



Panther Prowl

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The Cimarron Middle School Monthly Parent Newsletter

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From Your Principal ~ Mr. Ehrich

Dear Panthers and Panther Parents,

It has been a great start to the new school year! We've had great weather, great students and lots of fun. Hopefully your students are starting to get back into the school rhythm and are not looking too sleepy on their way to school!

As a principal, a lot of my work goes into getting the school ready for the first day. So, on the first day of school I get to walk through classrooms and see your students and their teachers start the year. It is such an exciting time! I love watching how our students change over the summer. Our 8th graders are growing up, acting more mature and beginning to lead the way, our 7th graders are becoming more social every minute, and the 6th graders are just glad to open their locker on the first try and go to the correct class at the correct time!

As we begin our year, I want to let you know your students are attending a truly wonderful school! Our mission statement is "**Learning for All**," and Cimarron is a community that cares about learning, not just for our students, but for all of us. Check out our blog (<http://bit.ly/CMSblog>) to see our learning and reflections on teaching, or follow us on our Facebook page, Instagram account (@wearepanthers), or the hashtag #TheRon.

For those of you new to Cimarron, I want to share a little bit about myself. I am originally from Wyoming, moved to Oklahoma for college, and fell in love with the people. It's that Oklahoma standard that made me want to stay! My wife Kelsey stays home with our 2 year old son, Will and Collins, my 4 ½ year old daughter just started Pre-K. I have pictures of them in my office, come by and I'll show you! This is my sixth year at Cimarron and my 13th in Edmond. As I am sure you know, Cimarron is a special place. We have the most wonderful students, staff, and parents I have had the privilege to work with in my career! (Oh, and we feed into the best high school, EMHS! Go Dogs!)

If you have any questions, or need any help, feel free to email me at cordell.ehrich@edmondschools.net

Go Panthers!

Mr. Ehrich

DRESS CODE:

Just a reminder about dress code... Please check to see what your student is wearing before they leave for school in the morning. Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than an unsharpened #2 pencil length from the top of the kneecap. Please no holes in jeans above the knee, racer back shirts, spaghetti straps, deep arm tank tops, or midriff shirts. Also, please no track shorts unless being worn for a P.E. class.

If a student does not meet dress code, teachers and administrators will send students to the office where we offer either a change of clothing or they may call a parent to bring a change of clothing. Our goal in providing alternate clothing is to minimize the time out of class while still adhering to the dress code.

Thank you for your help!

Your CPTO Update:

Greetings Cimarron Panther Parents,

We welcome you to our wonderful school community! We'd like to share some August CPTO highlights as well as gear you up for some September fun!

Highlights:

****Raffle winner of the Galaxy Tab-4 was Edwardo Martinez!!**

Congratulations!! Thank you to the Fett family for donating the Tablet and thank you to all those who participated in the raffle! We also thank the Rucker-Hobbs Family for donating the Panther bracelets. Thanks to the contributions/donations between these two projects, we made over \$400!

****Thank you for your generous donations toward our Check writing campaign- \$5000 so far! We look forward to sharing our grand total soon on social media! Grand prizes awarded to the Science teacher and classrooms with highest participation and highest amount raised!**

****Scooby Shack donated \$125 to our school from the proceeds of sno-cones on Spud day!**

There is a saying, "Many hands make light work" and that's what it takes at Cimarron. We are so appreciative of those of you that signed up in various capacities to help our CPTO with such things as Panther Pals, Panther Grill, Staff Appreciation, Pizza Day, and Hospitality. We hope you have heard from the committee chairs and you've connected. We know many of you have already generously given of your time, service and talents! Thank you!

It's never too late to be a part of the FUN at Cimarron! We look forward to a great year! Join us at our first general CPTO gathering in the school media center on **Tuesday, September 12th at 8:45 a.m.** We will have three prize drawings and refreshments! Hope to see you for the fun!

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CPTO Co-Chairs

TODAY is the last day to donate to our Cimarron Check Writing Campaign. Donations can be made until midnight tonight. Go to <https://cimarronpto.com> and click on the PayPal link at the bottom of the homepage. Be watching Facebook for the final numbers and the classes who win the highest participation and highest amount raised. Thank you for all your contributions to this campaign!

1. Dine out with other Panther Families **Sept. 6th @ Jo's famous Pizza** in Edmond! Yum! 20% of the proceeds come back to Cimarron!
2. Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser kicks off September 8th. Students will receive packets during their 7th hour and hear more information during their lunch hour! Have your students share with you the details!
3. Students will be offered pizza on **Sept. 12th** during their lunch hour! \$1 per slice and \$10 for a box!

