

Jeffco High Schools Participate in Balloon Release to Promote Day Without Hate

When: Friday, January 20, 3:03 p.m.

Where: High schools across Jeffco (addresses listed [here](#))

What: Balloon release to promote unity within school buildings and among all Jeffco schools, in the spirit of Day Without Hate (DWOH)

Media: If you would like to attend the event at a high school, please call 303-982-6808 to make arrangements.

Background:

Students in Jeffco's County Council are working to promote Day Without Hate with three separate, school-based events in the months leading up to DWOH in April. Each event will focus on one of DWOH's core values—unity, nonviolence, and respect.

On Friday, all students in participating schools will have the opportunity to write messages of peace, unity, respect, and nonviolence on the balloons. Then, a group of students will release the balloons at the designated time of 3:03 that afternoon. The time choice is symbolic of Colorado unity.

Students considered the environmental impacts of a balloon release before choosing this activity. They chose to use biodegradable balloons and forego strings on the balloons to minimize impacts on the environment.

Students also considered the date carefully for this event. While realizing the balloon release falls on Inauguration Day, DWOH remains an apolitical entity that works to promote warm, welcoming environments for all students in their schools. Please visit www.daywithouthate.org for more specifics on the mission of DWOH.

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