Dear Parents,

It brought a smile to my face to see children bring great energy to our playgrounds and fields while snow peacefully fell from the sky yesterday. As a reminder, we try our very best to go outside during all seasons and weather - research shows that students need this exercise to be able to focus on learning while in class. Now is the time of year to make sure your child is appropriately dressed and prepared for the cold and wet days we encounter. It’s also a good time to make sure snow caps, mittens, boots, etc… are labeled with your child’s name or initials.

A large amount of my time the past few weeks has been focused on community and partnerships. I want to thank the individuals who have helped organize and support UPstander Day, the many activities students have done in our community garden, Walk to School Day, and the great field trips many of our classes have enjoyed. These amazing learning opportunities for our students would not be possible without the partnerships we have with our parent community; again, thank you! (Check-out pictures from these events scattered throughout the rest of Bear Tracks.)

I have enjoyed connecting with many parents through the Principal Listening Sessions, Coffee Chats, and committees like PTO and SAC. Collecting the thoughts and ideas of our parents is so valuable as I work with staff to develop a vision for our future work at Bear Creek. My hope is to build as many opportunities as possible to connect and work together - so stay tuned! Later this month I will be sending out a community survey that will include an opportunity for you to provide feedback on our communication practices at Bear Creek.

Finally, I want to remind you of the importance of the Parent/Teacher Conferences occurring on October 16th, 18th, and 24th. Asking questions to your child’s teachers at Parent/Teacher Conferences is one of the best ways to partner with them, deepen your understanding of how to best support your child, and make the conversation meaningful to you. I encourage you to think in advance of your child’s conference the questions you want to ask. Our teachers value your partnership!

With great pride in Bear Creek,

Tanner
BEAR CREEK CALENDAR
AT - A - GLANCE

Friday, October 12
NO SCHOOL— Professional Dev.

Tuesday & Thursday, October 16 & 18
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 pm

Tuesday to Thursday, October 16-18
Book Fair

Friday, October 19
Share-a-Bike 1/2 hour before start of school

Friday, October 26
Coffee & Chat w/Principal @ 8:45
Y Kids Night In

Wednesday, October 31
Halloween Parade @ 8:45

Thursday, November 1
Blue Sky Bridge Parent Presentation @ 5:00

Friday, November 2
End of Trimester
Picture Re-take Day

Mon.- Wed., November 5-8
5th Grade to Cal-Wood

Tuesday, November 6
Election Day
SAC @ 3:15

Wednesday, November 7
Student Council 3:05-3:45

Friday, November 9
Bear Tracks

Week of November 19-23
Thanksgiving Break

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 October Thrive Update.

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

Red Flag Days

(days we are indoors before school for safety reasons; weather, animals etc. Look for red flag on flagpole)

Each student should sit in the assigned spot (directed by office staff) on their bottoms. It's not a time for playing, just sitting quietly.

* Assigned spots - KG, green wall near fishbowl; 1st, gray wall under 2H and 3P windows; 2nd, the area at the top of the ramp near the table and down right side of ramp; 3rd, at the bottom of the ramp near the round table; 4th,grade in the entryway outside the office; and 5th grade in the hallway outside the art room.

Parents please hug and go at the front door. Although your urge is to stay with your children, the hallways become too crowded. Adults will watch over your children and once the first bell rings, students will be released a grade at a time. We have the first red flag day under our belt and it’s always the toughest because it’s new to everyone for the new year. Thankfully we don’t need to do this very often.

Thanks for your help!
Parent/Teacher Conferences and PTO Provided Lunches

Parent/Teacher conferences for this year are being managed through HelpAtSchool. On Monday, October 8th, you should have received an email invitation from HelpAtSchool inviting you to sign-up. Please follow the instructions included in the invitation. If you did not receive an invitation or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 720-561-3500.

The PTO is also looking for some additional help providing lunch for our teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please sign up at HelpATSchool. Many hands make successful events!

Fingerprinting @ Bear Creek

Parents,

We are happy to let you know that we will have a few spots available @ Bear Creek for you to complete your fingerprinting in order to volunteer @ Bear Creek. BVSD will send someone with the machine to us. She will be set up in the front lobby.

The dates are October 15, 18, 25 & 26. Included is a link to a google doc where you can sign up for a 15 minute slot.

