Dear Parents,

It was above and beyond amazing to see such a great showing of students and families at last night’s Bear Creek Fall Carnival! There is nothing better than having community events for the sole purpose of building community. Thank you to our 5th graders and parent volunteers for all the effort that went into making the event so special. A special thank you to Michelle Wellington and Katelyn Root for their efforts in organizing the Fall Carnival. Michelle has been a lead on the Fall Carnival for 8 years, and helped make her family’s last carnival one to remember.

As the new principal at Bear Creek, I have heard from many stakeholders that there are so many ways to measure the amazing success our students have at Bear Creek. I appreciate and align with this balanced way of supporting students with a “whole-child” mindset. With that, we have some amazing academic data to share and celebrate.

One of the ways the state measures our success is through standardized testing. Each Spring, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders participate in the Colorado Measures of Academic Success, also known as CMAS. In the Spring of 2018, Bear Creek students outperformed the performance of the state, with 83% meeting or exceeding CMAS standards in English Language Arts and 73% in Mathematics. Statewide, about 44% met or exceeded expectations in English language arts and 36% in Mathematics in 2018. The state calculates student growth percentiles to tell us how much growth each student made compared to others who had similar test scores in past years. Our typical growing Bear Creek student outpaced 76% of students across the state in English Language Arts, and 71% in math. This is really amazing data!

Individual student score reports are available in Infinite Campus Parent Portal using these directions. Paper copies of these reports will be available at school later in the year.

Lastly, please be on the look-out for information about Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 16th, 18th, and 24th. The partnership between students, teachers, and parents is so important, and our staff looks forward to meeting with each and every family.

With great pride in Bear Creek,

Tanner
BEAR CREEK CALENDAR
AT - A - GLANCE

Monday, September 17
NO SCHOOL - Professional Development

Tuesday, September 18
Jump Rope Club Begins
Picture Day
Principal Listening Sessions

Thursday, September 20
Principal Listening Sessions

Friday, September 21
PTO Coffee @ 8:30 on Patio

Friday, September 28
Y Kids Night In

Monday, October 1
World Bullying Prevention Day

Tuesday, October 2
3:15 SAC

Wednesday, October 3
Official Student Count Day

Monday, October 8
Garden Club @ 8:35
Conference Sign Up Opens

Tuesday, October 9
1:30 PTO

Wednesday, October 10
Walk To School Day

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

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 September Thrive Update, the first issue of the 2018-19 school year.

Health Room in need of gently used boy’s underwear and shorts/sweats!!

The 1st Day of Spotlights and everyone is so excited! Thank you Mrs. James.
August 15, 2018

Bear Creek PTO
2500 Table Mesa Drive
Boulder, CO 80305

Dear Bear Creek PTO:

On behalf of Alicia Sanchez International School and the Boulder Valley School district RE-2, I want to express my thanks for your $5,334.26 check donation that you gave us. This money will be used to support trainings for teachers, to hire substitutes for those classrooms while teachers are in training, the ability for classroom teachers along with our three studio teachers to purchase needed supplies for their classrooms, support some of the fee charges for our 4th graders to attend Calwood and for all grade students to be able to attend more field trips. We greatly appreciate you thinking of our children with your generous donation.

Please accept my warmest thanks for this donation, we are truly grateful.

Sincerely,

Soco Franco
Principal Assistant
Alicia Sanchez International
Thank you to Michelle Wellington, Katelyn Root and a host of volunteers!!

Here are photos from the Carnival… enjoy!  Photos by Jeff Finkelstein

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PTO PULSE

THANK YOU!

Michelle Wellington and Katelyn Root for a wonderful Carnival!

Remember:

**TLC Donation**- Our school relies heavily on parent support to pay for our everyday operational budget. TLC is our one direct-ask fundraiser. Please stop by the office to drop off your donation. Our goal is 70% participation from

[www.helpatschool.org](http://www.helpatschool.org)- Please sign up and visit this site regularly to find volunteer opportunities at school. The upcoming Carnival depends on many volunteers and positions are still open.

**Cashback Cards**- 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.

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

Please join the next PTO meeting on **October 9th at 1:30 pm**. All parents are welcome!

