



BELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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October 2019

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Message from the Principal...

Dear Bell Families-

It's hard to believe that we're already six weeks into 2019-2020. As I have met with nearly every teacher individually throughout the month of September, the common trend I have heard is that this has been a great start to their school year, and they are very happy to be at Bell! They have mainly commented about the great students they have in their classes, the clear focus and expectations (for students and staff) we have established and enforced, and the supportive colleagues & community they have at Bell. This makes for a very supportive learning environment for all our students, which is all I can ask for. So, thank YOU for helping launch a great school year.

Celebrations at Bell-

- **For the *Third Time in a Row*, Bell Students Won the 2019 Summer Jeffco Library Summer Reading Challenge!** It was a close win, but our students pulled it out over Dunstan to win the challenge for the 2nd year in a row!! ALL Jeffco middle schools are able to participate. Along with a cash award to go toward improving our library, we also get to keep our bragging rights – THREE YEARS RUNNING! Thank you to Ms. Schlosser, all of the supportive families, and our Bell students who helped us keep the tradition going!

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- **Friends of Rachel** – In August, our students experienced a day learning about empathy, kindness, and compassion, based on how Columbine victim Rachel Scott lived her life. A group of courageous students formed the Friends of Rachel's group to keep alive this message at Bell. They have **started the Bell Closet project** to help provide new & clean, gently used clothing to our students in need. We are in process of organizing a space for this closet, and you will learn more in the coming month. I am so proud of our students. A big thank you to Ms. Major and Mr. Hahn for supporting our students' efforts!
- **Bell is CDE Rated "Performance School"** - Based on the spring, 2019 CMAS scores, the Colorado Department of Education has once again designated Bell as a Performance School. To learn more, join us at our **Bell Accountability Team (BAT) meeting on Oct. 16 at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome!**
- **\$500 grant awarded to FACS from the Colorado Beef Council – TWO Years Running!** Once again, Family and Consumer Studies teacher, Mrs. McCrea, applied for a grant to support her cooking units, and she learned this week that she was awarded the grant. Last year, she used the grant in several units, including having students cook-up a taco bar for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Not only did students learn how to cook tacos, they also learned a little about the catering industry! Can't wait to see what they learn this year!
- **Golden Gallup** – Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Golden Gallup in support of the Golden Schools Foundation! Every year, GSF hosts this fundraiser, and 100% of the proceeds go to Golden area schools. Thank you to ALL of the families who support Bell and all the area schools through this great community event!

Up & Coming

- **Teacher Office Hours** – **October 23, 2019 from 3:00-6:00 – by appointment.** Office Hours take the place of traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences. Sign-ups will be available online on October 16. If you are having trouble with signing-up, please email your teacher(s). For a deeper explanation of *Office Hours*, Bell's multi-faceted approach to two-way communications with students and parents, please click on this [explanation link](#) and/or [communication flow chart link](#).
 - Our next Office Hours will be on November 20.
- **Bell's Got Talent!** - Show us all the great TALENT you have at Bell's Got Talent. Try outs are the week of Oct. 1, and the show will be Oct. 17. Students will learn more about tryouts on the student announcements.

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Message from the Principal, continued...

- **Halloween** is just a month away, and **we will once again have a costume contest for our students**. As you and your kids start putting together their possible prize-winning costumes, please keep the following in mind:
 - **Students may not bring any weapons, including fake weapons**, to school. These include, but are not limited to: plastic swords, knives, guns, sickles, hammers, pick-axes, saws, etc. Weapons – and even the fake / plastic weapons – violate District policy (JICI, JKDA, JKEA). *This is strictly enforced.*
 - Students **are not allowed to wear masks during the school day as part of their costumes**. This is a District-wide practice. Although masks can make a costume cool, they pose a variety of safety risks (including, but not limited to, not being able to see well through the mask). We will be enforcing this rule carefully. Students can save these accessories for Halloween night!
 - Please ensure that all **costumes still adhere to the school's dress code**: nothing too short; tank tops straps at least two fingers wide; no sagging pants; no inappropriate language or images (this includes images of alcoholic beverages) on clothing; and otherwise, clean, covered, and respectful.
- **October Count** - Each year school funding is determined by the official student count known as the "October Count". During a 2-week window between September and October, student enrollment is counted and reported to the State. Even though the **official October count date is October 2, it is critical to our funding** at Bell that we have accurate attendance records **between Sept. 25 and October 9**. If your child must be absent, please make sure to call the attendance office. Please remember that your child's regular attendance at school is key to his/her success, regardless of the time of year.

