COYOTE WILLOW FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024



CALENDAR REMINDERS

August 13: Anti-counting class, 4-6pm August 16: FTO Meeting 11am August 19: Covote Pack Run 9:30am August 20: Addition Class, 4-6pm August 22: Multiplication Class 4-6pm August 27: Subtraction Class 4-6pm August 29: Curriculum Night, 4-7pm (required parent meeting) August 30: 3rd Grade Field Trip September 2nd: LABOR DAY September 3rd: Division Class 4-6pm September 5: Fractions I/II Class 4-6pm September 6: FTO Meeting 11am September 9: State Fair Event September 10: Decimals/ % Class 4-6pm September 12: Geometry/Alg. 4-6pm September 18: Picture Day September 20: Coffee & Curriculum 11am September 27: Fall Fair 4-7pm

DEAR COYOTES: A MESSAGE FROM MS. ADRIANNE

Greetings, families and friends! Here we are, about to enter our 2nd week of the 2024-2025 school year. I am so pleased to welcome so many new families into the Pack, and I am continually grateful for so many returning community members.

My name is Adrianne Elkins, and I am the founding principal of Coyote Willow. We are now in our EIGHTH year as a school, with so many experienced and brilliant teachers, staff members, and leaders on our team. I am confident it's going to be a great year ahead!

This year, Coyote Willow will continue to work toward deepening practices in the areas we see the most need in Math and English Language Arts. We are beginning a new plan this year to address student math group acceleration, geometry across the grades, and deepening our work to embed math standards in modes like workshop and science. In reading and writing, we will be working to improve our construction of Non-Fiction reading units and writing tasks to create a cohesive plan to support students reading informational texts. Teachers and staff will be busy, but we know it will be worth it!

As part of our commitment to providing you timely, actionable student data, we are unveiling a new, added report card along the quarterly grading cycle! You'll still receive our narrative report cards in Goal Projects, Self-Assessment, and on the Project Portfolio; now, you'll also get a Quarterly Dashboard report card, with timely data in Math Groups, Mobius, Sophie, Reading, and Writing, as well as information about student levels in their Attitude, Attention, and Commitment. We hope that this provides you more information as you work with us to develop life-long learners.

Please reach out to your teachers as questions arise these first few weeks. We are here to support you!

🔬 Ms. Adrianne

MEALS & BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as we have transitioned into a new routine with breakfast only being available between 7:45-8:00.

Teachers and families, please reiterate: breakfast cannot be taken into classrooms, but needs to be eaten in the commons. If this isn't feasible for your student, we understand, and recommend an at-home breakfast instead.

Why did we make this change?

- 1. To align to APS' policies for breakfast, which are eaten before school and in cafeterias.
- 2. To consolidate the food that students inevitably leave behind into one place, instead of allowing the food waste and trash to be all over campus.
- To help alleviate the litter and food trash, which attract insects and mice -- because mice attract snakes! Ah!



This is what is typically left behind after breakfast every day. This was the case last year, too, but imagine all of this strewn around campus instead of in one manageable space! This was a big reason for changing our structure this year. If your child is not going to pick up and eat breakfast every day, please consider removing them from the signups to help us manage this food waste.

SAFETY DRILLS @ CWFS

Each year, students will participate in monthly fire-drills, and one shelter in place drill, evacuation drill, and ALICE protocol drill. In the first month of school, we'll do one of each except the ALICE drill, which will come later in the semester.

What to Expect:

Fire Drill: The alarm will sound (loudly), and students and teachers will walk quickly to designated safe zones. These will take less than 10 minutes from start to returning to class.

Shelter-in-Place Drill: A shelter-in-place is for when we need to tightly manage campus, but there is not an active emergency. In the drill, we will come on the announcements and explain we are having a Shelter-in-Place Drill. During a Shelter-in-Place, the front door remains locked and cannot be opened. Class doors will be locked, but instruction will continue as normal. Students will be escorted to and from the classroom (including to the restroom or other classes). The drill will last 5-10 minutes.

