



# 2R-Press

## October 20th, 2023

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We utilize **COLLABORATION**, **CRITICAL THINKING**, **COMMUNICATION**, and **CREATIVITY**.

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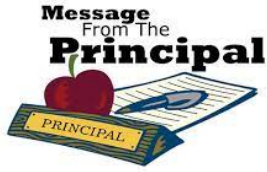
*Arvada Campus Office/Attendance Line: 303-423-3377*

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Refer to the school website calendar for a complete list of school events.

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<a href="#"><u>1st Wednesday of the Month Burritos</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Wednesday of the Month - \$2.00 each from 7:30 a.m.-7:50 a.m.</li></ul>
<b>Friday Hat License for \$1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every Friday morning students may purchase a hat license for \$1.00.</li></ul>
<b>Resource Table</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check out the resource section at the end of the newsletter for a variety of helpful information</li></ul>
<b>Halloween</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Day: Dress up for everyone - no scary, bloody, or skimpy costumes. No weapons or masks. Students must still be recognizable.</li><li>• 12:45-1:00 - Elementary costume parade</li></ul>
<b>Pumpkin Chunkin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:15 p.m. Parking Lot</li></ul>
<b>Science Fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday, November 2, 2023 4:00 -6:00 p.m.</li></ul>
<b>Veterans Day Assembly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday, November 10, 2023 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.</li></ul>
<b>MS Co-Ed Volleyball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle School Co-Ed Volleyball will begin Monday, October 16th after school in the gym. ALL players (6-8 grades) need to show up for this first day to meet Coach Frandina and to get important information.</li><li>• Please use this <a href="#"><u>link</u></a> for more athletics info.</li></ul>

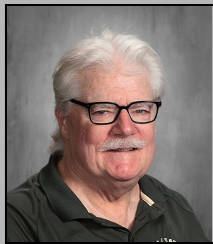
*Welcome to our Weekly School Newsletter!*



I hope everyone is enjoying Fall Break! I want to thank the School Accountability Committee (SAC) for reviewing our Fall Survey. Below you will find an overview of the survey results. If you want to read detailed charts and data from the survey, these can be found on our Two Roads website under the School Accountability Committee link. Finally, as you start

shopping for Halloween costumes, I want to remind families that Two Roads will be allowing students of all ages to dress up on Tuesday, October 31st. However, we will not be allowing students to wear scary, bloody, or skimpy costumes. Also, no masks are allowed. Let's keep it fun!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Mr. Cowan - Academic Counselor** - This is my first year at Two Roads and my 39th year as a teacher/counselor. I was looking for a part-time position and Two Roads offered such. But, meeting the staff during the interview process convinced me it was a good fit. I've never been married, but have a large support group of family members as I am one of 6 kids. Pickleball and golf are 2 of my big interests outside of school. I also have 2 rescue dogs which keep me company and busy.



**Mrs. Essman - Registrar and CE Coordinator** - This is my 16th year at our wonderful school. I truly love what I do here, even through all of the changes we've seen in how enrollments and registrations are processed, and the ever-changing world of Concurrent Enrollment. My husband, David, and I are celebrating our 39th anniversary this year. We have two amazing adult children, one of whom is a Two Roads grad. When I'm not in the office I enjoy reading, listening to music, and watching movies with my family. I look forward to getting to know you and your family!

### Newsletter Key:



= new information in the newsletter



= volunteer opportunities



= event information



= meeting information

# SAC SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for taking time to complete the Fall Back-to-School SAC Survey. Your feedback was greatly appreciated. Here are some of the highlights from the survey:

## **Positives (Based off survey questions):**

The School Accountability Committee observed and agreed that the majority of both scores and comments were extremely favorable when it came to the Two Roads environment, staff, and culture.

The top three positive scores from questions were as follows.

- **98%** - Rate your overall experience with Two Roads (question #5).
- **92.47%** - My student(s) felt welcome at school during the first few weeks by teachers and staff (question #17).
- **92.47%** - Are you aware Schoology is primary vehicle used (question #18).