As always, please [visit Bell's website](#) for the most updated information. We also upload newsletters and other information that we send out to you, in case you need to reference it later. Thank you, as always, for supporting Bell and your kids!

Truly,
Michele DeAndrea Austin
Principal
Bell MS

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October Count Day

Mark October 2 on your calendar – it's October Count! The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count, and the official student count day this year is October 2.



The "count window" the state observes is September 25 – October 9, and the key student count day is Monday, October 2. Please help us ensure all our students are accurately counted by having your student in class that day! If your child must be absent on October 2nd due to serious illness, call our attendance line, 303-982-4280 to report the absence. Attendance during the "count window" will help counteract an absence on October 2, but it's best to come to school that day if at all possible. Thank you!

Picture Retakes: October 4th



Retake day is quickly approaching. If you did not get pictures taken on the original picture day, or if you would like a new image, Dorian Studio will be taking pictures on Friday, October 4th. Do not miss out on ordering pictures of your student.

Pre-orders for picture packages may be placed online at ios.mydorian.com using your school's access key, **RQJZB68D**. Online pre-orders using your school's access key are available up to 4 days after retake day. After the 4-day grace period, parents can call customer support at (800) 826-3535 to place an order.



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Upcoming Counseling Department Events

- 8th grade students will have the opportunity to visit Warren Technical School on October 2nd.
 - ◊ Permission slips and a Transportation fee of \$2.00 were due by 9/25, so please get those turned in ASAP if you haven't already!
 - ◊ Visit <https://warrentech.jeffcopublicschools.org/> for more information about the Warren Tech.
- 6th, 7th, 8th grade: We are excited to lead "My Future's So Bright" week during **October 14-18**. Students will participate in looking toward their future goal setting, Individual Career & Academic Plan (ICAP) completion and College Day (statewide) celebration.

Encourage your student to participate in the following:

- ◊ Tuesday: Spirit Day- All students Dress as your Future Profession
- ◊ Tuesday & Thursday (During Bobcat Time) Door Decoration Competition highlighting Post-Secondary opportunities.
- ◊ Wednesday- Friday = Goal Setting & ICAP
- ◊ Thursday: Spirit Day-All students wear YELLOW and Sunglasses
- ◊ Friday: Spirit Day- All students wear College Gear



Bell Middle School

Date: 10/05/2019

Time: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

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[Click here](#) to visit their website for more information!

Canned Food Drive!

Student Council is hosting a canned food drive next week, September 30th to October 4th. Please bring in canned foods to donate to help the Golden community. Please bring in cans to your first period class!



Yearbook Needs Your Photos!

Do you have a student in cross-country or flag football? If so would you be willing to share them? We need your pictures for the yearbook. Please send any school photos to jessica.swift@jeffco.k12.co.us.



Own Your Power!

Bell Middle School 6th-grader **Sabrina Streich** inspires Athleta to design new sweatshirt that fits her lifestyle. [Watch the video](#) of her Channel 7 news interview. We are so proud!!!

Bell Taekwondo Club

The **Bell Taekwondo Club** is rolling along with over 15 students and teachers involved in this exciting martial arts program. The students and teachers increase their respect and self-control by consistently doing the taekwondo workout and improving their fitness. Not only do they feel physically stronger, but they feel emotionally better.



Bell taekwondo students look forward to competing in the upcoming 21st Lee H.Park Championships in December with over 300 competitors from the Colorado Taekwondo Institute (CTI) organization. Several Middle Schools will have students competing. This tournament includes exciting team competitions in form, self-defense, 1-steps, staff sparring and breaking.

Bell students and staff are welcome to join the Bell Taekwondo club **for free** at any time during the school year. We meet after school on Tuesday from 2:20 - 3:15 pm in the wood gym and will continue the workouts during the entire school year.

For additional information about the Bell Taekwondo Club, please send an email to jsautel@jeffco.k12.co.us or come by Mr. Sautel's room #308. Come join the fun! Please click the link for further information about this taekwondo regarding benefits, instructor qualifications and lots more. [ColoradoTaekwondo](#)

Computer Applications and 21st Century Computer Skills

Students in both classes are building strong keyboarding skills by doing their usual 10 minutes of keyboarding to start class, writing their reflection paragraphs, and when they create their projects. These keyboarding practices will ensure that they are proficient keyboardists by the end of the semester. Students need to reach at least 40 words per minute (WPM) to get their picture on the classroom WPM Hall of fame!