What you need to do:
1. Sign up for a time slot -- Fingerprinting @ Bear Creek
2. Bring $10 cash or check made out to BVSD
3. Bring your ID
4. Pay BVSD for processing and fill out a volunteer application (if you haven’t already) using these links before being fingerprinted:
   - https://bouldervalleysd.revtrak.net/ - web store

Thanks, parents! We hope this will help ease some of the frustration you’ve had with getting fingerprinting.

Learn about Colorado Constitutional Amendment 73

This November Colorado voters will decide whether to add a new constitutional amendment to provide additional funding for K-12 education. Learn more about Amendment 73, including what it is and what it will mean for the Boulder Valley School District and arguments for and against via the resources below:

- 2018 Ballot Information Booklet (Blue Book)
- Amendment 73 Factual Summary for Boulder Valley School District (PDF)
- VIDEO: Amendment 73 - BVSD - Factual Information
- Amendment 73 Impact Calculator
- STORY: Board of Education passes resolution in support of Amendment 73
Thank you to our wonderful Bear Creek Community for supporting our school with your TLC donations!

Thank you to Michi Sakurai for your hard work in overseeing the TLC Campaign. We exceeded our goal of $70,000 to reach a current total of $82,753!

Please continue to use your Cashback Cards. This ongoing program provides 30% of our funding. This is FREE MONEY for your school. Little effort makes a very large impact and with no cost to you. If you do not have a card, please stop by the office to get one. Each time you use your card our school receives 5% cash back! Stay tuned for upcoming drawings and raffles for Cashback Card users.

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

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

Please join the next PTO meeting, an evening meeting on November 13th at 6 pm.
October 2018

Dear Bear Creek Community,

On behalf of the Bear Creek PTO we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the entire Bear Creek community for its unwavering support of our 2018-2019 Tools for Learning Challenge (TLC) campaign. We successfully met our goal by collecting $77,752.70 in direct contributions, a $5000 matching bonus from the Wuttke/Atkins family, and $1781 in corporate matching donations. Collectively we raised a grand total of $84,533.70! The TLC funds will be used to make up for the shortfall in Bear Creek’s BVSD budget and directly benefit our school. With this solid foundation we will ensure that the PTO will have the financial resources to continue to support important endeavors such as hiring additional Para-Educators and purchasing supplies for all our teachers and classrooms.

In addition to the generosity of our community, we could not have been successful without the work of our parent volunteers. In particular we would like to give a huge shout out to Michi Sakurai who has given selflessly of her time and energy. Her efforts were instrumental in the attainment of TLC’s 2018-2019 objectives. Thank you Michi!!

We would also like to thank the Bear Creek administrative staff, Carolyn Walker, Beth Sheveland and our new principal Tanner Dayhof for their collective collaboration, support and positive energy.

Thank you,
Lisa Schneider and Michael Bucey
Bear Creek PTO Co-Chairs
Trick or Treat Street

The Fairview Student council would like to let you know that there will be a Trick or Treat Street at Fairview from 6:00-8:00pm on October 24. This is a fun activity where the children in the district come to Fairview to Trick or Treat (they must be accompanied by a parent and are welcome to dress up in a costume). The entrance will be at the front of the school on Greenbriar.

Bear Creek Cashback Program

Upcoming Raffles!

Bear Creek Parents,

We have some exciting plans for our Cashback program this year. King Soopers and Lucky’s stores donate money to Bear Creek based on your Cashback card loads when you checkout. This makes up about 33% of the PTO’s annual budget. We have about 120 families that use a Bear Creek Cashback card every month, our goal is 200 active cards.

To welcome new families into the program, we’re holding a drawing in November exclusively for new-card users. Prizes include lunch with Mr. Dayhoff, DJ for the day in P.E., lunchtime capture the flag, classroom gift cards, and more! Don’t worry faithful card users - your turn is coming! If you don’t yet have your King Soopers or Lucky’s Cashback Cards, or if you have old cards that have gone unused for several months, then you’re eligible to enter this drawing after you receive and load new cards by Nov 1st. You’ll be entered into the drawing one time for every $100 you load onto either card.

After the November drawing, everyone with an active card will be eligible for the rest of the drawings throughout the school year. Same rules apply: One entry per every $100 loaded onto your cards.

A Bear Creek Cashback Card form should have come home in your student’s Friday folder last week. If you need cards, fill it out, attach your payment (which is reimbursed to you on your cards), and send it back in the folder the following Monday. The PTO will make sure your card(s) get in the following week’s Friday folder along with instructions for how to load and use it. Click here for the PTOs FAQs on the cashback cards. The PTO will also have a table set up during drop off on October 19th!
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-cfc-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!
Car Free Community

**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.

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 September Trip Tracker Calendar.

