Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a great Winter Break, and that you’re excited for a terrific 2019! There is a lot happening at Bear Creek and in BVSD.

In November and December, I had the privilege of hosting several future Bear Creek families during Enrollment Tours. I was honored and humbled to represent our school, and to talk about what makes Bear Creek one of the greatest elementary schools in Colorado. A question I received several times during tours was “Does Bear Creek support students who are (fill in the blank)?” Or, “How does Bear Creek teach about people who are (fill in the blank)?” It was my pleasure to share with parents that Bear Creek strongly supports all students, employees, and community members regardless of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, religion, ancestry, need for special education services or physical characteristics (see BVSD Policy AC). In sum, at Bear Creek, all of our students means all of our students. Not only does this statement share that we welcome all people at Bear Creek, it means that we actively teach our students about diverse peoples and perspectives in our society. I’m proud of Bear Creek’s approach to supporting all students and families, and I look forward to continuing our community’s collective work with inclusion.

At the District level, Superintendent Rob Anderson is leading Boulder Valley in the creation of a new strategic plan. To learn more about this process, please see this article recently published in BVSD’s “The Spot.” Bear Creek’s staff will have several opportunities to participate in the creation of this plan, and I encourage you to share your thoughts on BVSD’s future work at one of the Feedback Forums over the next month.

With great pride in Bear Creek,

~Tanner
BEAR CREEK CALENDAR
AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 21
NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

Wednesday, January 23
Spelling Bee @ 1:30

Friday, January 25
Principal Coffee & Chat @ 8:45

Monday, January 28
Lip Sync Sign Up Begins

Tuesday, January 29
Perry Conway Assemblies

Tuesday, February 5
Kindergarten Lunar Parade 8:50-9:05
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 7
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 8
Vision & Hearing Re-screening @ 9:30

Monday, February 11
Kindergarten Conferences in Office
Garden Club @ 8:35
Lip Sync Music Due this Week

Tuesday, February 12
PTO Meeting @ 1:30
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 14
End of Trimester

Friday, February 15 & Monday, February 18
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 19
SAC @ 3:15

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

As you are looking for activities for your children to participate in before and after school, I just wanted to give you a "heads-up" about where to look for activities that are happening at Bear Creek, and which ones are Bear Creek and BVSD sponsored.

*Starting today in Bear Tracks, you will see opportunities for your children to participate in school sponsored clubs such as intramural sports, jump rope, Spotlights, and drumming club. Bear Creek clubs are supervised by Bear Creek staff.

*Lifelong Learning, which is part of BVSD's Community Schools Program runs many wonderful activities for students in schools across the district. If you go to their web-page you can find great kid classes, many of which will happen right at our school! Lifelong Learning will send you mail alerts of activities that are happening at Bear Creek. You can sign up for classes at any location, but parents have found it particularly accommodating when classes happen right at Bear Creek. This fall at Bear Creek Lifelong Learning will offer at Bear Creek such things as chess, basketball, Spanish classes, and Lego building.

*Finally, please check the Community Board in our front hallway where other activities that are not sponsored by the school or Lifelong Learning can be posted. Oftentimes these activities happen at Bear Creek, as groups can rent some of our spaces after school.

LOST and FOUND

The lost and found is located at the end of the hallway by the gym between the inside and outside doors.

Here is the January Thrive Update

Health Room in need of gently used boy’s underwear, generic (boy/girl) sweats, and socks!!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Snacks - Sign up

Principal Coffee Chat - Friday, January 25th

Are you interested in talking about TRANSPORTATION at Bear Creek? Mr. Dayhoff and staff will be rolling out a video at the end of January highlighting Bear Creek’s practices for arriving at and departing school. This includes information on what should be happening in our parking lot, where bike riders should be dismounting, and our policies about pets on campus. Join Mr. Dayhoff from 8:45-9:30am on Friday, January 25th for some coffee and conversation about transportation at Bear Creek.