Computer Application class introductions were made by all students using the Moovly applications. Moovly is a cloud-based platform for making animated videos. It allows students to develop both narrative videos, in which characters speak with lip-sync and move around, and props, which also move around. Students delivered positive information about their background, interests, and hopes for the future to the class.

During the first five weeks, Computer Application students have also completed projects such as creating a keyboarding table, making a keyboard, learning about LED lights from a School of Mines graduate, and learning about the stock market. Students also have written paragraphs reflection on their projects and other topics.

Computer Applications will now start their Technology Prezi and then create biographical posters. Computer Science will use the Prezi software to create a presentation about technology using the alphabet. Prezi is a presentation tool that can be used as an alternative to traditional slide making programs such as PowerPoint. Students will insert images, links, and videos to make their presentations interesting and fun.

21st Century Computer Skill students have completed a technology survey, learned how to navigate the google drive, used Paint and Paint 3d to create backgrounds for games and animations, and wrote a story and made it come to life using the Pivot animator. Students are now using Piskel to create sprites (characters) for future video games they produce.



Library Newsletter

Bell 6th Grade Goes 1:1

Jeffco is launching an innovative 1:1 Chromebook program across the district. Bell is launching alongside the district with a 1:1 Chromebook initiative. A huge thank you to our families for your help in providing a device for your students.



If you purchased a Lenovo Chromebook through the district, please see the librarian, Julie Schlosser, with any warranty concerns. Jeffco IT can assist you with any issues that are warranty related. Any issues due to accidental damage or water damage can be covered with an additional insurance program offered through Lenovo. [Click here for more details and to sign up for coverage.](#)

Families who are on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program can apply for low-cost internet savings. [Click here for details.](#)

Book Checkout

Middle school students can check out four books at a time for two weeks at a time. Please visit the library before school, after school, during class with a pass, and during Bobcat time with a pass.

Visit the [Bell Catalogue](#) through the Bell Website to look up available titles for checkout.



Jeffco Library EPIC Stem Challenge

Our librarian, Julie Schlosser, will take interested students to the Jeffco Library EPIC STEM Fair on December 13th. Any student interested in showcasing a science, engineering or technology project and going to the fair, please see Mrs. Schlosser to make arrangements. [Click here for details.](#)



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LENOVO ADP (Accidental Damage Protection) WARRANTY INFORMATION



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Note: The purchase of a Lenovo ADP warranty is tied to a specific device serial number and cannot be transferred to another device.

FULL ADP PRICING

Full ADP does not have a limit on the number of warranty repair claims per year.

5PS0N75581 - Lenovo 1Y Depot + ADP (School year Term, 14 Months)	\$23.92
5PS0N75678 - Lenovo 2Y Depot + ADP (School Year Term, 28 Months)	\$43.16
5PS0N75610 - Lenovo 3Y Depot + ADP (School Year Term, 42 Months)	\$68.12
5PS0Q13676 - Lenovo 4Y Depot + ADP (School Year Term, 56 Months)	\$86.32

BASIC ADP PRICING

Basic ADP limits the number of warranty repair claims to **ONE** per year.

5PS0N99445 - Lenovo 1Y ADP Basic (School Year Term, 14 Months)	\$17.16
5PS0N99474 - Lenovo 2Y ADP Basic (School Year Term, 28 Months)	\$25.48
5PS0N99467 - Lenovo 3Y ADP Basic (School Year Term, 42 Months)	\$35.88
5PS0N99469 - Lenovo 4Y ADP Basic (School Year Term, 56 months)	\$50.44

Purchase Period for ADP: ADP must be purchased while the product is still under the original warranty.

Coverage Period for ADP: The duration of the extended Lenovo Limited Warranty for your product will be for the period you purchase, commencing on the start date of your original base warranty period. This Service must be purchased during your product's original warranty period.

School Year Term: Extends the warranty term by two months per year to make allowance for the device not being in use while school is not in session.

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COVERAGE

ADP Service WILL COVER

This Service covers operational or structural failure caused by:

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CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR DEVICE WARRANTY

Visit <https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/us/en/warrantylookup> to check the status of your Lenovo warranty before ordering. DHE CANNOT provide an extended warranty if the device is not currently under its original warranty coverage period. This will also assist you in determining the actual duration of your extended warranty based on the original warranty start date.

WARRANTY PURCHASE PROCESS

To purchase the ADP warranty for your device from DHE, [CLICK HERE](#). Select the option you would like to purchase, complete the requested information, and submit payment.



FILE A REPAIR CLAIM

Contact your school to request a warranty repair.

Alternate repair option

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