**TLC UPDATE:**
Current donations **$67,674**
GOAL: **$70,000**

Your donation helps pay for things such as school supplies, field trips, and para-educator hours.
This Week’s Top Stories

- The school garden did great over the summer (thanks to all of the summer volunteers!) and the veggies are ready to be harvested.
- The Garden Committee will soon be working with each class to harvest the veggies that they planted in the spring and will create yummy, sweet-smelling snacks and crafts! Here is what each grade will be doing:
  - Kindergarten: lavender and mint sachets and okra art
  - 1st: salsa making
  - 2nd: flower pressing and flower anatomy
  - 3rd: snap pea, carrot, squash harvest and salad
  - 4th: harvesting potatoes and making French fries
  - 5th: Three Sisters harvest and plant dissection
- In art class, the Kindergarten classes made beautiful art using the okra from the garden as stamps - thanks Ms. Wright! (see pic)
- Welcome to the new Garden Committee volunteers this year! And a big ‘THANKS’ to Brigetta Stephenson who was our fearless Garden leader the last several years! Here is a list of BC Garden Committee members for each grade:
  - Kindergarten: Lara Peterson, Tania Hollingsworth
  - 1st: Tania Hollingsworth, Caroline Bruce, Emma Pickles, Rachel Baring-Gould, Jessica Clarke, Jeannine Wyer
  - 2nd: Susanne Kincaid, Lara Peterson
  - 3rd: Caroline Bruce, Lynn Roy, Jessica Clarke, Amy Deystone, Jessica Price
  - 4th: Emma Pickles, Brigetta Stephenson, Margaret Selby, Jeannine Wyer
  - 5th: Lynn Roy, Tania Hollingsworth, Susanne Kincaid, Rachel Baring-Gould, Alex Washburn

If you have questions, comments, or would like to hear about what we do, please contact: junnmroul@gmail.com or thollinas@comcast.net

Happy Gardening!
Where Have All the Cell Phones Gone?

The EPA states that for every 1 million cell phones recycled we can reclaim:

- 35,274 pounds of copper
- 772 pounds of silver
- 75 pounds of gold
- 33 pounds of palladium

In fact, today, there are 327.5 million cell phones in use in the US alone...and 6.9 billion worldwide.

The Wireless Alliance is a cell phone and ink cartridge recycling company. We work with wireless retail stores, e-waste recyclers, schools, universities, state and local government, large corporations and non-profit organizations to collect and recycle cellular equipment and ink cartridges. All equipment is repurposed in a zero waste, environmentally-conscious manner. Since 2001, The Wireless Alliance has reclaimed over 500 tons of wireless equipment from landfills, contributing to a cleaner and safer environment.

**Items we accept:**

- All cell phones, smart phones, PDA’s, iPods, digital cameras, and iPads regardless of age or condition
- Chargers
- Rechargeable cell phone batteries
- All accessories including: Bluetooth, air cards, clips and cases
- Paper manuals and plastic packaging

**All ink cartridges**

Bear Creek receives a portion of the proceeds from the recycling of these products and has both a cell phone and ink cartridge container in the foyer of the school building.
LEARN MORE ABOUT BOX TOPS AT ETFE.COM

Family clips Box Tops. Imagine how much our school can earn!
Our school can use that money to buy anything it needs. If every
Family submits all our school's Box Tops and receives a check,
Every year we submit all our school's Box Tops and receive a check.

BUY CLIP SEND EARN

Here's how Box Tops Works:

See a list of participating products at ETFE.com/products
including cereal, snacks, paper products and produce,
Look for Box Tops on hundreds of participating products.
It's easy! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for our school.

For our School with Box Tops for Education

EARN CASH

The latest news & information from Box Tops for Education

August 2015
What's the Program?
- Kids collect Longmont Dairy bottle caps, bring them to their classroom, and the school receives 5 cents per cap.
- There is no limit to the number of caps that can be collected.