Evacuation Drill: If we ever need to evacuate the campus, we have designated off-site relocation sites (which will not be published), and for the drill, we help students understand how to safely and efficiently exit campus. With help from our friends at APS Police, we will escort all classes across Irving at the crosswalk at Rainbow, to practice a controlled evacuation. We will then walk directly back to campus. All in all. this drill will take around 10-15 minutes.

ALICE Drill: The ALICE protocol stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. This protocol is for an active emergency on a campus. Students receive developmentally appropriate training for how to understand this protocol, and we will practice a drill for this later in the semester. You will receive much more information about this drill and the protocol before it occurs.





1.Do I have to make extra assignments to reach our hours each week?

- a.No. Homeschooling hours reflect an *average*. Some weeks may have less, and you are welcome to use that time to get ahead on projects, or do whatever other activities you'd like, but you aren't required to invent more assignments. However, remember that there may also be weeks where the load feels a little heavier-- and that is normal too, at different times of the year! Reach out to your teacher for support or ideas if you need them!
- 2. Can I log things in the homeschooling log that aren't part of the CWFS curriculum?
 - a. We ask that you please only log the work you do for your teacher's assignments.
- 3. Do I HAVE to do those logs?
 - a.Yes! They are part of our commitment to documenting that students complete their legally-mandated instructional hours.

CURRICULUM NIGHT AUGUST 29. 4-7PM

SAVE THE DATE

What to expect:

For our required August parent meeting, families can choose classes in areas that feel most relevant to their needs. We'll have a variety of offerings at 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm, so you can create a parent meeting path that is just right for you! We'll get you a detailed class description agenda ASAP.

Pizza and FREE childcare will be available (for all APS school-aged students). We will have sign-ins for parent attendance.





COUNSELOR'S CORNER WITH MRS. V



August 2024 Counselor's Corner With Mrs. Villareal or Mrs. V

Hello families and welcome back to a new school year at Coyote Willow!

My name is Rosanne Villareal and I am starting my 2nd year as school counselor at Coyote Willow. I am so happy to be returning to the 2024–2025 school year. I am pleased to see so many families and familiar faces on the first day of school! With the range of grades levels at our school, I will be offering a counseling program and services that is age and developmentally appropriate. Areas of focus for students will be in supporting their academic learning, emotional and social learning, career exploration and goal setting.

I will provide individual and small group counseling and classroom guidance sessions customized to student and teacher needs. I am available for parents and teachers to work in consultation to support their students in all areas of academics, social-emotional concerns, behavioral concerns and career interests, etc.

For Parents

- Consultation and support for student attendance/academics, social-emotional concerns, and career exploration

- Support with parent/teacher conferences
- Referral assistance to community resources

For Teachers

- Attendance/academics, personal, social-emotional, career collaboration and support for each student

- Support during conferences
- Class guidance activities

For Students

- Academic planning/support (understanding individual barriers to learning, goal setting,

organization/study/test taking skills, high school exploration etc.)

