Dear Parents / Guardians,

Ute Meadows Elementary is excited to present an exceptional track & field opportunity for 4th and 5th grade students this fall! By participating in track & field, your child will experience the value of team sport competition, group camaraderie, physical fitness, and develop an interest in the sport of track & field. Students who make the team will also enjoy competing in the Leawood Elementary Invitational Track Meet at Jeffco Stadium on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The meet will begin at 11:30 am and will finish around 3:00 pm. Students will take a bus from Ute Meadows at 10:30 to the stadium. However, we will NOT be taking a bus back to Ute Meadows. So your child will need to be picked up from the stadium. If your child will ride home with another parent, please let me know as you will need to sign a permission slip.

The meet will consist of six events: 800m run, 400m run, 100m dash, co-ed 800m relay (4X200), shot-put, and long jump. Teams will consist of three competitors for each event from each grade; boys and girls will be on separate teams, except for the co-ed 800m relay. Students are invited to tryout in all six events, however, your student(s) may only compete in three events, so students must be prepared to select and commit to their event(s) for the duration of the season.

Important Notes:
- First practice is Thursday, September 6th from 3:05-3:45. Meet in the field. Make sure to have running shoes and a full water bottle.
- Mandatory tryouts are on September 13 and 17 with September 20 as needed. We try our best to get every student in at least one event.
- Team will be posted TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th. Please plan on attending September 24th practice.
- Practices take place on Mondays and Thursdays immediately after school from 3:05 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. - FIRST PRACTICE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
- Students must attend all practices, unless they have an excused absence (wasn’t at school due to illness, parent note/email, etc.).
- Permission slips must be turned in by September 4th in order to practice.
- Fee of $25 will be collected AFTER team is announced
- Make arrangements to pick up your child at 3:45, or let me know if they are walking home, going to after-care, going home with someone else, etc.

Practices for students who make the team will include:
- Thursday, September 27
- Monday, October 1
- Thursday, October 4
- Monday, October 8
- Thursday, October 11
- Monday, October 15

Track & Field incurs an activity fee of $25 ($15 if no track shirt is needed), which covers our team entrance fee to the Leawood Invitational, bus fee, a Dri-fit style t-shirt, and medals, etc. Each school that participates needs to have 4 volunteers to help run the events on the day of the meet. Volunteers will need to go to a meeting the day before at Leawood Elementary to meet with the teacher that coordinates the event. Please let me know ASAP if you are willing to volunteer at the meet. We will have a great experience with all of your help!

Please return the permission slip by Tuesday, September 4.

Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in helping in any way!

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Track & Field Permission Slip

I give permission for my child to attend the Ute Meadows track program. I have discussed with my student the importance of listening and following directions in order to help instructors maintain a safe learning environment. Students who exhibit unsafe behaviors (mentally, physically, and socially) will not be allowed to continue in the program. I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange in advance, transportation home after practice.

Forms must be returned before students are allowed to participate.

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Student Name                      Grade/Teacher

Student fee (if you need a T-shirt) $25.00
Student fee (if you already have a T-shirt) $15.00

T-shirts size:
   Youth: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
   Adult: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

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Parent/Guardian Name               Phone                       email

Additional information or contact number that you would like for us to have:

________________________________________________________________________

I will help: Coach _____    Organize _____   Judge _____   Paperwork _____
   Help supervise at meet_____    Other _____

The District is committed to ensuring that all eligible students, including those with disabilities, have an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular programs and activities. If your student requires an accommodation to participate in the program(s) described above, please contact your building 504 Coordinator at 303-982-5540.