Welcome to Galileo. We welcome you as part of our community. We are looking forward to working with each one of you this year! Our mission is to provide a challenging and engaging academic environment.

It is our belief that all students can learn and it is our responsibility to help students reach their fullest potential. We are committed to helping students be successful learners and responsible citizens. With this mission in mind, we are certain it will be a great year!

We will need everyone’s best efforts to make it a successful school year. In addition to our core academic program, we have many opportunities for our students and parents to be involved in various clubs, and other school activities. We invite each of you to become involved in the Galileo family.

Safety of our students is one of our top priorities. Supervision of students begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. daily, with the exception being students who are with a teacher, coach, or club sponsor. Please help us in making sure that students are only on campus during supervised hours.

PARENTS!!! Did you know???

D-11 is getting in touch with its internet side by offering ParentConnect to parents/guardians who have a currently student attending Galileo. ParentConnect is a web site that allows parents quick access to their student’s grades, attendance, teacher contacts, student information and lunch information. To obtain your ParentConnect ID please call or stop by the front office between 7:45am and 4:00pm.

District 11 Food and Nutritional Services now has an improved way to apply for Free/Reduced meals. This confidential app allows all households to apply for meal qualification. Just go to www.myschoolapps.com to begin. Please remember that you must apply every year even if you received benefits in the past. If you would like to save time by paying for meals online visit www.myschoolbucks.com for enrollment.

Galileo offers an assortment of club/intermural opportunities throughout the school year. We proudly sponsor a wide variety of clubs ranging from Robotics to Gardening. Our staff graciously hosts these clubs; this helps Galileo form unique and special bonds from teachers to scholars. Permission slips and information are available in the office as the clubs are announced. Tune into our morning announcements to listen for club date and times.

Drama Club is starting up for all students who want an opportunity to learn acting and theater basics through games and skills. Drama club builds creative thinking, teamwork, self-confidence, public speaking. It also gives participants a sense of belonging. It meets every Thursday at 3:55-4:45 until November 29, 2018 in the auditorium.

Garden Club meets on Tuesdays from 3:44-4:55. Activities could include moving dirt, pushing a wheelbarrow or using garden tools.

Books and Games Club is open to all grades. Students will be able to read books, play board games and/or some electronic games.
News from the Health Assistant

Just a friendly reminder that this time of year brings an increase in colds, “stomach bugs” and “the flu”. I wanted to remind everyone that they can help to protect themselves from many of these airborne illnesses with Healthy Habits.

Teach your kids the proper way to wash their hands. Remind them to wash them frequently. Also, teach them to cough and sneeze inside their elbow. Drink 6 to 8 cups of water every day.

Another way to prevent the spreading of germs, is to wash your child’s coat at least once a month. On that subject, we have many coats and jackets on our lost and found table by the cafeteria.

If your child is sick please keep them at home. Fever free for 24 hours, before returning to school.

Along these lines, please call the school to update your address and all phone numbers. We have had sick children that needed to be picked up, and no way to reach parents or emergency contacts, as all the numbers on file were non-working or disconnected. We also understand that some parents are at work and it may be hard for them to come pick up their child, but please have a friend or family member listed that would be available to be contacted and available to pick up the Student.

My name is Sami Bly and I am the new Gifted and Talented Teacher at Galileo. I’m very excited to be joining the staff and students here at Galileo. In my role as the GTT, I support our Gifted and advanced students so that they can excel in school. There will be opportunities for students to work on projects and interact with community members across Colorado Springs. If you have any questions or want to know about the process to identify your student as Gifted, email me at sami.bly@d11.org.

Counseling Corner:

We are excited for the new school year. The counseling department is excited to start working with students on their ICAPs. ICAP is Individualized Career and Academic Plan. It is a state mandated requirement for middle schools as well as graduation requirement for high school. The ICAP in middle school will be interest exploration, setting post-secondary goals (goals for after high school), and career exploration. We will be starting with our 8th grade students and having them complete an interest inventory at the end of September. Our counseling department not only support career exploration but academic and social/emotional support. Please let us know if we can support our students in anyway.

Attendance Phone Line

To report your child’s absence, please call the Attendance Office at 328-2213 or email kathy.stetler@d11.org within 24 hours of the absence and state your child’s name, your name, and the reason for the absence. If your student is absent due to a medical appointment, please bring a copy of the doctor’s excuse to the attendance office. A doctor’s note is required to excuse an absence of more than 3 consecutive days that is due to a medical reason.

If you know in advance that your student will be absent for more than 3 consecutive days (non-medical reason, family emergency out of town, etc.), please stop by the attendance office to fill out a pre-arranged absence form before you leave.

*IMPORTANT* If your student will be signed out early, the person picking up the student MUST be on the student’s contact list, have a photo ID, and be over the age of 18.

We will not call students to the Attendance Office ahead of time. As soon as you arrive to sign out your student, we will call them to the office. Thank you.

Kathy Stetler

Sports

Please know that your student must have a sports physical on file that is not over a year old in order to try out or participate in any sports offered at any D11 school.

Girls track is now going on! Practice is afterschool starting at 4:00. Please contact Mr. Spirio Dane.Spirio@d11.org for more information.

Wrestling Has started. Returning wrestlers as well as new wrestlers are welcome. It is open to both boys and girls. Physicals are mandatory for the official season. If you need any information, please contact Ms. Reed at brandy.reed@d11.org

Open Gym for boys Basketball Mr. Pechek and Mr. Drobny are going to be starting open gyms for boys’ basketball. It will be on Tuesdays from 7:30am – 8:30am on the following days: Sep 11, 18, 25 Oct 2, 9, 23, 30 Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 Dec 4 & 11

Open Gym for Girls Basketball: Every Thursday morning 7:30-8:30 until Oct 16th
As the garden grows......

The Galileo Garden is entering fall harvest, Galileo is continuing to make positive strides in education and nutrition. The Galileo Garden Project proudly provides healthy hand grown produce right to its students, local farmers markets and community. Galileo has a special gift that keeps on giving with the help and support from the surrounding communities. We ask that this support be continued so we can pursue our goals of taking care community as it always has for us. Galileo offers a volunteer program where community members can devote some spare time to aid in this project. If you are interested in helping in the garden please email renelle.palmer@d11.org

Renelle Palmer - Master Gardener

I had the pleasure of spending my Saturday with the awesome scouts of Scout Troop 777. These Scouts gave up their Saturday to help one of their own in obtaining his Eagle Badge. This Eagle Scout took it upon himself to find 100% of donated funding, materials and help. The final step was to bring it all to Galileo Garden and make his vision a reality. This, along with past and future projects are what will be a key factor in giving our garden its unique and beautiful identity. Come out today and see the new flagstone. Class focus points: Erosion, terns, colors and textures. Thank you Troop 777 for your continued support and devotion to our garden.

Renelle Palmer  Master Gardner
2018 Colorado Balloon Classic – Balloons flew over and landed on campus!

*Pictures taken by Renelle Palmer*