Dear Bear Creek Community,

Welcome to the 1st edition of Bear Tracks for the 2019-2020 school year. Bear Tracks is a long standing communication platform used at Bear Creek to communicate about a variety of topics and upcoming events. We elect to send much of this information to you at once, as opposed to daily emails with different attachments. Please take the time to read each issue - lots of important information is contained in each issue.

I am starting my 7th year as a school administrator, and take great pride in being principal of Bear Creek Elementary. When anyone asks what my job entails, I share that I have three main responsibilities - safety, learning, and community. I truly believe that a school functions best when students, staff, parents, and the community partner on behalf of each and every child. Bear Creek is one of the top elementary schools in Colorado as a result of the partnerships we have, and I look forward to growing those partnerships further this school year.

Back to School Night is on Wednesday, August 28th. Please join us to learn more about your child's teacher(s), the grade level curriculum, and how you can partner with your child's teacher(s) to ensure that 2019-2020 is a fantastic year. This is a parents only event. We expect a very busy evening, and encourage you to walk to school if you are able.

The grade-level schedule for Back to School Night is as follows:
- Kindergarten and 4th grade - 5:00-5:40 p.m.
- 1st and 2nd grade - 5:45-6:25 p.m.
- 3rd and 5th grade - 6:30-7:10 p.m.

Mrs. Brockway (Library), Mrs. James (Music), Mr. Soole (P.E.), and Mrs. Wright (Art) will be available in their classrooms from 5:45-6:30 p.m.. Mr. Dayhoff will be stationed near the Fishbowl throughout the night, and would love to greet as many of you as possible.

With great pride in Bear Creek,

Tanner
BEAR CREEK CALENDAR

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.

The Bear Creek Directory
I will send the directory link out via school messenger when I have completed making all the changes requested on the directory forms.

Back to School Night Schedule
Here is the schedule by grade level for Back-to-School Night next Wednesday (August 28):

- **K G and 4th Classroom Session**: 5:00-5:40pm
- **1st and 2nd Classroom Session**: 5:45-6:25pm
- **3rd and 5th Classroom Session**: 6:30-7:10pm

You are also invited drop by the gym between 5:45 - 6:30pm to say hello to Mrs. Wright (art) Mr. Soole (PE), Mrs. James (Music), and Mrs. Brockway (Library).

This is a parent event only!
AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS...
SOME HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE OFFICE

School Hours: School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

Playground Supervision: The playground is supervised for 15 minutes before school starts and for 15 minutes after dismissal. Students should not arrive before 8:15 a.m., as there is no supervision prior to this time. Students should leave the school grounds promptly after dismissal at 3:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather: Students do not enter the building until the entrance bell, except in the event of bad weather. A red flag on the flag pole will signal that students may come inside before the morning bell, and a green flag will signal that students should remain on the playground until school begins.

Bear Creek Bike Policy. Students are permitted to ride bikes, skateboards, scooters and unicycles to school. All students are to wear a helmet. Please dismount on the edge of the Bear Creek property and walk your bike or scooter to the rack. Ride safely. Bike racks are located in 3 places on our campus and skateboards now have racks in the front.

Tardiness: We believe that regular school attendance and being on time is of the utmost importance. The warning bell will ring at 8:28 a.m. and the regular bell at 8:29 to allow students enough time to be seated, ready, and in class by the time announcements start at 8:33 a.m. A student not in their seat at 8:35 a.m. needs to report as tardy to the office.

Early Dismissals: If your child must be dismissed early or excused from school for a brief period of time, please see his/her teacher to determine the necessary arrangements. In addition, please stop by the office to sign your child out and back in (if applicable).

Visitors/Volunteers: All visitors are asked to stop by the school office, sign in, pick-up and wear a visitor or volunteer badge every time they visit. Please return the badge to the office and sign out upon leaving the building. We know many of you are here regularly to volunteer, but we ask that you still check in every time.

Play Dates: After-school arrangements should be made prior to the beginning of school. It is not always possible to get a message to a classroom during the last minutes of the day. We understand that emergencies come up and we will try to help when this happens.

Absences: Please call the office at 720-561-3502 by 8:45 a.m. if your child will be late or absent. If you know your child will miss the following day at school, please call and leave a message for the office staff on the Bear Creek voicemail.
Because we are all back to together and like to share everything, we want to remind parents of BVSD guidelines for keeping your student at home and good hygiene practices.