Parent/Teacher Conference Dinners:
Please sign up to provide dinner for Parent/Teacher Conferences at this link.
Change in BVSD Security Practices

In order to ensure the safety of children and staff in our buildings after dismissal, the BVSD Security Department is locking all exterior school doors 15 minutes after the end-of-day bell.

How This Affects BVSD Lifelong Learning Families

At the end of each LLL class, our instructors will walk their students as a group to the main entrance, where parents will be required to sign their child out. BVSD school office staff is no longer allowed to grant parent access to the building. If you need to pick up your child outside of this practice, please make arrangements with your LLL instructor directly in advance or contact the LLL office at lifelong.learning@bvsd.org.

This is how you are affected: the interior doors will be locked at 3:15, the interior office door will remain closed and locked, and the front exterior doors will be open until 4:45 then locked. This will allow parents to have access to the foyer (entryway) while waiting for their children to be brought down by their LifelongLearning teachers.

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

If you are a neighborhood parent of an incoming 2019–2020 kindergartner or know of a kindergartner in your neighborhood, please either stop by the office or send me an email with the student’s name. Please complete the online registration as soon as possible so we can determine the number of students/classes for next year.
REMEMBER TO USE YOUR CASHBACK CARDS

Our Cashback rewards are currently lower than this time last year.

Congratulations to Michelle Wellington
Bear Creek’s 2019 Impact on Education Award Winner
Thank you, Michelle for 10 years of dedicated volunteering at Bear Creek!

www.helpatschool.org - Please sign up and visit this site regularly to find volunteer opportunities at school.

—Current Help @ School opportunities include Teacher Conference Dinners and Lip Sync Volunteers—

Want to learn more about the PTO Budget, TLC Donation, Volunteering and/or Cashback Cards? Please visit the Bear Creek PTO Web Page

Next PTO Meeting 2/12 @ 1:30

Can’t make it to a meeting? Check out the PTO Minutes on the PTO Web Page. Stay connected and find out how your donations are being put to work at your school.
Today, the 5th graders and PTO joined me in honoring Michelle Wellington - Bear Creek’s 2019 Impact Award Winner. Congratulations Michelle, and thank you for everything you’ve done for Bear Creek! ~ Tanner Dayhoff

Impact Award Overview - This program recognizes individuals in the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) who have an extraordinary impact on student learning through exceptional collaboration, innovation, and dedication to students. Classroom teachers, specialists, administrators, classified employees, and volunteers are eligible for nomination. These individuals embody this definition of Impactful: an individual who shows an ongoing commitment to professional and personal growth and has powerful, often life-changing, effects on students and/or the rest of the education community through unfaltering and purposeful effort.

Nomination - For the past ten years, Michelle has been a tireless parent volunteer at Bear Creek. There is hardly a job on the PTO that she has not chaired. Michelle served as the PTO Chair for several years. She has also been instrumental in Bear Creek’s successful fundraising efforts and has served as the Fundraising Chair and steered the grocery store cashback programs. She is also an integral part of the biyearly book fair, helping to set up, pack up, and cashier at the fair. Her most lasting legacy, if there can be just one, is the Bear Creek Carnival. She started the carnival when she noticed the school needed a fun community building event. She conceptualizes and executes the entire event, and each year it gets bigger and better. Michelle recruits a team of 5th graders to plan, publicize, budget, and actually run the carnival for our entire community. Starting at the end of 4th grade, students sign up to be part of the carnival committee. Michelle meets with a crew of up to 35 students before school and directs and manages the collaborative teams. Through Michelle’s leadership, students are empowered to bring their creative ideas to fruition. The carnival has grown to be one of the highlights of the year for both students and families. Her youngest child will be graduating Bear Creek this year, and her presence and service to the school has been appreciated and will be greatly missed.

(Photos courtesy of Jeff Finkelstein)
Welcome Bear Creek Families!

Walk and Bike to School in 2018-19
For fun! For health! For less traffic! For less pollution and greenhouse gases!

Trip Tracker

Trip Tracker is the Boulder Valley School District’s program to encourage kids to get to and from school without a car.

