few weeks during student drop-off and pick-up. These incidents include illegal U-turns, speeding, and trespassing. Some vehicles are making U-turns in front of moving traffic on the north side of the school, and in some cases, have even run over caution signs while doing so. We have had several "close calls" where drivers have almost hit our crossing guards due to lack of attention and/or speeding. Lastly, many drivers have ignored the private property signs of the small private community located to the north of the school and chosen to drive through despite the action resulting in trespassing.



It is my number one goal as the SRO for Falcon Bluffs to ensure your children are safe from all threats while attending school and it is a responsibility I take very seriously. As a parent myself I know it is easy to feel rushed during our pick-up/ drop-off times, yet we all need to plan a few extra minutes for this process in support of student/staff safety. I am asking for your help, your patience, and your understanding during these times. Please be extra vigilant and build more time into your routine.

In an attempt to make drop-off and pick-up a safer environment for all the children crossing the busy streets, I will be monitoring traffic during those times, noting violations/unsafe driving. Starting next week, I will conduct traffic stops with the hope that a verbal warning is enough to affect a positive change in driving behavior. After next week I will take a zero-tolerance stance, resulting in citations. If I observe or learn of inappropriate behavior toward our crossing guards, I will issue a summons for careless/reckless driving which carries a mandatory court appearance and a misdemeanor penalty if convicted.

Again, it is my desire to affect a positive change in the driving habits around the school in a manner that does not involve traffic citations, however, we need to work together to create immediate and lasting change in support of our children's safety.

Respectfully,
Deputy Kameron Strunk
Badge #21-07