Can My School Participate?
- Milk Caps for Moooola is open to schools that fall within the Longmont Dairy delivery area. If your school is in one of the following cities, please email or call to inquire if you are within the delivery area: Arvada, Aurora, Boulder, Brighton, Broomfield, Centennial, Commerce City, Denver, Erie, Firestone, Fredrick, Fort Lupton, Golden, Highlands Ranch, Lafayette, Lakewood, Littleton, Longmont, Louisville, Northglenn, Parker, Thornton, Westminster, and Wheat Ridge.
- Please contact Longmont Dairy to determine eligibility at 303-776-8466.

What steps do we need to take to get started?
- After we have confirmed your eligibility, we will provide you with the necessary information. You will need to complete an application and obtain your Principal's approval and signature.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?
- Contact Gary Schlager, our Community Service Director at 303-776-8466, or email him at garys@longmontdairy.com.
- Gary will help with the registration process, distribute collection boxes, coordinate cap collection and answer any other questions you may have.

How long is the program available?
- We are kicking off the inaugural year of this program for the 2012-2013 school year, ending on May 31, 2013.

How often can my school submit milk caps to receive Moooola?
- Please collect at least 1,000 caps before contacting Gary for a pick up.
- After your school's caps are verified, and within two weeks, we will send a check made out to the school. The Principal of your school will determine how to disperse the funds for the benefit of your school's students.

How do we count the caps and get them to Longmont Dairy?
- We ask that you assign a person at your school who will be responsible for packing all of the caps in the bags and/or boxes provided.
- The school is responsible for verifying that the caps are from Longmont Dairy bottles, counting the caps, putting the school information on the form provided by Longmont Dairy and attaching it to the bag.
- Once at least 1,000 caps are ready, please contact Gary to coordinate a pick up: 303-776-8466.

Which Longmont Dairy caps are eligible?
- Only caps that come from Longmont Dairy glass bottles are eligible: Milk, Chocolate Milk, Strawberry Milk, Half & Half, Whipping Cream, Orange Juice, Lemonade, Raspberry Lemonade, Classic Eggnog and Cinnamon Eggnog.
- Caps from Talbott's Apple Juice products are not eligible.
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!
Parents – Are you interested in having your children carpool, walk, bike, or ride the RTD bus to and from school with students from other Bear Creek families? WayToGo – SCHOOLPOOL, a program of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is once again providing us with our own Transportation Network. It’s free and there is no obligation to participate.

Go to [https://mywaytogo.org/s/under2500ncar](https://mywaytogo.org/s/under2500ncar) to get started! For security reasons, this link is the only way to enter the system for Bear Creek.

- Using the secure website, parents register to find and contact interested Bear Creek families.

- Parents may register with their home intersection instead of home address.

- Way to Go’s only goal is to help reduce traffic congestion and pollution, so rest assured your information will only be shared with Foothill families--no third parties will ever see it. Optionally, you can elect to share your information with families at other schools.

- The following information of yours will be viewable by others: parent and student name, home location (address or intersection), and email. Optionally, parents may share student grade, gender and phone number.

- Comments can be added to indicate special requests or preferences (i.e., “looking for a walk buddy in the mornings,” “need someone to ride the RTD with after school,” “can provide morning rides,” “student is in afterschool activities,” “currently carpooling,” etc.).

- The service can be used for planning full-time, part-time or emergency trips.

- The more families that register the more likely parents are able to find good matches.

Contact Way to Go at 303-480-6772 or [waytogo@drcog.org](mailto:waytogo@drcog.org) or Peter Hurst in BVSD Transportation 720-561-6116 ([peter.hurst@bvsd.org](mailto:peter.hurst@bvsd.org)) for assistance.

BVSD and Way to Go assume no responsibility, but provide this information for your use. BVSD and Way to Go do not run background checks, confirm valid drivers’ licenses or assess insurance coverage on participants. Potential users are advised to screen participants to their personal satisfaction and check their own insurance coverage for carpooling to assure they are covered under these voluntary arrangements. No drivers, vehicles or insurance are provided.
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/.
PLEASE HELP AT BEAR CREEK
Volunteer your TIME
or bring FOOD

① go to HelpAtSchool.org

② Choose Bear Creek Elementary from the drop down menu

③ Click here to volunteer

④ Choose from either Up-Coming (once a year) or On-Going (continues throughout the year)

⑤ Click

I'm interested in helping. Show me the available jobs.

Ooo Ooo! Me! I'll do it! Pick me!