Kids report their car-free commutes each month and earn Trip Tracker dollars. These dollars can be redeemed like cash at participating local businesses. It’s a win-win! Sign up today!

Tracking starts September 4th. Download a Trip Tracker calendar for September at the TT website!

Read more and sign up at www.bvsd.org/tracker

Join our group! Parents, we need fresh members to replace those we’ve lost to middle school. Help encourage kids to get to school in a safe and healthy manner, improve the conditions for green commuting around our school, and reduce the cars on our roads. It’s a simple and easy way to get involved at Bear Creek! We don’t bite and it’s not a big commitment.

If interested, drop us a line at bear-creek-cfo-team@googlegroups.com

The Cruger Cup

Our former principal Mr Cruger continues to challenge us to a 100% car-free school year. All students who get to school without a car all year long will win the coveted Cruger Cup!

Got to drive? Park at least ¼ mile away and walk the rest of the way...you’re still in the running! Also, sick days do not count against your effort!

Students need to be signed up with Trip Tracker to be eligible for the Cruger Cup.

If your kiddo won the Cruger Cup last year, stop by the office to sign up for your chance to TAKE HOME THE CUP!
Find Winter Walk and Bike to Work events and tips at:  
https://bouldercolorado.gov/goboulder/winter-walk-and-bike-week  
It’s not too late to make active transit a New Year’s resolution for 2019!

Boulder is soliciting input for the 5-year update to the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in 2019. This includes providing Safe Routes to School. It’s important to hear from parents and students:

CFC Team member, Brent Halsey, is on the city’s Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Please contact him with suggestions for Boulder.

**BE HEARD**  
The city of Boulder is asking monthly transportation questions on the https://www.beheardboulder.org/ website.

Boulder has a great app, Inquire Boulder, for reporting issues such as potholes, multi-use path maintenance, and much more. Additionally, all reported close calls are tracked to identify high risk areas.
Car Free Community

Sign up for the Cruger Cup

If your child walked, biked, scootered, took public transportation, car-pooled, etc., to school every day that they attended school last year (at least 1 way) as you probably know, he/she has earned the right to bring home the CRUGER CUP for one week this year. If your child is one of the students who made it last year, stop by the office and talk to Carolyn and she can sign you up for a week to take the Cup home. We have 2 Cruger Cups this year so each child should get their own week.

Much like the Stanley Cup, the Cruger Cup has gone many places and has many stories to tell. We know that some people have even eaten their morning cereal out of the Cruger Cup (although we highly recommend a serious cleaning process before you do this) and we know it's been to top of at least one 14er! Don't forget to take a picture with the cup and send it to us.

Come to the office and sign your child(ren) for a week with the Cruger Cup! Take a picture so we can put it on our Cruger Cup Window.....

TRIP TRACKER

This year, we are so happy to be partnering with BVSD's Trip Tracker program, which rewards students for walking, biking, carpooling or riding the RTD to school. Students will earn Trip Tracker Dollars that they can spend like cash at local Boulder businesses like Glacier Ice Cream, Gateway fun Park and Play It Again Sports. Trip Tracker will begin the 2018-2019 School Year tracking trips on September 1 with first reward distribution the week of October 16. If you would like to register for the program you can check out the Trip Tracker Website for more program information.

Here is the October Trip Tracker Calendar.

In accordance with the BVSD policy on distribution/posting of non-curricular material-Bear Tracks will print curricular items about our school. Many outside opportunities available, (i.e. Science Matters, second language programs, parenting workshops, community sports, non-profit organizations, etc.) may be posted on the hall bulletin board with prior approval of the Principal, but may not be included in Bear Tracks. Be sure to check the Parent’s Board in the school for information regarding outside opportunities. All articles can be submitted to Carolyn Walker at carolyn.walker@bvsd.org.

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Additional information about Bear Creek can be found on the website at http://www.bvsd.org/schools/bearcreek/.
Thank you Jeff Finkelstein!