## *POSITIVE COMMENTS*

The top positive trends for comments at the **Arvada campus** were as follows.

- **Community/Overall Experience** Many families commented that they are happy with the overall program. Families remarked that they love the school and they find it to be a great experience for their children.
- **Teachers/Staff** The predominant number of positive comments from the Arvada campus contained praise for teachers and/or staff. Families stated that Two Roads' teachers/staff are supportive, friendly, helpful, caring, and welcoming.

## *COMMENTS LISTING POTENTIAL AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT*

The top trends for areas of improvement at the **Arvada campus** were as follows:

- **Elective Options** - Families were mostly concerned (5 comments) that there are limited options for electives - especially at the 6th and 9th grade levels. It is important to note that Two Roads intentionally does not provide families with elective choices at those two grade levels. There is a larger plan in place to move students through a well-rounded course of electives through the secondary grade levels. While this was communicated to families at the time of class selection last Spring, more emphasis should be placed on explaining this to new families.
- **More Communication** - While the school newsletter was praised in the comment section, families did feel like more communication/information could have been provided about athletics, not having a lunch program for this year, and the high school block schedule.

## **Response Rate:**

- 93 of a possible 234 families responded from the Arvada campus, giving Arvada a 40% survey response rate. This is significantly lower than last year's 57% response rate.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Fun fact: did you know that by donating to Two Roads, a not-for-profit corporation, you could be eligible for a tax deduction? And if your employer offers matching gifts, your donation could go even further in supporting our mission. Consider making a contribution today and help us continue to make a positive impact in our community. For more details check out this linked letter:

📎 [Two Roads Donation Letter.pdf](#)



## **Slow Down in the Parking Lot!**

Please SLOW DOWN when driving through the school parking lot. Crossing guards and students have almost been hit by vehicles speeding through the lot during pick up and drop off.

**PARKING LOT REMINDERS:**

Families may park and walk up to pick up/drop off students OR if remaining in your car to pick up/drop off please follow these traffic flow instructions:

- Only the traffic lane closest to the inside curb is for picking up and dropping off. DO NOT stop in the inside lane for this purpose.
- Cars in the pick up/drop off lane should pull up as cars ahead leave. This will keep our pick up/drop off lane moving quickly.
- Do not park or stop your car in crosswalks. In addition, please remind your child to use crosswalks before and after school. Families should utilize crosswalks as well rather than cutting across the lot in an unsafe manner.
- Pull forward once space opens in the drop off/pick up line.
- **No left turns out of our parking lot during drop off and pick up are allowed.**

Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe.

## DROP OFF & PICK UP



### No Food/Drink (Other Than Water) in Secondary Classrooms

With the exception of water, students are not allowed to bring food/drinks into secondary classrooms. Do not send your child with full cups of Starbucks in the morning and/or breakfast items. These need to be consumed BEFORE entering the classroom. In addition, students are not allowed to have food/drinks in classrooms after lunch. However, water bottles are encouraged and permitted.



### Another Reminder - Leave Blankets at Home

We are continuing to see students bring blankets to school on cold days. As a reminder, keep blankets at home. Students will not be permitted to wear blankets during the school day.



### Pumpkin Chunkin

The Pumpkin Chunkin event is back! Bring your Halloween pumpkins on Wednesday, November 1st, and get a chance to gaunch them in the parking lot. Small pumpkins will be launches using a slingshot, and larger ones will have to be thrown. The event will begin at 2:15 p.m. Come watch the pumpkins splat!



## Veterans Day Assembly

Two Roads will be celebrating Veterans Day with our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. All families are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring family members and/or friends who serve or have served in the military so that we may honor them with poetry, song and art. Light refreshments for our guests will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m.

## Attention 6th Grade Students - Outdoor Lab

April may seem so far away, but it's already time to start thinking and planning for our 6th grade Outdoor Lab adventure! Our Outdoor Lab dates for this Spring are *April 1-4* at Camp IdRaHaJe. This adventure is a great opportunity for our 6th grade homeschool students. We feel that the experience is too important to miss! Please click on the link below, read the letter for more information and sign-up using the registration link.