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are grouped by events. Click on the tabs below to see different k

Back to School Night
Wed Sep 7, 2016 @ 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Jobs: 5 filled & still available
Organizer: Trevor Medd

Welcome back to another great year! Volunteers provide tasty snacks and beverages.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Snacks
Wed Sept 7, 2016
8:30 AM
Need 2 Volunteers:
Each vol:

Volunteers please consider creating a special treat for the students.

If you have questions, contact Kristin DeLorenzo at kristin.delorenzo@gmail.com
New BVSD Volunteer Procedures

What’s New!:

1. Volunteers now have the option to fill out BVSD volunteer forms through the BVSD Webstore found on BVSD website! You will be able to select from the following options:
   - **BVSD Volunteer Application** *(all new and returning volunteers must fill this out on an annual basis, free of charge, before volunteering in school in any capacity)*.
   - **CBI Background Check Application** *(this is a one-time application, the cost is $40, once that is approved it is valid for the remainder of the volunteer’s time at BVSD).*
   - **Driver Volunteer Form** *(an additional form that must be completed annually for volunteers who want to be drivers, free of charge).*

2. Volunteers can pay for their CBI Background check online with a credit card or your bank account information! You will be prompted to do so when filling out the online application. You can also choose to pay with cash or check when you come in to the Ed Center for your fingerprinting appointment (see below).

3. Volunteers can now come to Ed Center to get fingerprinted! After you have filled out the online CBI Background Check Application, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to schedule an appointment. Applicants without charges on their record, will receive results within 3 business days if you come to the Ed Center for fingerprinting.

What stays the same:

1. Elsewhere, will still need to fill out a BVSD Volunteer Application online or use BVSD’s Paper Application and send in to the Ed Center with a check made out to BVSD for $40. The BVSD Paper Volunteer Application will still be available. We encourage volunteers to fill out the online application, however, we know some families still prefer paper formats. **Please ask for a paper copy of the volunteer packet at school.** If you want to get your fingerprints taken, but aren’t comfortable with filling out the CBI Background Check application online. Follow the directions for BVSD’s Paper Application.

2. TClogiq is still an option for volunteer background checks. Volunteers who prefer to do the annual TCLogiq application can do so by visiting http://bit.ly/TCLoqiQ. Volunteers will still need to fill out a BVSD Volunteer Application online or use BVSD’s Paper Application. All volunteers who are requesting fee waivers must use the TCLogiq option (For details, see question 10 in our FAQs).

3. If volunteers prefer to get their fingerprints done elsewhere, they will still be able to do so. However, please note that the processing time for fingerprints done elsewhere will continue to be around 4-5 weeks (compared to 3 business days if they get their fingerprints done at the Ed Center). Volunteers who prefer to get fingerprinted

4. Board policy on which volunteers need background checks (and which don’t) remains the same. For more information, visit the volunteer website. Version en Español, presione aquí
**Math Fun!**

Bear Creek kids love math! We are always trying to think of ways to stay ahead of their skills. This week we have started spatial reasoning puzzles with 2nd grade and math enrichment with 4th grade. Give the number sequence to the left a whirl with your kids!

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**Share-A-Gift**

**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](http://www.shareagift.org) for more information about our program.
Questions Call – Tom Corrigan Share-A-Gift 303-591-1235

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**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]
Dear Parents,

Soon we will be starting our Intramural program for 4th and 5th grade students. The program is designed to give students extra time to further develop motor skills as well as enjoy a more competitive game environment. Good sportsmanship and safety will be first priority.

The sports students will be participating in are Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, kickball, and possibly others. I encourage students to participate in all sports; however students will be allowed to choose sports they want to participate in.

Intramurals will take place on Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:45 to 8:25, beginning in September and ending at the end of March. Our first day will be on Thursday, September 13th. Our first sport will be Flag Football. Drop off time is 7:40. Be on time, games start at 7:45.

Students wishing to participate need to pick up a permission form from the PB Office, or print a copy online. The bottom portion of the form must be returned to Mr. Soole before participation can begin. In order to offset the cost of providing equipment for Intramurals we are asking for an optional $20.00 dollar donation for the entire year.