The fifth grade wants to send out a huge thank you to Jeff Finkelstein! This week, in addition to taking all of the makeup photos for the yearbook and photographing the presentation of this year's Impact on Education winner, he also gave the fifth grade class a demonstration of how media companies manipulate images of people before publishing them. He demonstrated these techniques on the teaching staff while the students watched. Afterwards, I overheard a student say, "I will never compare myself to a picture in a magazine again!" Thanks, Jeff!
Congratulations to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Spelling Bee Finalists!

Mina Berger  Danica Christensen  Darya Yazdi
Sophia Duan  Jake Nelson  Kayla Miller
Sydney Vaughan  Jiyu Kim  Anna Olszewska
Sidney Booth  Leo Larsson  Ben Arons
Jude Chen  Quinn Holdeman  Martin Baker
Max Kurtz  Ava Mackey  Nate Gill
Madeleine Grandaert  Claire Wellington  Lila Mosberger
Callie Marks  Kylie Duart  Katie Zhou
Reid Gannan  Annika Jacobson  Frank Boice
Ainsley Haselfeld  Will Matsumura  Lea deSantis
Markus Andersson  Tessa Chamberlin

Come cheer them on at the Bear Creek Spelling Bee
On Wednesday, January 23 at 1:30 in the Fish Bowl!

PTO Class Liaison -
Are you looking for a way to volunteer for less than 30 minutes per week and help increase communication at Bear Creek? Please consider being a PTO Class Liaison. We need one liaison for Powell, Briggs, Norton, Jenak, Platt, Hawk, Waldrip, and Ellis. If you're interested in stepping into this roll, please email Carolyn in the Office at carolyn.walker@bvsd.org.
Choice.

You have the ability to choose the way your life is going to be.

Your situation, right now, is the sum of the choices you have made in the present moment.

And the choices you continue to make in the present moment directly dictate your level of success.

Because nothing exists but this moment. There is no ‘later’. No ‘future’. No ‘next season’. No ‘when I have more free time’. No ‘if I had better talent.’ No ‘if I had a bigger team’. No ‘if I had a bigger budget’.

Success is a choice.

The only difference between you and the coaches/teams/athletes/individuals you want to be like is simple:

Because they made a *choice*. They decided who they wanted to be. What they wanted their life and their program to be like. And they made a choice to do it.

They didn’t make the choice in some undefined ‘later’. Or ‘tomorrow’. Those things don’t exist. They never will. Ever. Because when 5:00pm tomorrow gets here, it won’t be 5:00pm tomorrow. It will be right now.

Make a *choice* to be successful. Don’t listen to the haters (and there are many). ignored the doubters (and there are many). Don’t make excuses for why I wasn’t smart enough or talented or connected enough to do what I wanted to do. just be willing to hustle harder than most other people. That’s the difference that makes the difference.

. Like anything else, it takes practice to develop this mindset as our default. Simply don’t allow kids to say:

“I can’t”. Sure you can. And you will as long as you hustle harder than the next guy (or girl).

“If I…” Not if. When. Saying ‘if’ just gives you an out. I don’t believe in outs. When you don’t give power to the possibility of not meeting the expectation, you will meet the expectation.

“I hope.” Don’t hope. Demand. ‘I hope’ means “I don’t really think I can do it”. I don’t accept that possibility.

So it’s not a part of our discussions. Not a part of our collective consciousness. Believe in Expectations. So instead of setting goals, set expectations. Expectations are for people who make things happen.
Student Council Spirit Day - Dress like a Crayon
A big THANK YOU from Share-A-Gift for your support this year!! We have finally finished compiling our information and, due to your generosity, we were able to brighten the holidays for 568 families totaling 1491 kids! That's a lot of holiday cheer!

I have attached two photos of the "toy shop" ready to go for families... you can see how many toys were available for families! Thanks to our great collection this year, families were able to receive 1 large new toy or bike, one game, one puzzle, 3 used toys, 4 stuffed animals, 5 books, and a bag of stocking stuffers PER CHILD! It was joyful to see so many moms and dads leaving with too much to carry!

