**Absent Policy**

District Policy states the following:

A student, grades 6 through 12 and adult education, who is absent more than 10 minutes and any elementary student grades K through 5 who absent more than 20 minutes of any attendance period during a scheduled school day shall be considered absent for that entire recorded and reported period. Reporting periods are broken down by half days for elementary students. Reporting periods are broken down per class for middle school and high school students. Unexcused absences occur when the student is absent without a reason or for an unacceptable reason as identified within the attendance rules set by local school board of education policy (Policy JH), when the parent’s/guardian’s excuse is not valid or verified, or the student leaves school or a class without permission of authorized school staff.

If your student is more than 10 minutes late to class they will be marked **absent** and you will receive a call stating that your student was absent for one or more classes. It does not state which class period. Only that they were absent.

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**Galileo Mission Statement**

At Galileo our scholars will:

- Become life-long learners
- Think creatively
- Identify and solve complex and meaningful problems

In order to assist scholars in achieving this mission, staff members will:

- Collaborate
- Provide a safe leaning environment
- Create opportunities for learning
- Set high expectations

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**VISION STATEMENT**

Galileo School of Math and Science will provide a safe, positive, 21st Century technology rich environment where all scholars are valued and will be empowered to achieve success in all areas and become effective and effective and responsible citizens contributing to our global society.
Attendance Incentives:

1. We will be giving students an incentive just for being here from January 8 - 24.
2. Incentives will be a coupon worth 5 punches.
3. These will be handed out to 2nd period classes to all students who are present and on time.

We will also have a competition between 2nd period classes for the best attendance over the next 4 - 6 weeks.

We will be starting the Bulldog store next week.

1. Students can purchase items from the store during their lunch time.
2. The store will be open every other Friday during lunch.
3. We took suggestions from the WEB leaders and students in Teen Court for items in the store.

Students will be responsible for keeping track of their own coupons and punch cards.

Counseling Connection

Our spring focus is ICAP and we are EXCITED! Every student has an Individual Career and Academic Plan that begins in 6th grade and moves with students all the way through high school. These plans guide students and families in the exploration of career, academic and postsecondary opportunities. With the help of the school counselors, students can explore their interests and skills, learn about different careers all over the world, and learn what they can do right now to start planning for their futures. Students will work on their ICAPs during the regular school day, but students can log on at home too and continue these meaningful career conversations with family.

Attention 8th graders and families...high school registration is coming soon! Throughout January and February, 8th grade students will get an opportunity to meet with counselors from Palmer and Mitchell High Schools in order to start planning schedules for next year. Parents, you should have received a letter home to indicate which high school your student is coded to attend and instructions for registration. If you did not receive a letter, please email Mrs. Crunkleton at wendy.crunkleton@d11.org
From the Office of The Superintendent

Happy New Year! We’d like to take a moment and thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate your student(s)! We are grateful you choose D11. The choice window is still open if you know other families who are looking for great schools! You may visit www.d11.org/choice for more information on the Choice Window.

SCHOOL:

FAST AND CONVENIENT WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Blackboard, D 11’s communication system, is specifically designed to help YOU have fast and accurate information when you need it, where you need it.

Galileo’s home page, Twitter and Facebook stay updated with current activities. Check out the CALENDAR on the home page for the latest info on performances, sports, meetings, field trips, etc.

The D11 Loop (Blackboard) allows you to manage your contact information, select which schools you want to hear from and choose which phone numbers and email addresses you want the district to use. Friends and family should register as a Community Members in order to receive all of our notices.

Student information is ONLY AVAILABLE TO PRIMARY CONTACTS. Please bring a current photo ID in to the school so we can get you set up!

RIDING A DIFFERENT BUS:

Your student has a study date with a friend, or a sleep over, or there is a group project due and it will be much easier for your child to ride the bus home with his/her friend.

RIDING A BUS WITH ANOTHER STUDENT IS NOT ALLOWED WITHOUT A SCHOOL ISSUED PASS.

✓ EACH STUDENT must bring a written, signed note to the Main Office IN THE MORNING from their parent/guardian requesting the bus ride.
✓ An administrator will review the request.
✓ Students are responsible for picking up approved bus passes from the main office at the end of the school day.

DATES IN JANUARY

January 17 Bulldog Store open during lunch
January 20 No School Martin Luther King Day
January 31 Bulldog Store open during lunch
January 3. Festival of Sleep Day
January 5. National Bird Day
January 7. Old Rock Day
It's time to have a ball!

Stranger Things Snow Ball Dance Party

GET YOUR HAIRSPRAY & YOUR DANCING SHOES READY!

January 24, 2020
4pm - 5:30pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 20TH

$4 Mon-Thurs
$5 Fri. & at the door

Present student ID at time of purchase

FEAT: DJ E-
PEAK VISTA’S FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
AT MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL
Opening at full capacity
Monday, January 6!

In partnership with Colorado Springs School District 11, Peak Vista's Family Health Center at Mitchell High School is the first of its kind to serve the students and families of Mitchell High School and their feeder schools, as well as neighborhood residents of all ages. This new facility on the Mitchell High School campus offers affordable medical and dental care that incorporates behavioral health services. Stop by today to pick up your NEW Patient Enrollment packet from an Outreach Representative!

Conveniently located in your neighborhood!

Peak Vista’s Family Health Center at Mitchell High School
4041 E San Miguel Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
(719) 344-7444  peakvista.org
ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS

8th Grade Open House

D11 High schools will be hosting open houses for incoming freshman. Please see the following dates for each school:

- Coronado: Jan 28th 6-8pm
- Mitchell: Watch for info on website
- Palmer: Jan 23rd 6-7:30pm
- Doherty: Jan 23rd 5-8pm
- Odyssey: Jan 23rd 6-8pm

Boys Basketball Schedule

Wednesday January 22 GALILEO @ SABIN
Wednesday January 29 SWIGERT @ GALILEO
Monday, February 3 HOLMES @ GALILEO
Wednesday, February 5 MANN @ GALILEO
Monday, February 10 GALILEO @ JENKINS
Wednesday, February 12 GALILEO @ WEST
Tuesday, February 18 NORTH @ GALILEO
Thursday, February 20 GALILEO @ RUSSELL

B-Squad Tournament February 21 & 22
A-Squad Classic February 24-28
Middle School Sites Championship Games February 29, 2019

IT’S COLD OUT THERE!

As the temperatures cool down and the chances for snow and wind increase, please remember that all students must wait to enter the building until breakfast is served at 8:20. STUDENTS WILL GO OUTSIDE at lunch unless there is heavy precipitation falling or the temperature, including wind chill, is at or below 16°F.

Thank you for making sure your students have appropriate outerwear for each day.

Also, while spring usually has the snowiest months in this area, we all know that weather on the Front Range is capricious. Be sure to check the district web site, TV and radio on bad weather days for delays and closures.