**Guidelines for Keeping Your Student Home**

- **Fever, vomiting, or diarrhea:** Your student should remain home for **24 hours after** symptoms end.
- **Colds/respiratory viruses:** Keep your student home at the beginning of a cold. This is also the time when one is most infectious and least likely to feel well enough to participate in class. When he/she feels better and no longer has a persistent cough, it is permissible to return to school.
- **Strep throat:** Your student may return to school **after taking the antibiotic for 24 hours**, feeling better, and being free of symptoms.
  
  Your child will be sent home if he/she has a temperature of **101° or 100°** accompanied by **any** other symptoms.

**Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.** (taken from the CDC website on Flu Prevention)

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- If you are sick with flu–like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

**Strep throat and Sore throat** (taken from the CDC website on Strep Throat in Kids)

Not all sore throats are strep throats. Most episodes of sore throat — which can be accompanied by a runny nose, cough, hoarseness, and red eyes — are caused by viruses and usually clear up on their own without medical treatment.

A child with strep throat will start to develop other symptoms within about 3 days, such as:

- red and white patches in the throat
- difficulty swallowing
- tender or swollen glands (lymph nodes) in the neck
- red and enlarged tonsils
- Headache

**Strep throat usually requires treatment with antibiotics. With the proper medical care — along with plenty of rest and fluids — a child should be back to school and play within a few days.**

**What is the right way to wash your hands?**

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- Rub your hands together to make a lather and scrub them well; be sure to scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- Continue rubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse your hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.
LUNCHROOM INFORMATION

Negative Balance:
With all the new and exciting changes Nutrition Services is making, we will always feed our students and will allow their accounts to go in arrears. Nutrition Services staff will be generating letters from the QSP POS system and will have them distributed through homeroom teachers in Friday folders. We will also be making phone calls and sending emails to parents directly from Nutrition Services Dept.

Food Allergies:
BVSD is prohibited by USDA regulations to make any milk substitutions unless we have on file a disability form filled out and signed by a medical physician. If a child has a severe allergy that is considered a disability, parents can take the Disability Form to a medical physician (e.g. not a nurse practitioner).

The doctor must fill out Part B Prescribed Diet Order and detail what food to omit and what food to substitute. Parent needs to bring signed form back to school nurse and we need a copy at the Food Service office before we can make any substitutions.

If a parent does not wish to have the disability form filled out, we cannot make milk substitutions. However, the child always has the option to refuse the milk and take a minimum 3 of the 4 other meal components offered (fruit, veg, grain, protein), and drink water or purchase a juice.

Nutritional information as well as allergy information can be found at Health Services Nutrition & Allergens.

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Paying for Lunch:

About Your Child's Cafeteria Meal Account:

- All students have a personal meal account. Students access their account using their six-digit student ID#.
- Putting money on your student’s account in advance eliminates the need for your child to remember to bring money to school daily. Having money in their account also helps keep lunch lines moving.
- Send cash or check in any dollar amount to be credited to your child’s personal meal account, or go to MyPaymentsPlus.com to add money to their account. MyPaymentsPlus.com is fast, easy and very convenient to use.
- With MyPaymentsPlus.com you can set up a low-balance email reminder for when your student’s account gets below a level you choose. If you prefer, you can set up an auto-refill when your student’s account drops to zero. No money is ever charged to your credit card without your approval and there are no transaction fees.
- If using checks, please make payable to: Boulder Valley School District. Write your child’s first and last name and student ID# on the check to be sure the money is deposited in the correct account.
- When students bring a lunch from home, they may use their account to purchase milk, juice and side salad bar. Please contact the cafeteria or MyPaymentsPlus.com as needed to check on your child’s account balance before it gets too low.

Cash and Checks. Please make checks payable to BVSD and include your child’s full name and student ID #. With cash payments, please be sure the money is in a securely sealed envelope with full name and student ID number on the envelope. Money can be divided among siblings at the same school; please make a note if you would like to do this, and note the dollar amount per child.

Free/Reduced Lunch Program. Free and Reduced are online under Parent Portal

Lunch & Recess Times:

- Kindergarten: 11:30 - 12:10
- 1st Grade: 11:55 - 12:35
- 2nd Grade: 12:20 - 1:00
- 3rd Grade: 11:40 - 12:20
- 4th Grade: 12:05 - 12:45
- 5th Grade: 12:30 - 1:10
Hello Bear Creek families,

The Bear Creek Carnival on Thursday, Sept 19th, from 4 to 6:30 pm! We will send out more details in the coming weeks, but here is the quick pitch: The Carnival is an amazingly fun event that is hosted by the Bear Creek PTO and the 5th Grade Carnival Club. We have fun activities for all ages: carnival games, art, face painting, guessing jars, and great food trucks! To pull off an event of this magnitude, we need parent help!