Again, thank you for your support! You will be hearing from me in the fall in the hopes that your organization will once again be able to join with us in spreading holiday cheer to so many. If you have any question, comments, or ideas before then, don’t hesitate to be in touch.

Take care!
Jen Gero

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**Share - A - Coat**

January 14, 2019 - Boulder, Colorado - The Boulder Valley Rotary Club and Art Cleaners teamed up once again for the 28th annual coat drive collection and distribution. With the help of many community members, more than 2,000 coats and other winter garments such as sweaters, snowsuits, hats, gloves, scarves and boots were collected through various Boulder and Broomfield County schools and businesses. These winter garments were cleaned, sorted and distributed earlier this winter to people in need through various charitable organizations.

**Thanks to everyone who helped make this coat drive a success. Without your help, this program would not be possible!**  
2018 Share-a-Coat Program Summary

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Join us for *Science Day at Women's Basketball*

Students 8th grade and under are invited to bring their science fair project to display on the concourse pregme of the:

CU VS CS

**FRI., JAN. 25**

7 PM CU Events Center
YOU’RE INVITED!

BVSD STRATEGIC PLAN

Feedback FORUMS

Help us develop BVSD’s new strategic plan
Provide feedback on Priority Student Outcomes and Strategic Themes

We are encouraging students, families, employees and community members to help us create Boulder Valley School District’s new strategic plan. Please join us at any of the following sessions and provide feedback on our proposed Priority Student Outcomes and Strategic Themes:

**Broomfield Session**
Monday, January 28
Broomfield High School, Library
1 Eagle Way in Broomfield
Employees: 4 p.m.
Parents/Community members: 6 p.m.

**In Spanish Session**
Wednesday, January 30
BVSD Education Center
6500 Arapahoe Road in Boulder
All stakeholders: 5:30 p.m.

**Lafayette Session**
Thursday, January 31
Centaurus High School, Innovation Space
10300 W South Boulder Road in Lafayette
Employees: 4 p.m.
Parents/Community members: 6 p.m.

**Saturday Session**
Saturday, February 2
BVSD Education Center
6500 Arapahoe Road in Boulder
All stakeholders: 5-11 a.m.

**Boulder Session**
Wednesday, February 6
Boulder High School Library
1604 Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder
Employees: 4 p.m.
Parents/Community members: 6 p.m.

**Daytime Session**
Thursday, February 7
BVSD Education Center
6500 E. Arapahoe Road in Boulder
All stakeholders: 8 a.m.

Learn more or participate online at bvsd.org/feedback-forums

Boulder Valley School District
As a lab scientist, I think it is important to give back.
-2018 Science Fair Judge

Come share your expertise

February 13, 2019
8:00-3:00
CU Boulder, UMC
Glenn Miller Ballroom

Interested in being a judge, register here.

Check our Science Fair website for more information.

It inspires me to hear about cool and interesting science kids are engaging in, and I want to encourage them to continue and give feedback to them.
-2018 Science Fair Judge

Boulder Valley School District
CU WIZARDS Presents:

Prof. Mark Hoefer
Surfing with a Mathematician

Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Duane Physics G1B30
www.colorado.edu/cuwizards
Dear parents and/or guardians:

Over the past two weeks, many schools in Boulder County have reported a higher than normal number of students missing school because of influenza (flu), strep throat, other respiratory illnesses, or stomach illness.

To keep your family healthy, watch for signs and symptoms of each illness:

- **Strep throat**: Sore throat; pain when swallowing; fever; red and swollen tonsils, sometimes accompanied by white patches.
- **Flu**: Fever (or feeling feverish), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, or fatigue. Common colds can have similar but less severe symptoms and usually do not include fever.
- **Pertussis (whooping cough)**: Coughing fits, vomiting after coughing fits, and rapid coughing followed by a high-pitched “whoop” sound.
- **Stomach bug**: Vomiting and/or diarrhea, leading to dehydration.

