Dear Bear Creek Parents,

This is the time of year that we start receiving questions about the class placement process. The following is the class placement process for the 2019-2020 school year.

Teachers, specialists, and the principal work through a thoughtful and deliberate process to derive a class list:

1. All the teachers from your child’s current grade level get together to build balanced class lists. They consider student abilities and achievement levels, learning styles, behavior, special needs, gender, peer relationships, and leadership qualities of all the students.
2. Teachers from previous grades are asked to review the lists.
3. Specialists (art, music, physical education, library, and special education) review the lists.
4. The lists are given to the principal, who considers any special circumstances that might necessitate changes to the lists. The principal then assigns the next year’s teacher names to the lists, using all the input from the previous steps.

As a double check, the lists are given one final review by the current year teachers, and then are considered ‘final’.

Most families have communicated throughout the year with their child’s teachers so that we understand each student’s needs and optimum learning environments. However, we know that at times there are special circumstances that you would like us to consider. If this is the case, please send an e-mail to Mr. Dayhoff and copy the current classroom teacher by Friday, April 26th to express these considerations. Your concerns will be placed into the process as described in Step 4 above. As has always been the practice at Bear Creek, requests for specific teachers will not be accepted.

Previous enrollment in a teacher’s class does not influence a sibling’s class placement the following school year. Though we understand the relationship you may have developed with a particular teacher, we must consider the overall classroom dynamic for every child’s success. Every new student and every new teacher is an opportunity for a fruitful and lasting relationship.

Sincerely,
The Bear Creek Staff
**BEAR CREEK CALENDAR**

**AT - A - GLANCE**

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**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 April Thrive Update

**Bear Creek Directory Link**

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Snacks - Sign up

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

We Appreciate You!
Volunteer Appreciation Week

"April 29-May 3rd: Parent Volunteers, please come enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in the Main Office. We are so grateful for your support!"

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King Soopers School Rewards have **Changed!**

King Soopers will now donate money to Bear Creek through your loyalty card or phone number. Please sign up!!! It is still easy and a free way to help Bear Creek earn money. Simply create or log into your King Soopers account. Search for **Bear Creek Home and School Association** or type AQ261 (our organization #). Click Enroll and you’re done! Now every time you enter your phone number or swipe your loyalty card at the checkout Bear Creek will earn money!

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

→Current Help @ School opportunities include Library Volunteers, International Culture Fest and Bear Creek Learning Garden Donations, Book Fair, and Teacher Appreciation Week. ←

Want to learn more about the PTO Budget, TLC Donation, Volunteering and/or King Soopers Donations? Please visit the [Bear Creek PTO Web Page](http://www.bearcreekpto.org)

**Next PTO Meeting 5/14 @1:30-3**

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.
FOOD. FUEL. FUN.

You Can Help Earn Money For Bear Creek

King Soopers Community Rewards Program makes up around 30% of our PTO budget. Each and every dollar earned goes back to our teachers and students. This is an easy and free way to help give back to our community.

1. Create or log into your King Soopers account.

2. Under “My Account” click on Community Rewards
https://www.kingssoopers.com/account/communityrewards

3. Search for “Bear Creek Elementary Home and School Association” and enroll!

Lucky’s Market donates 7% of every dollar spent on Bear Creek cash back

1. Load money onto your Lucky’s Market cash back card.

2. Pay for your groceries using the cash back card

3. Earn money for our school!

If you have any questions please reach out to katelyn.m.root@gmail.com
Teacher Appreciation Week is coming May 6-10th!

This is our opportunity to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate their time and efforts for our kids that they look after so well. Please look for opportunities below to help where you can.

**Monday, May 6th - Wash on Wheels - Car Wash Day!** All teachers and staff will have their cars washed while they work by Wash on Wheels.

**Tuesday, May 7th - Teacher's Breakfast for Teachers and Staff in the Teacher's Lounge.** Please sign up [here](#) to help bring food.

**Wednesday, May 8th - Child and Parent Sponsored Day -** Bring flowers, chocolates, cards, anything you'd like to show your family's appreciation for your special teacher(s)

**Thursday, May 9th - Parent Sponsored - High Tea for Teachers and Staff in the Teacher's Lounge.** Please sign up [here](#) to help bring food.

