

# Community Free Days

## Denver Zoo

- October 13, 2010
- October 21, 2010
- November 7, 2010
- November 13, 2010

## Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- August 30, 2010
- September 13, 2010
- September 19, 2010
- October 3, 2010
- October 18, 2010
- November 14, 2010
- December 6, 2010

## Botanical Gardens

- September 26, 2010
- October 28, 2010

## Denver Art Museum

- 1st Saturday of each month

## Colorado Railroad Museum

- November 13, 2010

## Denver Firefighters Museum

- October 9, 2010

## Stemapalooza

October 8 & 9, 2010

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## Field Trips

MESA & Indian Focus

October- Stemapalooza/GESTEM

December - CO2 Car Race

February - CSM Minority Engineering Conference

March - Denver March Pow Wow

April - MESA Day

May - NREL Solar/Hydrogen Car Race

May - DMNS

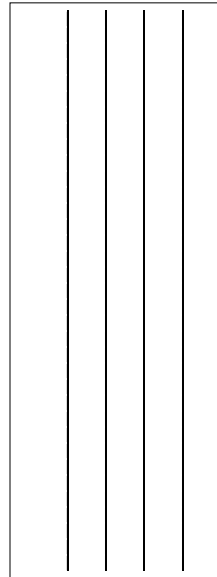
Possible other field trips:

- Metro/CUD

- DU

- Wings Over the Rockies

- CU-Boulder



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## Information Packet

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**Merrill Middle School's  
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## Homework Help Resources

There are several things that parents can do to help their child(ren) in completing homework.

1. Set a regular time for homework
2. Pick a place that the student can work comfortably
3. Remove distractions—music can be helpful to some students
4. Check the planner for homework assignments
5. Show an interest in what your child(ren) are learning
6. Look over the completed homework and ask questions

Here are some resources for students to use when struggling on homework:

- Parents
- Teachers before or after school
- Homework Hotline 303-322-7277
- [www.infoplease.com/homework](http://www.infoplease.com/homework)
- [www.homeworkspot.com](http://www.homeworkspot.com)
- <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/homeworkhelp/>
- <http://teens.denverlibrary.org/homework>
- <http://kids.denverlibrary.org/homework/index.html>
- Whizkids Tutoring 303-504-9449

## Merrill Homework Calendar

Homework will be assigned on the following days:

Monday: reading, math, and science

Tuesday: reading, math, and social studies

Wednesday: reading, math, and science

Thursday: reading, math, and social studies

Friday: Reading and elective classes

## Student Progress Reports

Progress reports will be given to students every Friday to take home to their parents. Please look over the progress reports and ask questions if you have any. Students who have 1's or 2's need to focus and improve on those behaviors and habits in order to help them be a successful learner and eventually successful in their careers.

## After School Programs and Sports at Merrill

MESA (Thursdays)

Homework Club  
(Tuesday & Thursday)

Year Book

Mathletics

Computer Club

NJHS (Mondays)

**Denver Parks & Recreation @ Merrill (See Denver Rec. for cost)**  
Martial Arts (Tues.)  
Dodge Ball Club (Wed.)

Boys Soccer (fall)

Softball (fall)

X-Country (fall)

Volleyball (fall)

Flag Football (fall)

7 & 8 Grade Boys Basketball (winter)

7 & 8 Grade Girls Basketball (winter)

Girls Soccer (spring)

6 Grade Boys & Girls Basketball (Spring)

Baseball (spring)

### Tutoring

Math (Price, & MacKenzie)

Science (Larson & Jagoe)

## Family Potluck Night Dates and Topics

- September 23, 2010 - Introduction to MESA and Merrill, and how to be a successful student.
- October 14, 2010 - High School Options/Career Explorations
- Date TBA, 2010 - Study Habits & Parent/Teacher Conference
- December 9, 2010 - Holiday Party
- January 27, 2011 - Youth Health Issues
- February Date TBA, 2011 - Parent/Teacher Conference
- April 14, 2011, - Parent and Teen Communications
- May 12, 2011 - End of the Year Celebration

Dates and topics are subject to change. Please check the Merrill Webpage for the most current information.

## Career and College Help

All students at Merrill will create accounts in College in Colorado. Any one can create a free account to explore careers and education options. This website is great for taking career inventories, finding out what classes one needs for a certain career, the average income for the career, and related careers. This site also lets students put together a 4 year high school plan, explore universities and colleges, search for scholarships, and much more. Check out College in Colorado at [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org).