Influenza, strep throat, other serious respiratory illnesses like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and pertussis (or whooping cough) are spread by coughing, sneezing, or unclean hands. Stomach bugs spread very quickly. To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and teach your children to do the same. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow instead of into your hands.
- Put used tissues in the wastebasket.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. To stop the spread of stomach bugs, you must wash your hands! Hand sanitizer does not kill stomach viruses.

Speak with your child’s health care provider for advice about prevention and treatment for these illnesses. You may also review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) influenza guide for parents at www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2018.pdf.

If your children become ill, please keep them home from school using the following guidance:

- **Flu-like symptoms**: Keep students out of school for at least 24 hours after their fever or signs of fever (e.g. chills, feeling very warm, flushed appearance, or sweating) has ended without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- **Stomach bug**: Keep students out of school for 24 hours after the last time they vomited and/or had diarrhea.
- **Strep throat**: Keep students out of school until after they have taken appropriate antibiotics, such as penicillin or amoxicillin, for 24 hours.
- **Pertussis (whooping cough)**: Keep students out of school until they have taken their full prescription of antibiotics (usually 5 days of azithromycin) or they can no longer spread the disease (e.g. they have been coughing for more than 3 weeks).

If you have any questions, please call Boulder County Public Health at 303.413.7523. Individuals who receive Medicaid benefits can receive free flu prevention benefits. Learn more at www.BoulderCountyShots.org; click on “Clinic Information” or call 303-413-7799 to make an appoint-
Boulder Psychological Services' free Pathways presentations are designed to help serve individuals, families, and the community. The fall schedule provides support for parents, couples, and adults (see other side for specific programs). Prior webinars and TV shows are available on our BPS YouTube channel!

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FLOOD SAFETY

Boulder is in the highest risk of flash flooding in the state of Colorado. Flash floods can happen even when the weather is clear in town due to rain occurring in the mountains. A big storm upstream can cause a flash flood downstream with little or no warning.

Prepare for Floods

- Have a plan for where your family will meet in an emergency and make sure children know where to go when they are at school or away from home.

- Keep an emergency kit accessible. Include a battery-powered radio, extra batteries, flashlights, rubber boots and gloves, first-aid supplies, necessary medicines, water stored in tightly sealed containers, and food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.

- Boulder residents currently receive up to a 25% discount on flood insurance; property owners should consider purchasing flood insurance even if their home is not in a flood plain.

HOME IN A HIGH HAZARD ZONE?

Check to see if your property is in the floodway, high hazard zone, wetland area, or has been impacted by historic events. View maps and elevation certificates online at www.BoulderFloodInfo.net, visit the Planning & Development Services Center at 1739 Broadway or call 303-441-1880 for detailed Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information.

Protect your Home

- If you have a sump pump, make sure it is properly working and discharging to your lawn or directly into the storm sewer. Groundwater discharges should not impact your neighbors or be discharged to the sanitary sewer or onto the street.

- Consider putting your furnace and water heater on risers to help prevent damage if flood waters enters your home.

- Clean out your gutters and ensure they drain at least five feet from the house foundation.

- Before beginning any projects for your property, contact Planning & Development Services at 303-441-1880 to assess whether a City of Boulder permit is needed.

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY

Imagine you only have 12 minutes to put together an emergency supply kit to last you for three days. Put the challenge to the test with your family and see how well you do.

BoulderOE.com/disaster-preparedness lists out essential items you might need during an emergency. How does your stock pile compare to this? Is your family prepared to respond to an emergency event?

Sign up for emergency notifications
Go to: www.BoCo911alert.com

City flood info: www.BoulderFloodInfo.net
Office of Emergency Management: www.BoulderOE.com
CU Wizards!

For over three decades, the CU Wizards program has presented FREE monthly shows that entertain and inform children about the wonders of science. Under the direction of Prof. David Nesbitt, these interactive shows are presented once a month from September through June. They are hosted by renowned University of Colorado, Boulder professors and provide a perfect start to a fun-filled weekend. The shows are geared toward children and young adults, but all are welcome! Each program lasts about an hour and includes several lively demonstration experiments.

