

Through the Eyes of a Molholm Student

Molholm Elementary School

Lakewood, CO



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Molholm Elementary School, located in Jeffco Public Schools, is a dual language community school, where families feel welcomed to walk into their school and talk to teachers/staff about their children, to access the coat and clothing bank, stop at the Food Pantry, use the washer and dryer, utilize the stove and oven, or do research at the Community Computers Corner. School staff and the family liaison created “Through the Eyes of a Molholm Student” to ensure that every family continues to feel welcomed and valued.

Providing resources for families in need of additional supports is a team effort. Molholm families volunteer in organizing the *many* community donations that come in three-to-four times a week all school year long! Volunteers come in daily and ask, “Que necesitamos hacer hoy?” “What do we need to do today?”

The school’s family liaison makes the initial connections with community donors; families and staff are also very generous. They donate clean clothes, coats, shoes, etc. for other families to select. The initiative has changed the culture to a school that values volunteerism and giving back!

Students are encouraged to come into the family engagement liaison’s office to have their backpacks filled with food! Every Thursday and Friday, Jeffco Eats delivers weekend bags filled with food for children to take home. Weekly, school staff pick-up large bins of food from neighboring school, Cheltenham. Volunteers distribute them to the students in classrooms.



Families join the family engagement liaison in a morning Walk around Molholm’s 600 yard track to share ideas, suggestions, comments, talk about their children, visit with other parents, laugh, or to just walk. Monthly, Family Nights are fun-filled with families spending time together doing educational activities, and sharing a meal. Molholm is an inclusive community school, where there are no invisible families! As a result of this work, the school has an environment where every family feels welcomed, valued, and heard.

Standard 1--Welcoming All Families