THRIVE TIMES

AUGUST 2026

🎉 Thrive's Front Office Is Open! 🎉

We're thrilled to share that the Thrive Homeschool Academy Front Office is back and open for business! Whether you have questions, need support, or just want to say hello -we're here for our families.

We have been emailing and send a text to families with updates in the last month. If you have not been receiving those communications, please reach out to the office so we can be sure we have your correct contact information for future updates.

🏫 Welcome Back! 🌟

As we kick off another exciting school year, we want to give a big Thrive welcome to some familiar faces -and a hearty welcome to our newest Thrive families!



Your Front Office & Admin Team

👩‍🏫 Ms. Riker - Principal
✨ Jenny Morrill - Principal's Secretary
👩‍💻 Mandy Welch - Registrar

This dedicated team is here to support you every step of the way- whether you're calling, emailing, or stopping by in person. We are committed to helping every student, and every family thrive!

Notice of Intent

One important change for the upcoming school year involves a recent update to Colorado legislation. All students participating in a publicly funded enrichment program, such as Thrive, are now required to submit a **Notice of Intent (NOI) to Homeschool** to the program in which they participate. Harrison School District will maintain a copy of your NOI, which fulfills your responsibility to submit the notice to a school district. If your student participates in programs offered through other school districts (i.e. sports etc.), those programs may also require a copy of the NOI.

The same NOI may be used for any additional programs your child attends.

There is no standardized form required by Thrive; however, for your convenience, we have attached a generic NOI form to the email containing this newsletter. You are welcome to use that form or any other format you prefer as long as the required information and signature is included.

Please email your completed NOI to mwelch@hsd2.org. **We must have this form on file before your student's first day of school.** If you plan to count Thrive attendance days toward your student's required days of education, the NOI must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the first day of classes. If you have any questions, please contact the front office. We are happy to help and look forward to supporting your family throughout the school year!

🕗 Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM M-R
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM F

📞 Phone: 719-579-2160
📧 Email: thrivehsa@hsd2.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THRIVE

🗓️ August Events Roundup

Welcome to a brand-new school year at Thrive Homeschool Academy! We've got a full slate of events designed to build community, welcome new families, and kick off learning with energy and excitement. All of these events have been communicated via email, but if you missed any information please check the website or call the front office!

🧒 K–2 Orientation

📅 **August 11–12** | ⏰ 10:00–11:00 AM Families of K–2 students, join us on your student's designated day to meet teachers, mingle with classmates, and get a feel for our learning spaces. This one-hour visit is a perfect way to start strong!

🏫 Grab & Go Informational

📅 **August 11-12** |10:30-12:00pm Whether you're new to Thrive, or have questions, or need to drop off forms, come on in to get everything squared away before the school year begins. No need to RSVP just drop in!

🎒 Thrive High School Retreat

📅 **August 13 |** 8:15-3:15 Our high school students are invited to a meaningful day of bonding, reflection, and inspiration at our annual retreat. It's a chance to form friendships before the school year begins. Breakfast & Lunch provided.

🎪 Back-To-School Thrive Spectacular

📅 **August 19** | **4-7pm** Let's celebrate the new school year in style! Games, treats, and family fun await you at our annual kickoff carnival. Come one, come all—this is a celebration you won't want to miss!

📚 First Week of School

📅 **August 25–28 |** We officially launch into our 2026–2027 school year! Each day is packed with learning, laughter, and discovery. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces.

🎭Auditions for Fall Production: *Not a Christmas Carol*

📅 **August 31 |** 12- 2pm Students interested in participating in the 2026 Fall Production are invited to audition. Speaking and singing roles are available. Casting will be released by the end of the week. Sign up to audition **HERE!**

We can't wait to see you at each of these wonderful events. Keep this list handy, mark your calendars, and stay tuned for more exciting updates in future issues of Thrive Times.
💚 Here's to a colorful year of learning and growing—just like our chameleon mascot!





UPDATES & REMINDERS

Parking/Pick Up Lane

When using the pickup lane, please pull all the way forward to the gates at the edge of the playground when picking up your children at the end of the day. This helps keep traffic moving efficiently and allows more vehicles to use the pickup lane. Please do not park or wait directly in front of the school. We have staff that will assist getting your children to your vehicle.

If you choose to park and walk in to pick up your child, please use the school parking lot if spaces are available, or park across the street. Please be mindful of our neighbors' driveways and avoid blocking access to their property. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and efficient dismissal process for everyone.



Substitute Teachers

Are you a licensed teacher or substitute interested in substituting at Thrive when needed?

Please reach out to Ms. Riker at sriker@hsd2.org so we can get you set up in our system.