*We need volunteers! Please visit HelpAtSchool.org - Carnival to sign up for an open volunteer slot. There are three shifts to choose from, plus set up crew or clean up crew, so there are time slots to fit every schedule! We keep the shifts short so that you can volunteer and still enjoy the event with your family.

*We need Guessing Jar Donations! Please visit HelpAtSchool.org - Guessing Jars for more info and to sign up to bring in a jar.

(If you are new to Bear Creek: HelpAtSchool.org is our volunteer website. We have a strong volunteer community at Bear Creek, and lots of opportunities to help out: from providing teacher snacks or making a dish for Parent-Teacher Conferences, to helping in the library or school garden, to assisting with events like Carnival. Pick an opportunity that fits your schedule and your interests!)

*We need gently used books and stuffed animals! We will have collection boxes in the front lobby of the school beginning on Monday, August 26th until Sept 17th so please bring in children's books and stuffed animals to donate. The kids love the option of choosing a book at the prize booth, and the stuffed animals will be given out as prizes at our Stuffie Walk. Please wash your stuffed animals before donating them. Thank you!!

If you have any questions about Carnival, or any issues with signing up for a volunteer slot, please contact Katelyn.m.root@gmail.com.

Katelyn Root
Bear Creek Carnival Chair
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.kingscoopers.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 Snacks

Twice a month classroom parents sponsor "Appreciation Snacks" for the Bear Creek teachers and staff to express thanks for their hard work. Each classroom will have their chance during the school year. Each Job requires (3) parents from the specified classroom to provide yummy snacks for approximately 15 teachers and staff. Some items that have been a hit in the past include bagels, lox and cream cheese, egg dishes, green salads, assorted fruit (to take) and fruit salads, veggie salads and trays, and of course the sweet stuff. Here is the link to sign up.

Mrs. Ellis’ class                      Wed Sep 4, 2019
Amy Kubitschek’s Class             Wed Sep 18, 2019
Jacquie Waldrip’s Class         Wed Oct 2, 2019
Kathy Hawk’s Class               Wed Oct 16, 2019
Liz Wilmer’s Class                Wed Oct 30, 2019
Michelle Hill’s Class            Wed Nov 13, 2019
Heidi Thompson’s Class           Wed Dec 4, 2019
Jenny Platt’s Class              Wed Dec 18, 2019
Sarah Koch’s Class                Wed Jan 8, 2020
Mia Jenak’s Class                 Wed Jan 22, 2020
Lori Hattendorf’s class          Wed Feb 5, 2020
Ray Neiman’s class               Wed Feb 19, 2020
Stephanie Brigg’s Class          Wed Mar 4, 2020
Robin Norton’s class             Wed Mar 18, 2020
Sara Bulow’s Class               Wed Apr 1, 2020
Emily Kallio’s Class             Wed Apr 15, 2020

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In an effort to connect with the students and for the students to connect with Mr. Dayhoff, he has spent time in all our classrooms reading books.

KG-1...School's First Day of School
2-5 ...The Book of Gold
P.E. News

Important dates for P.E.

**Jump Rope Club** - Held in the gym every Friday morning from 7:45 am to 8:25 am. (First day is Friday September 20th.)

**Intramural Sports** – Held outside and in the gym depending on weather, every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:45 am to 8:25 am. (First day is Thursday September 5th.)

Tumbling- Gymnastics unit plus Obstacle course.
December 2nd -through December 17th.
PLEASE NOTE! The gym will be blocked out for before and after school activities, due to tumbling mats, gymnastics and obstacle course equipment on the floor. No Intramurals or Jump Rope club during this time.

Fun and Fitness Day- Tuesday, May 4th. Rain day for this event is Wednesday, May 5th A fun community event that lets students showcase what they have practiced and learned in P.E.

If you are interested in signing up for Intramurals or Jump rope club, please pick up a permission form in the main entry. Or have your student ask Mr. Soole for a form. Fill out the bottom half and return it to Mr. Soole before activities begin. You may also print a copy from the Bear Creek website.