**Trip Tracker Accomplishments 2017-18:**
- 4387 Students in 22 schools participated
- 482,264 green trips including 209,776 walk or bike trips reported
- $110,296 Trip Tracker dollars awarded
- Participants donated $7,757 to participating non-profits in Boulder County

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/](http://www.bvsd.org/schools/bearcreek/).
Bring-A-Bike to School Day
Fall is in the air and the elves are starting to work!

Friday Morning October 19th - 1/2 hour before bell rings!!

Share-A-Gift will once again be collecting gently used bikes for our Toy Shop. Bear Creek has been a generous supporter of this program for years. It is a great way to recycle used bicycles and help make another child’s Holiday special. Share A Gift volunteers will be at your school early (before school drop off) to help unload your bikes. Bikes are our most popular gift giveaway.

Please visit our website www.shareagift.org for more information about our program.
Questions Call – Tom Corrigan Share-A-Gift 303-591-1235

Share-A-Coat

October 17th- November 29th

It is time once again for the Share-A-Coat program, sponsored by Art Cleaners and the Boulder Valley Rotary Club. We appreciate all the efforts in past years of you, your staff and students in this worthwhile endeavor and look forward to working with you again this year. In 2017, over 2,500 coats and many miscellaneous items of clothing were collected and distributed to needy families in Boulder County and to various charitable organizations.

We plan to have collection boxes available in your school by October 17, with pick-up dates of November 1, November 15 and November 29. Once the coats are picked up they will be distributed to various Boulder County charities and people in need.

As this is an ALL VOLUNTEER operation, there may be minor changes in the dates listed above.

We still plan to recognize the schools which collect the highest number of coats per student. We plan to recognize the first, second and third place schools in three categories, 1) more than 550 students, 2) 350 to 550 students and 3) less than 350 students. Schools will be recognized at one of our weekly January Rotary Club meetings. We will reward schools with either a cash prize or a donation to a local charity in the name of the school.

Thanks to the efforts of all concerned the program has been very successful in the past and has provided warm clothing to many less fortunate men, women and children. On behalf of Art Cleaners and the entire Rotary Club, I wish to express our gratitude for your continued support and participation in the program.

Sincerely,

Bob Harberg, Boulder Valley Rotary Club
303-941-1664, harbergr@gmail.com
Garden Lesson with the 1st Grade
Mr. Dayhoff wanted to display and honor our hard working artists in his office. We have created a monthly rotation of student work. Check out the “Dayhoff Gallery”!

Did you know our art budget comes from just this once a year fundraiser? It is a new company for us here at BCE with lots of different items to order. You will receive an online code on Friday, October 26th in your child’s Friday Folder. Please order by 11/9 to receive products before Winter Break. -Thanks in advance for supporting our art program. -Ms. Wright
2nd graders visit Sombrero Marsh.

2nd graders had a wonderful time exploring natural habitats at the Sombrero Marsh.

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**Student Council News**

**Bear Creek's Pumpkin Contest**

Start thinking about entering Bear Creek’s Great Pumpkin Contest! There are some rules we will need to follow:
- Pumpkins must be smaller than the size of basketball.
- Only decorated pumpkins, no carved pumpkins!

**Here are the categories:**
- Best in Show K-2
- Best in Show 3-5
- Scariest
- Smallest
- Most Unique
- Silliest
- Most Elaborate
- Coolest
- Strangest
- Funniest
- Cutest
- Most Creative

Drop pumpkins off at the library on the morning of Monday, October 29th. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, October 31st.

Take home pumpkins after school on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st. HAVE FUN!

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**UNICEF**

The past several years, Bear Creek has supported the collection for UNICEF, an organization that raises money to help children all over the world. Thousands of children die from causes that are totally preventable – because they do not have clean, safe water, basic medical attention, or healthy nutrition.

UNICEF’s goal is simple – reduce the number of preventable childhood deaths to zero. Each year, Bear Creek’s Student Council has been able to donate more than our previous efforts to UNICEF. Four years ago in 2015, Student Council encouraged students to each bring in one dollar for a goal of $400.00. Rather than $400.00 we exceeded our goal and donated $521.00! In 2016, as a school we sent a check to UNICEF for $750.00! Last year, we had a record fundraiser and contributed $1398.00! Student Council is challenging students this year, to try to do chores at home so that students could earn $3.00-$4.00 in the next few weeks to equal or pass last year’s amount by one dollar.

