

FRIDAY BLAST 10/4/19



Upcoming events:

- 10/4 – Picture Retakes
- 10/7-10/11 – Spirit Week
- 10/11 -- Golden HS Homecoming Parade
- 10/16 – Bell PTA & Accountability meetings
- 10/17 – Bell's Got Talent show
- 10/18 – First 9 weeks' grades posted



Spirit Week - October 7 - October 11

- Monday - Colorado Day
- Tuesday - 80's Day
- Wednesday - Western Day
- Thursday - Disney Day
- Friday - Demon Day



Cold Weather Preparedness

– As the temperatures drop, please make sure your kids are prepared with warm clothes. We will be going outside for recess if the temperature does not drop below 20 degrees. Additionally, students will wait outside in the morning until 7:15am if the temperature is above 20 degrees. This includes if it is raining or snowing lightly. If you need some assistance in getting warm clothes for your kids, please contact the school at 303-982-4280. We have many resources available for our students. Thanks!



Shortened Passing Periods This Year

– We have received some questions about the shortened passing periods this year, as we went from a 4-minute passing period to a 3-minute passing period. There were some specific reasons for making this change this year. First, we were having a difficult time **meeting our state required instructional minutes**. While this is largely due to transportation, which dictates our school hours. Unfortunately, we have no control over this; however, we do have control over what we do with the time we have. That said, **passing period time cannot be counted toward these minutes**. As you can imagine, even just 6 extra minutes in classes every day can add-up over the course of 175 instructional days (it actually equates to *17.5 additional instructional hours*). The second reason was because students were lingering a lot during the passing periods, and this was causing some behavior problems. Believe it or not, most students had more than enough time to get to class throughout most of the day with the 4-minute passing periods, and in some cases, they were finding unproductive ways to fill the time. Our discipline data for hallway behaviors this year have decreased significantly, as a result of this change. Ultimately, our students are actually safer and making better choices with the shortened passing periods.

Screenagers: The Next Chapter presentation at Golden High School

Golden High School will be showing Screenagers – The Next Chapter on Tuesday, October 15th. High Stress, Anxiety and Depression are experienced by millions of young people. We follow physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, as she discovers solutions for improved adolescent well-being in the digital age. (runtime about 69-minutes) Book your free tickets here:

<https://www.eventcombo.com/e/screenagers-next-chapter-presented-by-golden-high-school-36315#/ticketSection>

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From the Jeffco School District: Families, please check this link for some valuable information that helps families define CYBERBULLYING and how to respond to it: [Cyberbullying Info](#)



Our Fall Humanities Showcase has been moved from November 21st to December 12th. On December 12th, students will be hosting the community to attend their museum exhibits. Exhibits will be curated by a team of students to focus on the Golden Age of an Ancient Civilization, and each exhibit will represent essential learning from each core class. As this night represents the largest demonstration of student learning this fall, student attendance is mandatory and community participation is vital... please plan on inviting as many family members and friends as you deem reasonable. We look forward to hosting your family on December 12th from 6:00-8:00 pm for the first ever Humanities Showcase!



We are excited to bring back our **Bobcats of the Week!** Teachers and staff members will nominate 2 students weekly from each grade. Students will be nominated based on consistent or exceptional R.O.A.R. (Respectful, Optimistic, Accountable, Responsible) behavior. The following students have been chosen for this week:

GRADE 6

Levi Alley for being Optimistic
Mia Slowey for being Respectful

GRADE 7

Emily Ha for being Optimistic
Evan Jackson for being Respectful

GRADE 8

Rachel Volek for being Respectful
Michaela O'Donnell for being Responsible

CONGRATULATIONS Bobcats! Keep up the good work!