



Oct 3, 2025

Good Afternoon, Gust Families,

Join us October 30th from 4-5:30 pm for the Annual Gust Fall Festival. Wear your costumes and have some fall fun.



Important upcoming dates:

- **No School for Students:** October 13th, 14th, and 31st.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Teachers will contact you to schedule conferences on October 13th or 14th.

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see all the fun activities happening at Gust.

Operations

Gust will be hosting Missoula Children's Theatre for the fourth year in a row! This year's production is the [Tortoise and the Hare](#), with auditions and rehearsals taking place Monday,



October 20th - Thursday, October 23rd, for K-5th-grade students and two performances taking place on Friday, October 24th. Please return the permission slip no later than 10/17.

The parent BESS window is open from now until October 18th. Please take this survey as soon as possible to complete the mental health screener for your student. <http://tinyurl.com/bessparent>

Swim Camp

We are so excited to host Gust Swim Camp starting next week! Camp will run for **8 weeks**, beginning the week of **10/6** and ending the last week of **November**. We had an overwhelming response this year with more than 100 students applying. We are thrilled to announce that for the fall session, we were able to accommodate **72 swimmers!**

For those who did not get in this time, we will be holding another session this **winter (December and January)**. Priority will be given to families who applied for the fall session.

We also want to let families know about the **Colorado CES Waiver**, which provides funding for children with developmental disabilities. If your student requires a one-on-one setting for swim lessons, this could be a great resource. SwimLabs Littleton, along with many other swim schools in the state, accepts these funds for adaptive private lessons. You can learn more about the waiver program here: [Colorado CES Waiver](#).

We are so excited about the turnout and can't wait to see everyone in the pool soon!

Instruction

The [application window for Early Access](#) to kindergarten and first grade is open now until **Oct. 15**. Families interested in having their child evaluated for possible entry into kindergarten or first grade a year earlier than typical age eligibility (for enrollment beginning in fall 2026) are encouraged to visit our [Early Access to K or First Grade website](#). If you have any questions, email [Marian Dorsey](#).

Families are invited to the next **Multilingual Education District Advisory Committee (MLE DAC)** meeting. Learn about **Parent Advisory Committees (PACs)** and the **Seal of Biliteracy**.

- **When:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- **Where:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec St., Denver, CO 80207.
- **What to expect:** Breakfast, child care, and interpretation provided.



[Register to request interpretation \(Google Form\)](#)

For more information, call **720-423-2661** or email sary_portillo@dpsk12.net.

Have a great weekend,

Kathleen Maruchau, Jill Ellis, and Dr. Leslie Hillen