



## September 26, 2025

Good Afternoon, Gust Families,

Fall has finally arrived, and there are so many exciting things happening at Gust!

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. Look for information on auditions that will come home on Monday, September 29th.

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

### **Operations**

October 1st is our Student Count Day. Students must be at school and on time every day, especially on October 1st. Picture Day is on October 1st. Flyers were placed in teacher mailboxes on Friday. Please check your child's backpack or communication folder. Can't find the paper copy? Don't worry, order online at <https://mydorian.com/>.

Birthdays are celebrated on the last Friday of every month. We do not allow birthday celebrations on other days. October birthdays will be celebrated on October 30.

We would like to remind families that we have a school-wide attendance expectation of 95%. For students to attend field trips, they must be present 80% of the time in the two weeks leading up to the trip. We understand that illnesses occur; therefore, if your child will be out, they must be excused.

The Board of Education is hosting in-person community engagement sessions to gather feedback that will directly influence the Ends Policies for the 2025-26 school year and beyond. Details for next week's sessions are listed below. Please RSVP for the session you would like to attend. Childcare, light refreshments, and interpretation services will be available at each meeting.



**Board District 2 (Southwest Denver)**

Director Xóchitl Gaytán

**Monday, Sept. 29, 6-8 p.m.**

- Location: **Florence Crittenton High School** (55 S. Zuni St.)
- [RSVP English](#) | [RSVP Spanish](#)

**Instruction**

Greetings! I am Catherine Forington, the coordinator of GT programming here at Gust. If you have questions about how we serve our Gifted and Talented students, please reach out to me directly. Please refer to the [Gust GT website](#) for information about family education opportunities and announcements. [Catherine.Forington@dpsk12.org](mailto:Catherine.Forington@dpsk12.org)

Have a great weekend,

Kathleen Maruchau, Jill Ellis, and Dr. Leslie Hillen