UNICEF boxes we will be given to every student Monday, October 29. Please have students return their boxes to their classrooms by Monday, November 5th.

Thank you, Bear Creek Student Council
Library News

The Book Fair is almost here!! We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair on Oct. 16th-18th in the fish bowl. The fair will be open from 8:00-8:45 and 2:45-7 on Tues and Thurs. (during evening parent/teacher conferences) and 8:00-8:45 and 2:45-5 on Weds. This event is a huge fundraiser for the library. We will earn 55% of sales in Scholastic credit for our fall fair and a whopping 70% for our spring fair. If you can’t make it to the fair, you can also shop online, and Bear Creek will still get credit. Online shopping is available 10/10-10/19. If you order online, books will be shipped after the 24th. Thanks so much for supporting the book fair!! http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bearcreekelementaryschool8

We need lots of cashiers to work at the book fair. If you are available, please sign up at: https://helpatschool.org/schools/1/events

For the 4th year in a row, Bear Creek has won Boulder Public Library’s summer reading challenge. We had the highest percentage of students from our school participating in the program. The fantastic trophy is on display in the library!!

Check out Sora, our new online reading app. Most books are chapter books, either e-books or audio books. Download the Sora app from the Apple App store or Google Play store or click on the image to access. Click here for instructions. Setup code is BVSD.

We also still have a subscription to an audiobook library called Tumble books, which has primarily picture books but also some chapter read-alongs, nonfiction and videos to accompany books. Click here to access or download the Tumblebook app for your iPhone or iPad. The web address is Tumblebooklibrary.com. Username is bearcreek, and password is books.
Walk to School Day

Despite the cold, wet, dreary day, BC kids and their parents walked, scooter-ed, and biked to school. Once there they were treated to some hot chocolate and fruit. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this event successful.

Follow this link for some more wonderful pictures from Ning Mosberger-Tang
Kids aren't thinking about whether they should wear helmets or check their bike's brakes. Help them learn the rules of bicycle safety.

By Connie Brichford

Medically reviewed by Cynthia Haines, MD

For school-age kids, getting a bike can be a rite of passage, a ticket to mobility and independence. But with independence should come responsibility. Your youngsters need to learn bike safety. And that means knowing the rules, both yours and your community's, and knowing how to keep their bikes in top working order.

Don't expect an easy time of it. "The single biggest problem in keeping kids safe on bikes is that they simply are not worried about it at all," says Seth Capron, co-founder of the Third Ward Bike Shop, a Houston-based nonprofit youth bike education program.

Basics of Bike Safety for Kids: Helmets and Maintenance

- **Helmets.** Make sure your child wears one. "Helmets are proven to decrease death and crippling injury," says Ken Haller, MD, an associate professor of pediatrics at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

  One way to stress the importance of bike safety for kids is to wear a bike helmet yourself. Dr. Haller says that modeling good behavior is more effective than just telling kids to wear helmets. "If you don't wear your helmet when you ride, it's not reasonable to expect your kids to wear theirs," he says.

  Capron agrees. "Kids need to know that the adults in the community are watching," he says. "Otherwise, the helmet will end up hanging from their handlebars as soon as they are around the corner."

- **Maintenance.** Don't be tempted to treat your kid's bike as a toy. Maintenance is an important part of bicycle safety for kids. "When a bike is neglected, steering and braking can suffer," Capron says. Regular maintenance is pretty straightforward: Keep the chain clean and oiled, tires properly inflated, and check to make sure no parts are loose like wheels, brakes, or handlebars.

Bike Safety for Kids: Where to Ride

For the under-10 set, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends riding on the sidewalk. Make sure your child is aware of dangers at driveways and street crossings and remind your child that it's the **bicyclist's job to avoid pedestrians on the sidewalk, not the other way around.**

For older kids, the road is safe if they can follow the rules. "Being predictable near cars is the best way to prevent accidents," Capron says. This means stopping at stop signs, going the right way on one-way streets, not weaving in and out of traffic, and not turning suddenly. Remember, too, that cars don't always behave predictably. Riding defensively and paying attention are essential.
Bike Safety for Kids: The Law

Many states treat bike riders the same as car drivers, meaning they have to obey the same laws as car drivers, such as stopping at red lights. Also, many states require children to wear helmets and put safety equipment, such as reflectors, on their bikes.