[2023 Spring Outdoor Lab Letter](#)

## Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Elementary

Elementary students are encouraged to bring in a decorated (not carved) pumpkin between October 23rd-27th with voting on Friday, October 27th. Be creative, decorating with paint, feathers, pom poms, construction paper, etc... Winners will be based on who made the most creative and original pumpkin! Students should bring their pumpkins with them to school in the morning.

## FEES

Please check your email for your electronic fee statement and email from Two Roads regarding remaining balances. We appreciate your prompt attention to unpaid fees.

## Schoology Help

If you or your child are struggling with Schoology, please contact your child's teacher. We also have Schoology Help on our website: [https://tworoads.jeffcopublicschools.org/family/schoology\\_help](https://tworoads.jeffcopublicschools.org/family/schoology_help)

## Current 10th/11th Graders Interested in Warren Tech

Current 10th and 11th grade students interested in Warren Tech should start thinking about applying in October for the 24-25 school year. ***Interested Two Roads students must apply for a MORNING SESSION of Warren Tech (as afternoon Warren Tech schedules DO NOT work with a Two Roads schedule.*** If you are planning to apply to Warren Tech please let our Academic Counselor, David Cowan, know. He can be reached at [David.Cowan@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:David.Cowan@jeffco.k12.co.us). For more information about the different programs offered at Warren Tech please check out the following website:

<https://warrentech.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs>

## 2024-25 WT APPLICATION

**The Warren Tech application in Enroll Jeffco opens October 25, 2023. -Mark your calendars!**

- Round 1 applications are accepted beginning October 25, 2023- February 9, 2024.
- Students are encouraged to apply during ROUND 1 to have the best chance for their program choice.

## WT Open House

**December 6, 2023 | 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. | All Warren Tech Campuses**

- The Open House is the #1 way to experience Warren Tech as a potential student and we highly



recommend it! NOTE: This is a self-guided experience, but there are informational presentations throughout the evening.

- Please encourage students and their families to attend for an up-close view of Warren Tech.
- Students and families can visit multiple campuses in one evening.

## [Two Roads \*WILL NOT\* Be Participating in the District's Healthy Schools Survey](#)

Since we've had parents ask, we wanted to be clear that Two Roads WILL NOT be participating in the District's Healthy Schools survey.

## [Follow Us on Instagram and Facebook](#)

Did you know Two Roads is on Facebook and Instagram? Please follow us on both! "Like" us on Instagram at "tworoadsfalcons" and on Facebook at Two Roads Charter School.



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## [Volunteer Hours](#)

Check out all Volunteer opportunities here: [Arvada Service Hours](#). In this one document you will find opportunities from now until the end of the semester. The list is also available on our website. Thank you in advance for your support!



## [Order Your Two Roads Arvada Yearbook](#)

Don't miss out on our 22-23 Two Roads Arvada yearbook! Here's how to order: <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1015594886292201>

With every purchase there are two free customizable pages. These two custom pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in the purchased book.

## [Athletics:](#)

**High School Cross Country:** Our runners competed last Friday and Thornton and senior J.D. Williams posted a personal record with a 19:15 5k. Our team has one meet left this season - next Wednesday, October 11th at our Foothills League Meet.

**High School Volleyball:** Volleyball went 1-1 last week with their loss coming in an intense 5 game match vs Rocky Mountain Lutheran. This week, our Falcons travel to Windsor Charter and then face Twin Peaks at home Monday, October 9th.

**Middle School Co-Ed:** Middle School Co-Ed Volleyball will begin in October with **6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders beginning Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** and **8<sup>th</sup> graders beginning Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade will always participate on Mondays & Wednesdays (game or practice) and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Practices will be held at Two Roads in the gym. Athletes will need an active physical to be allowed to start practice, and sport fees must be paid in order to receive a team uniform. Please reference the [Athletics Slideshow](#) for more information and email [drew.johnson@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:drew.johnson@jeffco.k12.co.us) with any questions.

