



Patriot Elementary School

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Dear Patriot Families,

Fountain-Fort Carson School District is dedicated to the safety and security of all schools, students, and staff. District and school staff must have a comprehensive understanding of the systems that improve safety and security and allow for an immediate response to potential threats to the school environment, crisis situations, and other student or staff needs that may impact the typical school day. One of the most important security aspects is a secure school building. To that end, Patriot Elementary will have an identified secure entry point. **All other external doors must remain locked at all times. Doors should not be propped open at any time.** In no circumstance will an entry point be unlocked and remain unlocked without monitoring.

Although the district's expectation is that schools are safe and secure with limited visitor access, the district continues to value welcoming environments that collaborate with families and the community. Please collaborate with us to ensure safety of students by following these guidelines:

- At Patriot Elementary, the front office door will remain locked and initial communication will take place through a transaction window.
- Visitors will be expected to remain in the foyer until permitted access to the building. For most visitors, purpose of the visit can be accomplished through the transaction window, such as dropping off an item or picking up a student. In these cases, a visitor will not be permitted into the office area.
- For visitors with a planned activity within the school building, the visitor will receive a raptor badge including picture and location of visit.
- Individuals accessing locations outside of the front office are expected to check out when exiting the building.

Partnering with families is a priority at Patriot Elementary. Thank you for your support as we work to create a *safe and secure learning environment*. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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Patriot Mission Statement:

For every student to become a lifelong learner and a confident, productive member of society by providing an engaging, safe, and supportive academic community for every student.