



# School District 51

MESA COUNTY VALLEY

Every student, every day, learning for life!

**Chipeta Elementary**  
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Office Hours: 8:15-4:30  
Principal: Jayme Chiaro  
Assistant Principal - Bobbi McLaughlin

**Chipeta Elementary Cougars**

www.d51schools.org

**Together At Chipeta: We Care, We Learn, We Grow**



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Registratio Window  
Opens:**

**July 18th**

**Transfer Request  
Window Opens**

**July 28th**

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### August

**8th** -Ice Cream Social/  
Back to School Night  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**11th** -First day for 1st -5th

**15th** - First day for  
Kindergarten

### September

**5th** - No School

Labor Day Weekend

**6th** - No School

Elementary Work Day

**25th** - No School

Teacher Effectiveness

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### School Hours

8:55 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

First bell rings at 8:50 a.m.  
and the tardy bell is at  
8:55 a.m.

Friday is an early release day.  
Students will be dismissed at  
2:00 p.m.

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Dear Chipeta Families,

We hope everyone has had a restful and relaxing summer break. We are so excited to see our students back for the 2023-2024 school year. We are welcoming some new staff to our Chipeta community and they are very excited to be teaching our amazing students. We are ready to have a great school year!

We are excited to welcome Bobbi McLaughlin, as our new assistant principal. Mrs. McLaughlin comes to Chipeta from Grand Mesa Middle School and has spent many years working with students and families in the district as a teacher, district specialist and assistant principal. She has also served students and families as a teacher and assistant principal in an international setting. Bobbi will be a great asset at Chipeta.

We have a lot of important dates coming up in August and we would love to see everyone participate. Please see the "Important Dates" section of our newsletter to save the dates! Included in these dates is our Back to School Ice Cream Social Tuesday, August 8 from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Come meet your teacher and enjoy some ice cream. Information will also be available regarding child care (Extended Hours and REC), bus schedules, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting dates and other community partners to help support a healthy start to the school year.

Please stay in contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to support a positive school and home connection. Your child will bring home school communication every Tuesday, in a red Tuesday folder, or if lost, in a stapled packet. When you would like to communicate with your child's teacher, you can go to our school website to pull up your teacher's email. Also, you are always welcome to call the main office and our office staff will get a message to your child's teacher.

Thank you for sharing your students with us. Here is to our best year yet!

Mrs. Jayme Chiaro

Principal

We are excited to welcome the following people to our Chipeta family. They will bring lots of energy and experience with them and will be a great addition to our staff. Please welcome: **Mrs. McLaughlin** (Assistant Principal), **Mrs. Sanchez** (2nd Grade), **Mrs. Lee** (4th Grade), **Mrs. Shamblin** (P.E), **Mrs. Tobin** (Instructional Coach) and **Mr. Sens** (Paraprofessional).



## FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR D51 STUDENTS!

ALL students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2023-24 school year.

Be sure to complete the Application for Meal Benefits as soon as possible to support Chipeta in providing healthy food and nutritional programs for students. It's important for D51 to continue gathering this information to receive full access to federal funding.

\*Funds will go directly to schools to help cover the cost of meals, and will support after school programs and other nutritional programs for students.

\*Plus, families who qualify may receive discounted school fees, bus passes, utilizes support, REC Program discounts and more.

Chipeta's school fees will remain at \$25 per student this year. This is an incredible savings to the families because the teachers are able to buy school supplies in bulk, thus passing that savings onto the families. Your student will need a backpack and the teachers will take care of the supplies needed in the classroom. Please pay the \$25 during registration or at Back to School Night with a check, cash or credit card.

If you would like to pay with a credit card, you can go to

[www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)

to set up an account or download the mobile app. You can also pay with your credit card at school.

## Important News

Students are not permitted to be on school grounds until **after** 8:25 a.m. There will be **NO SUPERVISION** before that time. If you are needing child care before or after school, please contact Extended Hours at 970-241-3603 or email [www.extendedhoursprogram.com](http://www.extendedhoursprogram.com).

Students who are bussed will also be dropped off at 8:25 a.m. Free breakfast will be available to everyone starting at 8:25 a.m.

## Extended Hours

If you need before or after school care for your student, please register at

[www.extendedhoursprogram.com](http://www.extendedhoursprogram.com).

Child care is offered Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 8:45 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. For additional information,

## REC

### Riverside Educational Center After School Programming

REC will be held at Chipeta again this year. REC provides tutoring and enrichment opportunities for students in grades kindergarten - 5th grade. Students attending REC go on field trips, get help with homework and enrichment like art, cooking and music.

This program is free to qualifying students and is held after school on Tuesday—Thursday from 4:00-6:30 and on Friday from 2:00-6:30.. For more information, please go to [WWW.rec4kid.com](http://WWW.rec4kid.com) or email at [Mackenzie@rec4kids.com](mailto:Mackenzie@rec4kids.com).

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL/BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Please mark your calendars to attend our Ice Cream Social/Back To School Night on Tuesday, August 8th from 4:00-5:30. This will be your opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other staff members. Information will be available regarding after-school activities, PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) and other avenues to support our students.



Please remember to send your students in safe moving shoes every day. It is important to keep our students safe on the playground, in the gym and in all areas of the school. A safe moving shoe covers the heel and the toe and, if it has laces, is laced properly to keep the shoe on the foot while moving. If a student wears dress shoes to school it is important to send a pair of soft soled athletic type shoes with the student to change into for recess and Physical Education.