No reservations required. All shows are on Saturday mornings and begin at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE?
At the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Duane Physics or Cristol Chemistry buildings. There is FREE PARKING in lots 308 and 436. There is also parking available for a $4.00 flat fee in the Euclid parking structure. Please refer to our website for additional parking information.

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For more information please visit: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards
BVSD GT Parent Support Initiative

Supporting the needs of our parent community with training and information designed to help their GT-identified students prosper.

1. GT in BVSD: what it looks like, ALPs, assessments, timeline
   September 27, 2018, 4-6 pm, BVSD Ed Center
   (6500 E. Arapahoe Road) Flagstaff Room

2. GT-Student Social Emotional Needs
   October 25, 2018, 4-6 pm, BVSD Ed Center
   Block Diamond Room

5. Twice Exceptional (2E) Students
   January 24, 2019, 4:50-6:50 pm, BVSD Ed Center
   Davidson Mesa Room

RSVP: marlys.lietz@bvsd.org

Parent Book Studies

"Embracing the Whole Gifted Child"
By Patricia Gatto-Walton, Ph.D.

1. Four-session, school-based discussion groups
   - Fall & Spring – Dates/locations TBD
   - Contact your GT Advisor or the GT website

2. Two-session district discussion group
   - November 6 and 13, 6:50-8:50 pm, at the Ed Center
   - Contact marlys.lietz@bvsd.org

Contact michelle.dubois@bvsd.org to be added to our newsletter with updated GT district news, happenings and links to helpful articles.

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BVSD is working to improve air quality in our schools

Last year, BVSD began a long term initiative to collect indoor air quality data across the district to identify where we can make changes to improve it. Recognizing the proven role of good indoor air quality for student performance and health, BVSD hopes this work will have significant benefits for students and staff. There are a couple of ways parents are asked get involved and help with this effort:

Provide information about reasons for absenteeism
In addition to collecting data from school sites, we want to understand how air quality may be affecting student health and absenteeism. Beginning this school year, when parents call in to report a health-related absence from school, they will be asked to identify the nature of the illness. Learn more.

Join the District-wide Air Quality Team
The district is creating an Indoor Air Quality Team to work with us on this initiative. The team will include BVSD principals, teachers, parents and community members. Once convened, the team will determine meeting times and schedule. Applications are due September 9. Follow these links for more information and the application.

For more information about the air quality initiative, go to: bvsd.org/airquality.

Student accident insurance 2016-2017

Low-cost student accident insurance is again being offered by Markel this year. They have changed their enrollment method from paper to electronic and will not be providing print outs to schools to distribute to students. Attached is a PDF of their enrollment information. This information is also available on the district website at http://www.bvsd.org/employees/AthleticsActivities/Athletic%20Insurance%20Information/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

Healthy Kids Initiative
Another possible option for parents whose students need health insurance is the Boulder County Healthy Kids Initiative which helps families enroll in Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and Medicaid. CHP+ and Medicaid are free and low-cost health insurance plans that provide dental, medical, prescription, mental health, and vision benefits. There are no monthly premiums, and co-pays range from $0 - $15 depending on family income. CHP+ has higher income eligibility limits than many public assistance programs, so many working families can qualify. Assets are not considered when determining eligibility for these programs. Some families who have not previously qualified may be able to qualify now due to new income guidelines.

Eligibility specialists are available to serve families at all BVSD schools. Call 720-515-1454 today to talk with a specialist or to make an appointment!

More information is available on the district website at http://www.bvsd.org/healthykids. A link to this page is on the front page of the district site: Go to www.bvsd.org and click the Healthy Kids Initiative logo at the bottom of the page.

NONDISCRIMINATION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

In compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, Colorado law and Board of Education Policy AC (Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity), Boulder Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, religion, ancestry, need for special education services, age, marital status, genetic information, or physical characteristics in admissions, access to, treatment, or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person has been identified as the compliance officer for the district:

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