**Friday, May 10th - Funky Brewster's Coffee Cart -** Custom coffees delivered to the teacher's in the morning. Please sign up [here](#) to help deliver coffee to the teachers.

Warm Regards,
Amy

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**Bear Creek Garden Update**

Spring has sprung and the Bear Creek garden committee will be planting in the garden with the classrooms starting in May. We are looking for some items to help supplement our current garden supplies such as hand-held cultivators, wash bins, etc. Please visit the Help At School link if you have items to donate ([https://helpatschool.org/schools/1/events/3652](https://helpatschool.org/schools/1/events/3652)).

There is a bin in the front lobby area to donate items, if donating tree stumps, please take them directly to the garden.

Questions about what we are doing in the garden this spring? Please feel free to contact Lynn Roy ([lynnroy1@gmail.com](mailto:lynnroy1@gmail.com)) or Tania Hollingsworth ([thollings@comcast.net](mailto:thollings@comcast.net))

Happy Planting!
April 24, 2019

Bear Creek
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Join a Walking School Bus!
- Darley Dart meets at Gillaspie and Darley at 7:50 am.
- Super Soole Bus meets at Table Mesa Drive at St. Martin de Porres church at 8:00 am.
- Mountain Ramblers meet at Woodstock and Scrub Oak at 8:10 am.

Stickers and apples provided at the corners of Bear Creek (we’re skipping lemonade so kids get to class on time)

Parents - sign up to volunteer in the morning at helpatschool.org
BVSD Bike Week

A Human-Powered Event

April 22-26, 2019

Bike to School Day!
Wednesday, April 24

Students, Teachers, Staff
Register & Ride!
bvsd.org/toschool
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/.
Fun and Fitness Day

Dear Parents,

On Friday, May 3rd, we will have our Fun and Fitness day (weather permitting; our rain date is May 6th).

Fun and Fitness Day is designed to give students the opportunity to showcase the many skills they have practiced and developed throughout the year. We want to give students the opportunity to interact with their Parents, Teachers, and Peers. We will have lots of stations, and games set up outside on the field and in our gym. Parents friends and family are all invited to participate in the fun.

The schedule is as follows:

4th Grade 8:45 – 9:45
AM Kind. & 1st Grade 9:55 – 10:55
5th Grade 11:05 – 12:05
PM Kind. & 2nd Grade 12:40 – 1:40
3rd Grade 1:45 – 2:45

Fun and Fitness Day will take place on the Bear Creek field, and in the gym, so bring your tennis shoes and sunscreen. I hope to see you there.

James Soole
Library News

Mark your calendars for the spring book!! We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair on May 7-9th in the fish bowl. The fair will be open from 8:00-8:45 and 2:45-4:30 on Tues and Thurs. and 8:00- 8:45 and 2:45-5 on Weds. This event is a huge fundraiser for the library. Since we already hosted a fall fair, we will earn a whopping 70% of sales in Scholastic credit for this 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 5/1-5/14. If you order online, books will be shipped to Bear Creek and delivered to your child’s classroom after the 14th. We have a new option for busy parents who can’t make the fair. You can set up an eWallet to allow your kids to make purchases without you. You can set a spending limit for your student, and your card will not be charged until they shop. Check out our homepage for online shopping or to set up an eWallet account. http://www.scholastic.com/bf/bearcreekelementaryschool5

To make the fair a success, we need volunteers. If you are available to help out, please sign up at: https://helpatschool.org/schools/1/events

As summer approaches don’t forget about our great online reading resources, Sora and Tumblebooks. Sora has mostly chapter books, both e-books and audio books. Download the Sora app from the Apple App or Google Play store or access on soraapp.com. Click here for instructions. Setup code is BVSD.

Tumble books 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.
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- PM KG & 2nd Grades: 12:40-1:40
- 3rd Grade: 1:45-2:45

**Spotlights Concert** @ 9:00 & 6:30
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.


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](http://www.BoulderCountyShots.org); click on “Clinic Information” or call 303-413-7799 to make an appointment.
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.boulderpsychologicaleservices.com

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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!

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?

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

City flood info: www.BoulderFloodInfo.net
Office of Emergency Management: www.BoulderOEM.com
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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CU Wizards 2018-2019 Schedule:

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For more information please visit: [www.colorado.edu/cuwizards](http://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

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

Newsletters

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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 2018-2019

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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