Thank you,
Mr. Soole

Intramural Program Sign-up

If interested, please fill out and return just this bottom portion to Mr. Soole in the P.E office or my school mail box.

Student's name ___________________________ Donation $ __________

Parent Signature _____________________________

Emergency Phone Number _____________________________

Parent email address _____________________________
Dear Parents,

Soon we will be starting our Jump Rope Club for all Bear Creek students, Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our objectives will be to increase cardiovascular endurance, improve coordination and agility, meet friends, have fun, and learn to be a great rope skipper.

Jump Rope Club will be held every Tuesday from 7:45 to 8:25 AM. We will start in September and end at the end of March. Our first day will be Tuesday, September 18th. Although we encourage students to come every Tuesday, students should feel welcome to come as often as they desire. Jump ropes will be provided.

Students wishing to participate will need to pick up a permission form from the PE Office, or print a copy online. After filling out the permission form, the bottom portion must be returned to Mr. Soole before participating. We will make sure that all students are safely transported to their classrooms at the end of each session.

Questions: james.soole@bvsd.org. We are asking for an optional donation of $10.00 for the year, to offset the cost of equipment used.

Thank you, Mr. Soole

__________________________
Student's name

__________________________
Donation?

__________________________
Parent Signature

__________________________
Emergency Phone Number

__________________________
Parent email address
Salt Dough Mapping

Bear Creek Fourth Graders busy at work creating their topographical salt dough maps of the state of Colorado. Students identified significant geographic features such as the Continental Divide, Pike’s Peak, major rivers, surrounding states, and our state capital, Denver, Colorado.

Thanks, Abo’s Pizza, for helping to provide the boxes for our geography project!

Music with Mrs. Ellis’ 5th Grade

5th graders collaborate using hand drums and their names to create complex rhythmic patterns. They then turn those patterns into a performance piece in rondo form.

~ Instruments purchased with our PTO funds
Library News

Check out Sora, our new online reading app. Download the Sora app from the Apple App store or Google Play store or click on image to access or click here for instructions. Setup code is BVSD.

Mark your calendars: 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’re available please sign up at:
https://helpatschool.org/schools/1/events

In early September, Mrs. Ellis’ 5th grade class had the opportunity to hike up the hill to NCAR where we learned about how weather models are created. Due to a thunderstorm the night before (which left a measurable amount of rain in the rain gauge) we hiked up the road to avoid numerous mud puddles... At NCAR, we used a Kestral Instrument to collect data on the air temperature, wind speed, barometric pressure and humidity. An infrared sensor gave us some great information about the temperature of different surfaces in the local environment. We also had the good fortune of seeing a variety of cloud types. Since the sun came out and dried up our surroundings, we were able to hike back to school via the trail. All in all, it was a great start to our unit on weather and climate and a terrific way to prepare for hiking at Cal Wood! We plan to study different aspects of climate change all year long and are looking for parents from our community who might like to come in to talk about specific research projects or be a mentor to an “expert group” of fifth graders. Please contact Beth.Ellis@bvsd.org if you are interested.

Photos by Ning Mosberger-Tang

Also, here’s a link to David Campbell’s photos.
# FRIDAY NIGHT FUN
## KIDS NIGHT IN

Friday, Sept 28 • 6:00-9:30pm
Join us for our first Kids Night In of the new school year! 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 activities. Dinner and dessert is provided.

Check with your site director for specific activities. Turn form in to your site director by Tue, Sept 25.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Fee $30 □ CCAP $1S □ $2 sibling discount available. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Contact your school’s site director for details.

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- **September 2018**
- **Back to School Night**
- KG & 5 classroom Session: 5:00-5:40pm
- 3 and 4 Classroom Session: 5:45-6:25pm
- 1 and 2 Classroom Session: 6:30-7:10pm

**Special Events:**
- Labor Day
- Spotlights Begins - M&W
- PTO Meeting @ 1:30
- BEAR CREEK CARNIVAL 4:00-6:30
- Jump Rope Begins
- Picture Day
- PTO Coffee @ 8:30
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Junior Poms Clinic

Be Fierce

K-8th graders. No dance experience required

Who

October 6, 2018, 11-2pm (check in 10:45am)