Holiday Shoppe

The Holiday Shoppe will be back this year! If you have been cleaning out and preparing for the new school year we would love you to consider donations to Thrive of gently used items that our K-6 students can “shop” for as a gift for their families this December.



Parents Challenge Grant

The Parents Challenge Grant is a Colorado-based program that provides financial assistance and educational choice resources to low-income families. It awards up to $1,200 for tutoring, testing, transportation, or homeschooling materials to qualifying households.
Grants are awarded and managed by Parents Challenge, a local nonprofit.

Check them out at: [Parent's Challenge Grant]



Library Request Form

If you missed the email (and to ensure you receive future communications, please add us to your safe sender list), information about curriculum ordering was sent on July 24.
Families may request up to $50 per enrolled student in educational materials to be added to our library to support learning at home. Please note that there are specific guidelines and restrictions for this program, so be sure to read the email carefully.
The ordering windows are:

- August 1 – October 31
- January 4 – February 28

Please refer to the email sent on July 24 for complete details and ordering instructions. If you did not receive the email please reach out to the front office. Thank you!

Club Sign up

Did someone say clubs? Yes, the club sign up was sent on July 31st via email. If you haven’t already checked it out, you won’t want to miss all the fun opportunities waiting this semester.

This fall clubs will begin Sept 8th and each club has a unique schedule. Teachers will communicate with their classes through Homeroom, so you will need to keep an eye out for emails coming from this platform.
Give the front office a call with questions!



The Chameleon Chronicle

Come take a look at Thrive's community, where Petunia the Chameleon tracks and shares the colorful highlights of student and staff's journeys at Thrive- one fun story at a time.

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Staff Spotlight

In this month's edition meet Mrs. Anderson, our English Language Arts (ELA) teacher.



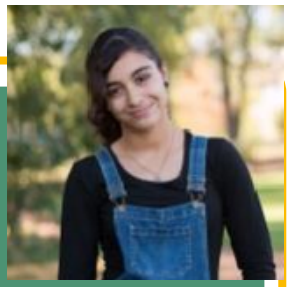
🌟For 18 years, Mrs. Anderson has been inspiring students as our dedicated Language Arts teacher. In fact, she's been with us since the very beginning!
We caught up with her for a quick round of fun questions so our school community could get to know her a little better.
☕ Fuel of Choice: Coffee—with lots of cream and sugar!
🎵 Classroom Theme Song: The theme from Rocky—because every day is a chance to rise to the challenge.
🍩 Teacher Survival Snack: Donuts are the clear winner.
👩‍💼 Childhood Dream Job: Believe it or not, Mrs. Anderson wanted to be the First Lady of the United States so she could champion a cause and help make the world a better place.
💡 One Lesson Beyond Academics: "Think for yourself."
🦸 Superhero Name: Mrs. Anderson thinks her students might call her **Captain America.**

As we begin another school year, Mrs. Anderson has a simple but powerful message for our students and families: **"You are important, and we are happy you are here!"**

Thank you, Mrs. Anderson, for 18 years of dedication, encouragement, and helping students find their own voices through language and literature. Here's to another amazing year!

Student Spotlight

It's always fun getting to know our Thrive students beyond the classroom! Meet Natalia, one of our 8th graders at Thrive.



Natalia, one of our awesome 8th graders sat with us to share about her summer adventures, favorite things, and what she's excited about for the new school year.
For her quick round of fun questions:
☕ Fuel of Choice: When it comes to staying energized, Natalia's fuel of choice isn't a special drink or snack. It's working out, especially doing sit-ups.
🎵 Favorite Song: "When the Light" by Marcin
🍩 Teenage Survival Snack: Smarties.
📷 Natalia dreams of becoming a photographer. She's especially interested in capturing photos of people, nature, and wildlife. One thing she knows for sure? No selfies!
🦸 When asked what superhero persona she thought of for Mrs. Anderson she came up with a perfect name to match with her coffee loving, English teaching persona (apparently she loves commas): **Captain Caffine Comma**

One of Natalia's favorite memories from the summer was spending time at the pool. She especially enjoyed racing down the water slide! As the new school year begins, Natalia is excited to reconnect with her friends and spend time socializing. She's also looking forward to meeting new people and making new connections throughout the year.
Natalia's Message to Thrive
"Good luck!"
Thank you, Natalia, for sharing a little about yourself with us. We can't wait to see all the great things you'll accomplish this year at Thrive!

Beginning August 1st our current website will no longer be available. A new site is under construction as we continue to transition to being a District 2 school. In the meantime please check out socials and emails to stay in the loop with what is happening at Thrive!