Parents can often be held liable for the actions of their children, so check with your local bike advocacy group to learn about the laws in your area. Being informed is another key part of ensuring bicycle safety for kids.

Bike Safety for Kids: The Parents’ Role

Haller recommends joining your kids on a bike ride from time to time. You can use this opportunity to make sure they’re obeying the rules of the road and that they have good control of the bike. If they have trouble steering or braking, it could mean the bike needs maintenance, or that your child needs more practice. Encouraging your child to remember these points could make all the difference.

Capron adds that just a little bit of care can help you and your kids avoid bike injuries. "Biking is a great way for people of all ages to have fun, get exercise, save on fuel costs, and enjoy being outside," he says.

Vision & Hearing Screening
Monday, December 3rd

On Monday, December 4th, the annual Vision and Hearing screening tests are being held at Bear Creek in accordance with state statute. They are performed in elementary school on kindergarten, 1,2,3, and 5th graders; those new to the district; special education students and those where there is current vision or hearing concern. These tests are conducted under the supervision of the School Nurse Consultant by the vision and hearing screening teams. A parent or guardian may submit an exemption from screening testing for his or her child. Exemption forms must be returned to the Bear Creek office by December 1st

Hearing Screening Waiver  Vision Screening Waiver

Puzzlemania

Hello, parents! I would like to invite your 3rd-5th grader to hang out with me after school for Puzzlemania! I will provide a wide range of puzzles. They only need to bring their brains and their tenacity :)

When: Tuesday, October 16, from 3:15-4:45
Where: The Lab in the library at Bear Creek
Bring: A nut-free snack, a willingness to persevere, and $20 cash or check made out to Bear Creek Elementary (you may drop payment off to Beth or Carolyn in the office if that is easier.)

Link to register: http://signup.com/go/iTvdYcA

I regret that I only have space for 10 kids. If the class fills up, please contact me to be placed on the waitlist.

Thanks! Lisa Chase
lisa.chase@bvsd.org
Stone Soup with 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders

Our students harvested vegetables and our parent volunteers prepared soup and everyone said it was delicious!! Just what was needed on a cold and blustery day.
FRIDAY NIGHT FUN (K-5TH)

KIDS NIGHT IN

Friday, Oct 26 • 6:00-9:30pm

Looking to go out to dinner or see a movie? Trying to find some time to get the shopping done? Kid’s Night in gives parents a chance to go out while kiddos play fun, active games, get creative with arts and crafts and even participate in some STEM fun activities. Dinner and dessert is provided.

Check with your site director for specific activities. Turn form in to your site director by Oct 23.

Child’s Name ____________________ Age (must be at least 5 at attend) ________ DOB ________ Gender □ M □ F

Address __________________________ City____ Zip ________

School ____________________________ Grade ________

Parent/Guardian ___________________ DOB ________

Home # _______________ Cell # _______________ Email _______________

Emergency Contact Name ___________ Relationship to Your Child ___________

Home Phone _______________ Cell Phone _______________

Address __________________________ City____ Zip ________

Medical Conditions/Allergies ________ Reaction ________

Special Needs/Concerns ________

Waiver: My child is in good health and is capable of participating in Kids Night In. I understand the potential risks of participation and hold harmless the YMCA, staff, directors and volunteers from accidents resulting from participation. I authorize, in a medical emergency, after reasonable effort has been made to notify parents, that a YMCA representative may seek emergency assistance at the parent/guardian’s expense. I give my permission and consent to the YMCA to use any photos, videos or other media record of my child(ren) at this event for any lawful purpose, without compensation to me or on my behalf. If I choose not to allow my child(ren) to be in photos, videos or other recorded media, it is my responsibility to inform the site director.

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________ Date ________

Fee $30 ✔ CCAP $15 □ $5 sibling discount available. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Contact your school’s site director for details.

Payment: Cash □ Check # ___________ Visa/MC/Amer/Discover □ Exp Date ________

Cardholder Name ___________________ Signature ___________ Date ________

Internal Use Only: Intake Name ________ Date ________

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Wednesday, October 10, 6 - 8 p.m.
**Superintendent Meet & Greet**
Centaurus High School
10300 W. South Boulder Road in Lafayette

Students, parents, employees and community members have the opportunity to meet our new superintendent, Dr. Rob Anderson.

Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
**Colorado Digital Citizenship Symposium**
Casey Middle School
1301 High St, Boulder


Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
**Latino Parent Summit**
Manhattan Middle School Of The Arts And Academic
290 Manhattan Drive in Boulder

This unique, Spanish language event is co-developed with Latino parents and includes workshops and community conversations with local agencies and the school districts to address their most pressing concerns. This year’s workshops include supporting early learning, mental health in the Latino Community, youth and drugs, sexuality, bullying and discipline, and many more parent-requested topics. There is also a partner resources fair during lunch, a great raffle, and Zumba this year. Free childcare and some transportation will also support parents in attending.
YOU'RE INVITED!
Meet BVSD's new leader.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY
MEET & GREETS

Introducing BVSD's Superintendent
Dr. Rob Anderson

Boulder Valley School District is excited to introduce our new Superintendent, Dr. Rob Anderson, to the community!
Everyone is welcome at the following open Parent and Community Meet & Greets. Students, parents, employees and community members are encouraged to join us and get to know our new leader.

Upcoming event dates:

October 1, 7 p.m.
Boulder High School
1801 Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder

October 10, 6 p.m.
Centaurus High School
19300 19th Street in Lafayette

October 22, 6 p.m.
Nederland Middle-Senior High School
991 County Road 150 in Nederland

October 24, 6 p.m.
Broomfield High School
1 Eagle Way in Broomfield

October 25, 6 p.m.
Southern Hills Middle School
1201 Keats Drive in Westminster

November 1, 6 p.m.
Monarch High School
920 Campus Drive in Louisville

November 8, 6 p.m.
Alicia Sanchez
International School
9550 E. Geddes Drive in Lafayette

Learn more at bvsd.org/superintendent
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!

www.boulderpsychologicalservices.com
BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY NIGHT WITH THE DENVER NUGGETS
Supported by Impact on Education – The Foundation for Boulder Valley Schools

Denver Nuggets vs Milwaukee Bucks
Sunday - November 11th, 2018 • 6:00pm • Pepsi Center
Alternate Night: Denver Nuggets vs. Memphis Grizzlies
Monday – December 10th, 2018 • 7:00pm • Pepsi Center

TICKETS:
Lower/Club Level: $44
Upper Level: $20

*All lower/club level tickets include a free Nuggets Hat.

Order tickets online at:
https://Nuggets.KSETickets.com/BVSD1819
Follow the link and select your school

*Purchase by Friday, November 2nd to guarantee seating with group.

There are NO taxes or fees. This offer is not valid at Pepsi Center Box Office or directly through Altitude Tickets. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and are subject to availability. Ticket prices are subject to change without notice. All sales are final – no refunds or exchanges permitted.

For more information, call Alexa Carpenter at 303.405.1196
or email Alexa.Carpenter@TeamKSE.com
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.

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 enter 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.

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.

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!

BoulderOEM.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?

City flood info: www.BoulderFloodInfo.net
Office of Emergency Management: www.BoulderOEM.com

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

SPONSORS:

- Chancellor DiStefano
- David Paddock Endowment
- George Gamow Memorial Lecture Fund
- College of Arts & Sciences
- Merrill Lynch
- CU Science Discovery Program
- CU Outreach Program
- Local Wizards Fans who donate!

CU Wizards 2018-2019 Schedule:

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For more information please visit: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards
CU WIZARDS PRESENTS:

Professor Katja Friedrich

THE
TUMULTUOUS LIFE
OF CUMULUS CLOUDS

FREE S.T.E.A.M show
for Students K-12
& Families

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
9:30-10:30 A.M.
DUANE PHYSICS G1B30
WWW.COLORADO.EDU/CUWIZARDS
The BVSD Gifted & Talented Office Presents

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

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

RSVP: marlys.lietze@bvsd.org

Parent Book Studies

“Embracing the Whole Gifted Child”
By Patricia Gatto-Welden, 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.lietze@bvsd.org

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

Newsletters

Contact Us

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Maia Jourgenson, Director of Student Success: maia.jourgensen@bvsd.org, 720-561-5087

Marlys Lietz, Administrative Assistant of Gifted & Talented: marlys.lietze@bvsd.org, 720-561-5149
Website: BVSD.org/Gifted

Boulder Valley
School District
ISE Mutual Assistance
Foundation
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:

Superintendent, Boulder Valley School District6500 Arapahoe Rd.
Boulder, CO 80301 205.561.5114 Superintendent@bvsd.org