# RESOURCES

<b>Family Service Hours</b>	Check out the links - <a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a>
<b>Fees</b>	Your contact for fee questions or payment questions is our Financial Secretary, Connie Wennen. You may reach Connie by emailing <a href="mailto:connie.wennen@jeffco.k12.co.us">connie.wennen@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> or by calling 303-423-3377 Ext. 284. The parent portal for viewing your statement and paying fees online is linked here: <a href="#">Campus Parent Portal</a> <a href="#">How to Pay Fees Through Campus Parent Portal</a>
<b>Grading Practices</b>	This year’s grading changes are based on the work of a Two Roads teacher committee and the book “ <a href="#">Grading for Equity</a> ”. <a href="#">Two Roads Grading Practices Document</a> This 2R Press includes a weekly “article” on our grading practices. Check out this short <b>video synopsis and other electronic resources:</b> <a href="#">Grading for Equity: What it is, Why it matters, and how it transforms schools and classrooms</a> <a href="#">Podcast on Harvard Edcast: Grading for Equity</a> <a href="#">TEDx-Normal: Making Grading Pointless Jay Percell</a>
<b>Homeschool Resources</b>	Check out this folder of material presented at our Littleton Homeschool Coffees. Contents are updated as meetings occur. Please check the folder for anything you might have missed. If you have questions about any of the resources please email <a href="mailto:lisa.wick@jeffco.k12.co.us">lisa.wick@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> . <a href="#">Homeschool Coffee Parent Resources</a> <a href="#">Homeschool Curriculum Options</a> <a href="#">Curriculum Request Form</a>
<b>Lettering Applications</b>	All lettering applications are due by the last Thursday in April at 3:00 p.m. No late submissions will be considered. When using the links below, you will be prompted to make a copy of the application. <a href="#">Academic Letter</a> <a href="#">Athletics Letter</a> <a href="#">Community Service Letter</a> <a href="#">Drama Letter</a> <a href="#">Music Letter</a> <a href="#">Visual Arts Letter</a>
<b>MAP Testing</b>	<a href="#">Family Guide to Map Growth PDF</a> <a href="#">MAP Family Toolkit - Website</a> <a href="#">Student Progress Report_Quick Reference PDF</a>

<b>National Honor Society</b>	Students who meet eligibility requirements (necessary sustained GPA) will be invited to apply in January of each year. To view the application packet use the following link: <a href="#">NHS Application Packet</a>
<b>Password Reset</b>	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Password Reset Tool</a> <a href="#">Student Password Reset</a>
<b>Questions</b>	Unsure of who to contact with your question? Please start be emailing <a href="mailto:tworoadsquestions@gmail.com">tworoadsquestions@gmail.com</a>
<b>Schoology</b>	Parent login is your same login for Jeffco Connect and Infinite Campus. Parents and students should NOT be logged in on the same computer. Student username is the student number, password is their 8 digit birthdate <a href="#">Schoology Parent Notifications - Website Article</a> <a href="#">Schoology Parent View - Website Video</a>
<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b>	Check out the links on our website- <a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a>

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**SEPTEMBER FEATURE OF THE MONTH** | 

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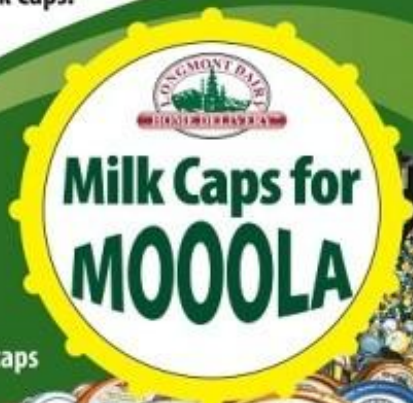
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GRILL + BAR  
**KIDS EAT**  
**FREE**  
**ON HALLOWEEN**

The graphic features a purple background with Halloween-themed illustrations: a full moon, bats, pumpkins, a skull, and a black cat.

Valid only at Applebee's in Colorado on 10/31/23. Dine-in only. Must order off of the Kids menu. Two free kids meals per adult entrée, must mention this offer. Kids 12 and under.