

# Welte Education Center

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Dear Welte Families,

We have just finished our fifth session of the year! It is hard to believe that we only have three four-week sessions left. Teachers will submit grades this week for the past session. It is a good idea to check IC, ask your student, or be in touch with teachers if you are not aware of your student's progress. With over half of the year gone students will need to attend every day to stay on track to earn the needed credit for the year.

**Attendance** has been one of the hardest hit areas for this year for many students. While we know and understand that finding a normal routine this year has been very difficult, it is very important for students to be here every day, except for if they are feeling sick of course. Please let us know how we can support your student in being here every day, especially if they are struggling in doing so. For those who are attending regularly, great job! On the one exception to being here: Please do remember to contact the school if your student is not feeling well, and keep them home if sick. We will follow up with you to determine if that is a long or short-term absence, based upon symptoms.

**We need parent/guardian feedback:** Please complete this short survey to let us know what is working or needs to be improved upon here at Welte:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Welte2021parentsurvey>

**Teacher conferences** are taking place this week, and we still have many openings for conferences. All conferences are being held virtually, and you can access via phone or a computer. You can sign up on the link provided here: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/welte>

If for some reason you cannot meet at the available times please email teachers and they will work with you to meet at a time that works for you.

We hope that this finds you well. Please let us know how we can assist you, your student, or your family as we continue with this year.

Thank You,

Cito Nuhn  
Principal

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## Upcoming Events:

### **February 15**

Presidents' Day  
District Closed

### **February 16**

Staff Development – No Students

### **February 17-18**

P/T Conferences – No Students

### **February 19**

Non Work Day – No Students

### **February 22**

Session 6 Begins

### **March 19**

Session 6 Ends

### **March 22-26**

Spring Break

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### **Office Hours:**

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **School Hours:**

8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

## Food Pantry

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 provides our local staff, students, and families of District 8 access to the District 8 Food Pantry. Through a combined effort with Care and Share, we are able to help our community families in need with fresh produce, canned goods and other food items.

The food pantry is located at the Welte Education Center, 330 Lyckman Drive, at the south end of the building, near Peak Vista. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The food pantry is open to District 8 staff, students, and families. Anyone accessing the Food Pantry will need to present their staff/student ID in order to receive food.

Because of restrictions with Covid-19, we are asking families to pull their vehicle up to the curb in front of the basketball court at the Welte Education Center. Someone will be ready to come out to your vehicle with a sign-in sheet and food bag.

## Transportation

If it's after office hours and your student's bus is late, you can track your student's bus on MyStop. MyStop is the preferred method of notification for D8 Transportation. Bus delays and other important information will be sent through this app to parents and riders. MyStop tracks FFC8 bus GPS in real time. If the bus is more than 11 minutes delayed, subscribers should receive a notification of the delay. Users can also track the progress of their assigned bus in the app.

### **How to Sign Up for the MyStop App**

The MyStop app can be found in the Apple App Store or on Google Play. MyStop can also be accessed from any web browser with the following link with the same credentials:

<https://vtweb.tylertech.com/FountainFortCarson/onscreen/MyStop>

1. Your students ID number as the User Name
2. Your students 8 digit date of birth (MMDDYYYY)



## Birthdays

### **February**

Josely Burgos Roman  
Michael Canter  
Clayton Russell

## Student Attendance Information

Parents want their children to be successful in school and in life and the staff of School District Eight have the same goal in mind. Did you know that students who attend school regularly tend to be more successful in school and in life? The Compulsory School Attendance Law is designed to help your children reach these goals and requires children between the ages of 6-17 to regularly attend an approved public, private or home school program. District Eight staff will monitor the attendance of students and will contact parents if frequent tardiness or absences begin to negatively impact your children. If you have questions about this law or need ideas about how to help your children be successful, please contact Peter Babeu @ 719-492-7822 or [pbabeu@ffc8.org](mailto:pbabeu@ffc8.org).

## Housing Crisis?

If you are sharing housing because of job loss, domestic violence, family conflict or similar reasons, your children may be eligible for educational supports and services such as free school meals, school supplies, waiving of fees, transportation, etc.... For more information, please call Promis Bruno at 719-492-8810 or [pbruno@ffc8.org](mailto:pbruno@ffc8.org).



### Project Wolf Pack

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**As members of the Welte  
Education Center,  
WE BELIEVE:**

- All of us have potential
- All of us can accomplish anything
- In self-worth
- In having empathy
- That people matter
- In being positive
- In having integrity
- In having morals
- In having common values
- In a sense of community
- That “I want to be here” is a core value.

## Contact Information

If you are not receiving weekly progress reports, please e-mail or call your student's teacher.

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# ARE YOU ON THE FIVE DAY PLAN?



Attending school every day improves your chances of graduation, completing college and succeeding in life.

This concept was developed by young people in a Wide Angle Youth Media workshop ([www.wideanglemedia.org](http://www.wideanglemedia.org)) in collaboration with Ladderback Design ([www.ladderbackdesign.com](http://www.ladderbackdesign.com)), the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, the Baltimore Student Attendance Work Group and the ACLU of Maryland. For more information on attendance, call City Schools at (443) 984-1714.

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Did you know that your teenager can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days? That's just a couple days each month which adds up to students missing about four weeks of school in a year! Imagine how difficult it is to understand Chemistry or Algebra if you miss that many days!

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.

- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

**Communicate with the school**

- Know the school’s attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child’s attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you’re having trouble getting your child to school.

**Contact School District Eight Attendance Support Program Coordinator Peter Babeu for more ideas 719-358-4455 or [pbabeu@ffc8.org](mailto:pbabeu@ffc8.org)**



# We are here for you.

*Is your student struggling with feelings of sadness,  
hopelessness, or disconnection?*

**Reach out to the professionals below for support.**

**Welte Education Center  
(719) 382-1550**

**Counselor  
Scott Jagers**

**Social Worker  
Wendy Stevenson**

**Homeless Liaison & Social Worker  
Promis Bruno  
(719) 382-1693**

If your student is in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 1-800-273-TALK  
(8255) or text TALK to 38255.