

## *A Message from the Principal*

*Dear Parents and Students,*

*It is with great appreciation that I thank you for your support in passing the Cherry Creek School District 3A/3B Ballot Initiative. Because of the trust you place in our schools, we are able to move forward with some exciting plans throughout the District.*



*For Falcon Creek, this means some badly needed capital improvements to our facility as well as funds to be used for the creation of an Innovative Space in our Falcon Creek Library. Working collaboratively with a group of Falcon Creek Stakeholders, we hope to re-imagine the existing space into a library/ learning environment that will best meet the needs of our students of today and for our students of the future. With advancements in science and technology over the last decade, the sky has become the limit in terms of the kinds of buildings and spaces we can create, and we will begin by determining how we are going to use it. Words like explore, adapt, communicate, problem-solve, flexibility, community, access, and connectivity will help us drive our creative thinking. You will be hearing more specifics from me regarding this exciting new adventure!*

*In mid-October, the weather cooperated completely for our first-ever Falcon Creek Color Run. Over 600 students participated in a healthy walk/run around our track. Teachers, parents, and community volunteers threw color starch (red, green, purple, and pink) on all the children as they moved past the various stations. The PTCO did a phenomenal job of organizing and promoting this event. This was the most successful PTCO fundraiser in Falcon Creek's history. For me, it was certainly the most fun! Thank you to our fabulous PTCO and all of you for your participation and support!*

*On November 9, 2016, we celebrated and honored our Military Veterans and their families from our Falcon Creek Community. Over 70 families joined us for breakfast, enjoyed performances from our choir and orchestra, and had an opportunity to meet and hear the stories from all of our veterans. It was a beautiful morning and sincerely appreciated by all involved!*

*It is hard to believe that the Holiday Season is almost upon us. Although we traditionally think of this time of year with joy, happiness, and celebrations, we also know it can be a time of emotional upheaval and sadness for many of our students and parents who are facing significant challenges. Please know that we are very sensitive to our students' needs. As always, our Teachers, Counselors, and Mental Health Team are here to provide a safe space for students/parents to talk and problem solve. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for any questions you may have or any resources you may need to access.*



*My next letter to you will be filled with important information regarding registration for school year 2017-2018. January, 2017 begins our registration process with **Parent Information Night** as our kick-off event. Please place this important date on your calendar:*

**Wednesday, January 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Falcon Creek Cafetorium.**

*Please accept my wishes for a happy holiday season and safe travels for those of you leaving home to be with family and friends across the miles.*

Warmest Regards,

Lisa B. Ruiz  
Principal