



School District 51

MESA COUNTY VALLEY

Every student, every day, learning for life!

Chipeta Elementary
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Chipeta Elementary Cougars
www.d51schools.org



IMPORTANT DATES

July 20, 2022
Registration Window
Opens

August

9th -Ice Cream Social/Back to School Night
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

10th-First day for 1st -5th

12th - First day for Kindergarten

5th - No School

Labor Day Weekend

6th - No school

Elementary Planning

26th - No school

Teacher Effectiveness

School Hours

8:55 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

First bell rings at 8:50 a.m.
and the tardy bell is at
8:55 a.m.

Friday is an early release day.
Students will be dismissed at
2:00 p.m.

Dear Chipeta Families,

We hope everyone has had a restful and relaxing summer break. We are so excited to see our students back for the 2022-2023 school year. We are welcoming some new staff to our Chipeta community and they are very excited to be teaching our amazing students. We are ready to have a great school year!

We have a lot of important dates coming up in August and we would love to see everyone participate. Please see the "Important Dates" section of our newsletter to save the dates! Included in these dates is our Back to School Ice Cream Social Tuesday, August 9 from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Come meet your teacher and enjoy some ice cream. Information will also be available regarding child care (Extended Hours and REC), bus schedules, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting dates and other community partners to help support a healthy start to the school year.

Please stay in contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to support a positive school and home connection. Your child will bring home school communication every Tuesday, in a red Tuesday folder, or if lost, in a stapled packet. When you would like to communicate with your child's teacher, you can go to our school website to pull up your teacher's email. Also, you are always welcome to call the main office and our office staff will get a message to your child's teacher.

Thank you for sharing your students with us. Here is to our best year yet!

Mrs. Jayme Chiaro

Principal

We are excited to welcome the following people to our Chipeta family. They will bring lots of energy and experience with them and will be a great addition to our staff. Please welcome: **Rhea Wells** (4th grade), **Grace Evans** (special ed), **Bethany Bohnenblust** (music), **Ashley Bambino** (library) **Kara Christensen** (instructional coach), **Janielle Westermire** (behavior coach), **Jennifer Winter** (intervention), **Mary Nelson** (paraprofessional), **Judy Deloera** (lead custodian).



Free and Reduced Meals

Lunches will **no longer be free** to everyone this year. In order to have your student's lunch fee reduced or paid for, you **will need to fill out the on-line Free and Reduced form** found on the **D51Schools** webpage. It is important for families to fill this form out because it helps our school get additional funding to help pay for services and supplies our students need throughout the year.

The cost of lunches for the 2022/23 school year will be \$2.75 for students and \$4.60 for adults.

Chipeta's school fees will remain at \$25 per student this year. This is an incredible savings to the families because the teachers are able to buy school supplies in bulk, thus passing that savings onto the families. Your student will need a backpack and the teachers will take care of the supplies needed in the classroom. Please pay the \$25 during registration or at back to school night with a check, cash or credit card. If you would like to pay with a credit card, you can go to www.mypaymentsplus.com to set up an account or download the mobile app. You can also pay with your credit card at school.

Important News

Students are not permitted to be on school grounds until **after 8:25 a.m.** There will be **NO SUPERVISION** before that time. If you are needing child care before or after school, please contact Extended Hours at 970-241-3603 or email www.extendedhoursprogram.com. Students who are bussed will also be dropped off at 8:25 a.m. Free breakfast will be available to everyone starting at 8:25 a.m.

Extended Hours

If you need before or after school care for your student, please register at

www.extendedhoursprogram.com.

Child care is offered Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 8:45 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 970-241-3603

REC

Riverside Educational Center After School Programming

REC will be held at Chipeta again this year. REC provides tutoring and enrichment opportunities for students in grades kindergarten - 5th grade. Students attending REC go on field trips, get help with homework and enrichment like art, cooking and music. This program is free to qualifying students and is held after school on Tuesday—Thursday from 4:00-6:15 and on Friday from 2:00-6:00.. For more information, please go to WWW.rec4kid.com or email at Mackenzie@rec4kids.com.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Please mark your calendars to attend our Ice Cream Social/Back To School Night on Tuesday, August 9th from 4:30pm-6:00pm. This will be your opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other staff members. Information will be available regarding after-school activities, PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) and other avenues to support our students.



Please remember to send your students in safe moving shoes every day. It is important to keep our students safe on the playground, in the gym and in all areas of the school. A safe moving shoe covers the heel and the toe and, if it has laces, is laced properly to keep the shoe on the foot while moving. If a student wears dress shoes to school it is important to send a pair of soft soled athletic type shoes with the student to change into for recess and Physical Education.