SHOUT OUT: Thank you PTO Hospitality committee - lots of volunteers contributed to the yummy snacks at Camp Cimarron, Spud Day, and Open House. Loads of baked goods and donated time made these events extra wonderful! Kudos to Sherry Coit, our PTO Hospitality committee chair and her committee volunteers: Amy Tucker, Crystal Hiersche, Debbie Baustert, Angela Kreaps, Crystal Kowalik, Jessica Anderson, Stephanie Baker, Aeljandra Figueroa, Tiphonie Mathis, Kimberly Peterson, Cathleen Pascuzzi, Karen Johnson, Lynne Matzell, Corbin Skelton, Kim Bulleigh, Sara Jones, Latasha Walker, Nicole Hagens, Crystal Kowalik, Teresa Metzger, Leslie McMinn, Victoria Medina, Tracy Flinton, Hunter Etchererry, Brandy Tillman, Katy Duncan, Lynsi Franklin, Karyn Johnson, Marcy Leonard, Julie Hoff, and Michelle Mitchell. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone who contributed! We couldn't do what we do without your involvement.

THANK YOU!

CPTO MEETING
September 12 at 8:45am
In the Media Center

A big SHOUT OUT to our wonderful Staff Appreciation Committee who came together and did an amazing job providing for our Staff BBQ. Thank you to Laura Jarvis and Kristen Ellis for coordinating the luncheon and for our wonderful food donors: Melissa Thomas, Jessica Anderson, Cathleen Pascuzzi, Angela Kreaps, Kelly Taylor, Kami Hanan, Tiphonie Mathis, Larissa Boyd, Robbie Price, Kara Manion, Wendy Hagy, Shana Myers, Julie Bolanos, Amanda Clanton, Tyna Kelley, Misty Hill, Lynsi Franklin, Angie Sullivan, DeShawn Huesel, Aimee Richardson, and Lana Williams.

Also, we greatly appreciate our SERVERS: Sandra Martindale, DeShawn Huesel, Jeny Roberts, and Becca Kinkade. And last but certainly not least, a big thank you to Katie Rucker for setting up the luncheon; Amber Loberg for the cutest cookie cake in the shape of a pencil, flowers were donated by Hudson Crum's grandparents, the Palmisanos, and Stephen Ellis grilled all 120 burgers and 120 dogs IN THE RAIN!!!!

THANK YOU!!

It's Good to Know ~

- School Hours 7:50 - 2:40
- Office Hours 7:15 – 3:15

All visitors please sign in via the School SafeID in the office to receive visitor passes during these hours.

- Absent

Please remember to call the school each day your child is absent. 726-5507

- Report Cards

Report Cards are not sent home with your students. All reports and progress reports are available on Parent Portal. If you do not know how to access your student's information online, contact Cimarron's front office for assistance. 726-5507

- If there is a school emergency/situation, a great way for Mr. Ehrich to communicate quickly to parents will be through the **School Way app**. If you have a smartphone, please download this app: www.myschoolway.com. Be sure to select Cimarron and set up your device for push notifications.
- Panther Pals are parent volunteers helping on a weekly basis in the workroom. Contact the CPTO to sign up!
- Pizza Day is a monthly event during lunch hosted by the CPTO. The money raised comes back to benefit Cimarron Panthers. The circle of...pizza! Slice = \$1/ Box = \$10; Drinks = \$1
- Fun Food Friday is a twice a month sweet treat fundraiser for students. Everything is \$1
- Panther Grill is a monthly luncheon for students who are nominated by their teachers for displaying a recognizable positive character trait.
- Student of the Month/AOK Award Assembly is done monthly as a grade level assembly to recognize and commend students for exceptional qualities.
- Please continue to collect Box Tops. They all add up to benefit Cimarron Panthers!
- This Panther Prowl newsletter is produced monthly by Cimarron Middle School. If you have submissions, photos or suggestions, please contact Mr. Ehrich's secretary, Robbi Kinnaird at robbi.kinnaird@edmondschools.net. We would love to hear from you.

Please keep our students safe during drop-off and pick-up.

Pay attention to the students and traffic, do **NOT** drop off on Bryant, pull forward and let your student out by the flagpole, and **NEVER ENTER** through the EXIT. **Panther Safety is #1!**

KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT CIMARRON: Check PIV • Download the School Way App • Visit edmondschools.net/cimarron and cimarronpto.com • Read this newsletter and your students' team emails • Like Cimarron Panthers on Facebook • Attend CPTO Meetings • Talk with your children and their teachers • Thanks for reading the Panther Prowl! We are...Panthers!!!