



April Newsletter 2022



This Month's Events:

April 1st No Fooling! Masks are optional or as needed. Thank you for doing your part to keep OUR School protected. We appreciate you so much!

Parent Advisory Committee meeting at 5:30pm via Zoom, Monday April 4th.

OUR School will be closed April 11th for a Staff Development Day to promote the growth and continued excellence of OUR School's teachers.

Yard Workday April 23rd from 10:00am to 12:00pm Come celebrate Earth Day¹ by joining us to clean up our outdoor space and elevate it for our students. Please come lend us a hand and please bring your own tools if you have them, as ours are limited. If you are interested in helping but that day does not work, please let me know and we will arrange something.

April 28th, OUR School's Annual Play Fundraiser will be completely different this year: This year, to relieve pandemic fatigue, we would like to create a stress-free event for students, teachers, and families. This event will be a great opportunity to have food and time to meet and greet each other without having to rush off to work. Please mark this date on your calendar and come join us for an OUR School backyard bonanza **FUNdraiser**. Let's have fun, try to raise funds and most of all do what we do best, play! More information to follow.



Procure Update: The system has been experiencing issues with click to pay and emailing our former OUR School **Procure** account billing info. Some parents received letters stating accounts were behind in payments for thousands of dollars. We apologize for the confusion. In order to relieve the stress and issues from the Procure payment app/system we are working with **Payanywhere** (more information to follow). Not only will this application save OUR School money so we can finance more important things, but it will also allow us to set up recurring payments. Please note that there is a convenience fee for using credit cards. OUR School prefers to process checks, EFT or ACH.

For any issues or questions regarding the Procure app please visit www.myprocure.com and enter the email you use for Procure. Once in, you should be able to see past invoices and get technical support. We thank you for your patience and understanding through this process.

Parent Shout Out: OUR School would like to publicly appreciate some of our amazing families who have gone above and beyond to support the school. The Martinez Family has donated a brand-new dishwasher to the toddler side. The Warnes Family reconstructed and resurrected our mailbox that was hit and run over. The Szydlowski Family donated a new, larger, refrigerator to the infant room. The Adams Family who is spearheading and refurbishing our garden program again this year. Thank you, guys, so much for donating your time, energy, and materials to make OUR School a better place for all. We can't thank you enough! Please reach out if you would like to help with a project or donate time, materials or money, Thanks a million!

Upcoming Events: May 2nd, PAC mtg. May 6th, Mother's Day Tea. May 20th, Picture Day. May 25th, Graduation. May 30th Closed for Memorial Day.





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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

To Report Concerns & Suspicions About Abuse call:

1-844-CO-4-KIDS

Noticing Child Abuse or Neglect Isn't Always Easy. Calling Is.

Colorado now has one toll-free number to report child abuse and neglect. Please use it.

Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect: <http://co4kids.org/>

Stop It Now: www.stopitnow.org

The Enough Abuse Campaign: www.enoughabuse.org

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: www.missingkids.com

National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth: www.ncsby.org

No Place Like Home: www.noplacelikehome.org

Joyful Heart Foundation: www.joyfulheartfoundation.org

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network: <http://www.nctsn.org/resources>

United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website: <https://www.nsopw.gov>

Illuminate Colorado: <https://www.illuminatecolorado.org/>

Darkness to Light: <https://www.d2l.org/>

Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault: <https://www.ccasa.org/>

Children's Behaviors: <https://www.stopitnow.org/>

Age-Appropriate Sexual Behavior: <https://www.stopitnow.org/>

More valuable info can be found at www.riverbridgerc.org including highly informative pod casts about protecting children from sexual abuse, resources, and other information to keep our kiddos safe. OUR School is working with the River Bridge Regional Center to schedule another class for parents, stay tuned for more information.

Did you know, Neglect is the most common form of child abuse which affects about 60% of child abuse victims.¹ Neglect is defined as a parent or guardian fails to provide for their child's basic needs. Forms of neglect include medical, educational, physical, and emotional neglect.

About 30% of abused and neglected children will later abuse their own children, continuing the horrible cycle of abuse. In at least one study, about 80% of 21-year old's who were abused as children met criteria for at least one psychological disorder. Stop the cycle of abuse by giving a voice to the victims, if you see something, say something. If you suffered or are suffering from abuse or neglect help is available and you can break the cycle.



Be prepared for the worst with a McGruff Safe Kids ID Kit(s).

The McGruff Safe ID Kit(s) can add an extra level of assurance for the family and shows our ongoing commitment to the community. After filling out the kits at home, your child's information is for you to keep safe and secure in the event of an emergency. The safety kit program is very helpful for the police department for child identification. A local representative will be in touch with you in regard to sending your kit(s). Request a no cost kit by using this link www.mcgruffsafeidkit.com

Together we can keep our kiddos safe, healthy, and happy!