When

Fairview High School Gym

Where

Cost

$60 ($70 after 9/28) -- Includes clinic with Fairview Poms dancers, snack, t-shirt, grass skirt, bow and half-time football performance at Recht Field @ Boulder High School Friday, October 12 @ 7pm

GO KNIGHTS!

amy.harpool@comcast.net; cell 303.718.6446

Payment link:
https://fairviewhigh.revtrak.net/Team-Sports/FHS-POMS/#/junior-poms-clinic-2018

We will take walk-ins day of clinic

2015 Poms Junior Clinic. Photo by Desambrizly d'Yrasso
2018 PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Presented by Boulder Psychological Services

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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PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS
Fall 2018 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER
Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR)
Learn how you can use MBSR strategies to improve your physical and emotional well-being.
When: Wednesday, September 19, 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Boulder Public Library, Hatton Room, 1300 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder
Presenters: Phillip Forizio, LCSW & Melissa Utz, LPC
Webinar: Rage in the House
Develop self-regulation and co-regulation strategies for living with someone who rages.
When: Wednesday, September 26, Noon-1 p.m.
Where: From your home or office! All you need is Internet access. To register: BoulderPsychologicalServices.com/free-webinars
Presenters: Angela Cilibreri, LPC & Annex, LPC
The Art of Aging
Discover a variety of ways to age well as you journey along the path of life.
When: Thursday, September 27, 4-5:30 p.m.
Where: George Reynolds Branch Library, 3595 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder
Presenters: Karen Effert, LCSW, Debbie Mayer, LCSW & Jerry Kay, LCSW

OCTOBER
Conscious Parenting: Building Resilience and Self-Esteem
Learn how to develop a more positive relationship with your child for success in life.
When: Monday, October 1, 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Lyons Elementary School, 336 High Street, Lyons
Presenters: Karen Effert, LCSW, Debbie Mayer, LCSW & Jerry Kay, LCSW
Substance Use and Abuse in Adolescence
Get a better sense of when it’s a problem and what you can do to keep your child safe.
When: Monday, October 8, 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Centennial Middle School, 2200 Norwood Avenue, Boulder
Presenters: Leah Kaplan, LPC, Kathleen Salmon, LCSW & Catharine Zavatski, LPC
From Manager to Coach: Parenting the Early Adolescent
Learn how to make this important parenting shift as your child moves into adolescence.
When: Wednesday, October 24, 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Louisville Library, 960 South Street, Louisville
Presenters: Brooke Witmer, LPC, Kimberly Bryant, LPC & Leah Kaplan, LPC

NOVEMBER
TV Show: Getting Parents on the Same Page
Whether your married, cohabiting, or divorced, learn how to work as a team to reduce conflict and increase parenting success.
When: Tuesday, November 13, 12:30-1 p.m.
Where: BVSD Ed Center, 5990 Arapahoe, Boulder
Watch: Channe12 or BVSD.org
Moderator: Dan Fox, LPC
Guest: Kimberly Bryant, LPC, Ryan Dawson, LPC & Angelo Citreri, LPC
Tweens! BFF vs. Frenemy
Learn how to navigate friendships & social drama. Parents and middle schoolers invited.
When: Monday, November 26, 6-7:30 p.m.
Where: Hot Lunch K-8 Center School, 4545 S. Sioux Drive, Boulder
Presenters: Carolin Ray, LCSW, Karen Effert, LCSW & Kathleen Salmon, LCSW
Webinar: Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy
Learn about this powerful treatment for treatment-resistant depression.
When: Wednesday, November 28, Noon-1 p.m.
Where: From your home or office! All you need is Internet access. To register: BoulderPsychologicalServices.com/free-webinars
Presenters: Wil Van Berloer, MD & Catharine Zavatski, LPC
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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Saturday, September 22
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Duane Physics G1B30
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, 6:30-8:30 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.

Contact Us

Dr. Michelle DuBois, Instructional Specialist for Gifted Education: michelle.dubois@bvsd.org, 720-561-5067

Maia Jorgenson, Director of Student Success: maia.jorgenson@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
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 District 6500 Arapahoe Rd.
Boulder, CO 80301  720.561.5114  Superintendent@bvsd.org