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## Top 5: Fall Favorites

Raise your pumpkin spice latte in the air and cheers to Team DPS' Top 5 favorite things about fall. And congratulations to our random giveaway winner, Laney Shaler!

5. "I can't wait for our annual Teller Halloween Parade. There is nothing like the excitement of getting to be someone or something else for an afternoon. Our scholars are incredibly creative in their costume choices and their smiles and laughter stay with me all year long. It is the pinnacle of fall for me." - **Jessica Downs, Teller**

4. "Broncos football!!!!" - **Allison Scott, International School of Denver at Harrington**

3. "I can't wait for pumpkin flavored everything, cooler air and fun sweaters. But most of all, my favorite time of year is fall because I love taking a Sunday mountain drive and seeing the aspen colors change! One of the Colorado beauties that we only get for a certain amount of time - and one of my favorite things in the world!" - **April Joy "AJ" Freudenburg, Student Equity and Opportunity**

2. "Hands down, fall is my favorite season. Growing up in Appalachia, I have fond memories of the changing of the leaves. This meant that it made noise to now walk through the grass, and raking leaves into piles to jump into was always a favorite! It also meant visiting orchards to get fresh cider and to eat cider donuts. And my favorite of all, warm days with the fall sun hitting your face at a college football game, and cool nights where you get to wear sweaters and enjoy company by an outside fire." - **Joanna Lilley, Career Education Center Early College**

1. "Fall is my favorite season because I can wear vests, go hiking with my dog amongst the beautiful Aspens and, of course, drink pumpkin spice lattes!" - **Laney Shaler, New Teacher Pathways and Development**

**Top 5 Giveaway:** Sept. 22 is Character Day, when everyone is encouraged to focus on talking about and developing character strengths like resilience, grit, empathy, courage and kindness - including our students. Tell us about a time you saw one of our students demonstrating a positive character strength, and you'll be entered for a chance to win a DPS prize pack!

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