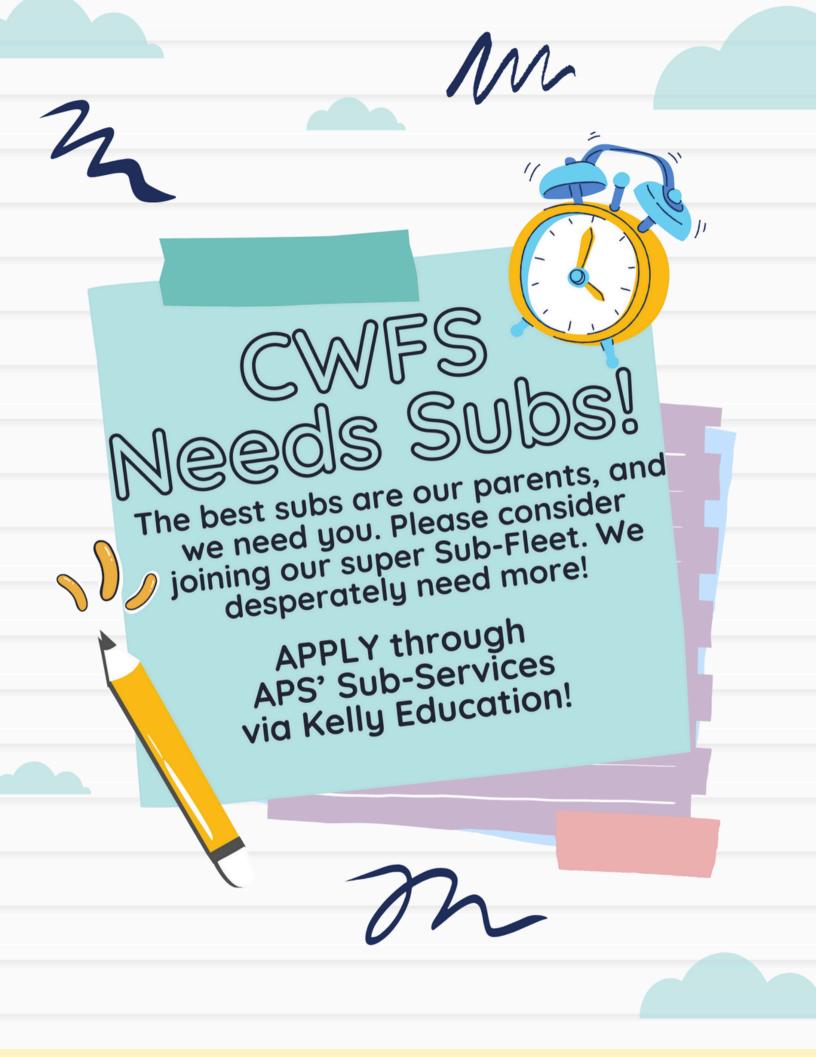
- Career exploration

- Peer education/support (communication, problem solving, conflict resolution, understanding self and others)

- Individual/small group counseling (personal/social/behavioral, academic, career)

Each month I will be providing group guidance to those classrooms that request it. We will focus on the Mindset and Behavior Standards endorsed by APS and the American School Counselors Association (ASCA)

If your child has a social-emotional or specific family need, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher so I can visit with them, or contact me directly. I am here to help your child reach their full potential including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being.







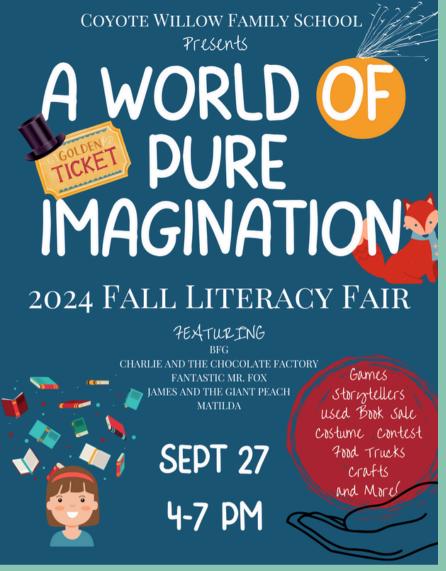
Coyote Willow Family School



Come learn about our yearly activities and volunteer opportunities, build community, and ask questions! Must sign-in

Delectable treats provided by Flying Road Runner Bakery at office

Littles Welcome!



This Year's Literacy Fair & Used Book Sale invites students into beloved children's stories:

The BFG Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Fantastic Mr. Fox James and the Giant Peach and Matilda!

The Literacy Fair is a huge celebration of reading, writing, and stories. We will have storytellers, books to purchase, activities and crafts, and so much more!

Teachers and Homeschooling Providers!

Check out these awesome Lesson Plans! Download the newsletter as a PDF, and click each book cover for lesson plans (plan are built for a classroom setting, but are adaptable for homeschooling extension





Help Support US! COYOTE WILLOW FAMILY SCHOOL FAMILY TEACHER ORGANIZATION

25% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED

August 19, 2024 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm MDT 3550 NM-528, Albuquerque, NM

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Back To School Night is back!!! Wednesday, August 14th 2024 7:00 PM -Isotopes Park

Scan the QR code below to access discounted tickets you won't find anywhere else! All students, educators, friends, and family members welcome! Post-game experience for kids ages 16 and under!

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USED BOOK SALE SEPT 27

Proceeds will be used to support students and staff