[Intramurals Sign-up](#)

[Jump Rope Sign-up](#)
Bear Creek Intramural Program

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 Tuesday and Thursday 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 5th. 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 PE 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 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 Friday from 7:45 to 8:25 AM. We will start in September and end at the end of March. Our first day will be Friday, September 20th. Although we encourage students to come every Friday, 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

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Jump Rope Club Sign-up
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Student’s name_________________________________________ Donation?______

Parent Signature________________________________________

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Parent email address____________________________________
Graduating Class of 2032

We want to give a huge Bear Creek welcome to the children and parents in the graduating class of 2032!

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/.
School is in full swing, and your children have been bringing home library books. For new Bear Creek parents and those who need a review, library policies are as follows: Students come to the library weekly with their class for a scheduled library time. (Teachers will let you know your child’s scheduled day.) You can also check the library website for the class schedule https://sites.google.com/a/bvsd.org/bear-creek-library-site/. During this time, students will come for check out and a lesson, read aloud, or book talks. Students then choose books. Kindergartners check out one book, first graders two, third and fourth graders three and fifth graders four. Students may also come to the library during the school day to check out with their teacher’s permission. Parents are welcome to get library cards and check out books as well.

Patrons may keep their books for two weeks, but if they want to check out new books during their next library session, they need to return their books. Books are considered overdue if they have been checked out longer than two weeks, and patrons will receive an overdue notice. Students are not allowed to check out books until they return all overdue books. Please help your children remember to return their books on time so they do not miss library check out. If patrons want to keep books longer than two weeks, they can renew them. We do not charge fines for overdue books, but replacement costs are charged for lost or damaged materials. Students who did not pay for lost books from last year will be expected to pay for them before they can resume library privileges.

**The library can always use volunteers to help shelve books.** If you have 30 minutes or so one day a week and would like to help out in the library, please sign up at https://helpatschool.org/schools/1/events/148. If you would like to help out for special projects or on a less frequent basis, please contact Mrs. Brockway at laurie.brockway@bvsd.org. Bear Creek library volunteers really help keep the library running smoothly!!

**The Newbery Club** is open to students in grades 3-5. This club encourages students to read Newbery Medal and honor books (Newbery Medal books are recognized each year for outstanding children’s fiction). Any interested student can pick up a review sheet in the library. To participate in the club, students must read at least five Newbery books during the course of the school year and complete book review sheets for each book, which they will return to Mrs. Brockway in the library. They will then have their picture taken for display on the Newbery Book Club board. They will also be invited to attend a party at the end of the school year where they will discuss their favorite Newbery books.

**Join the Bear Creek Library Birthday Club!!** Celebrate your child’s birthday with the gift of reading! Donate a new hardcover book in your child’s honor to the school library! A bookplate with your child’s name and special occasion will be placed inside the book. A photo of your child holding the book will be posted on the library bulletin board, and the birthday child gets to be the first one to check it out of the library! (Please note that it can take a week or more before the books are ready for checkout.) Please see Mrs. Brockway for a list of suggested titles or search the library catalog to be sure that we don’t already have a particular book. If you would rather donate a $20.00 check to the library, Mrs. Brockway will select a book in honor of your child.

Be sure to check the [Bear Creek library website](https://sites.google.com/a/bvsd.org/bear-creek-library-site/) for library news and events!
First Week of the New School Year
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.
To learn more about Box Tops for Education, go to BTFE.com.
Thank you for helping Box Tops are each worth 10c for our school.

Learn more about Box Tops for Education

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 clips Box Tops, our school can earn a lot of money.

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Here’s how Box Tops works:

See a list of participating products at BTFE.com/products.
Including cereal, snacks, paper products, and produce.

For our school with Box Tops for Education
Earn Cash

BUZZZZ
Box Tops

The latest news & information from Box Tops for Education.

August 2015
Earn cash for your school!
Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.

Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ for every bottle cap that your school collects from Longmont Dairy produced products (including Cold Brew Coffee, Iced Tea, Coffee Creamers, Milk, Cream, Lemonade and Orange Juice).

Since 2014, over $300,000 has been donated back to participating schools through the Milk Caps for Moooola program. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish: for good behavior rewards, special sports equipment, and field trips. Collect caps from your family or your neighbors.

It’s fun and easy to collect milk bottle caps and earn money for your school.

For more information, or to sign-up for delivery, visit LongmontDairy.com/caps.
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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.lietzebvsd.org

Parent Book Studies

"Embracing the Whole Gifted Child"
By Patricia Gatto-Wilden, 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.lietzebvsd.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.jorgensene@bvsd.org, 720-561-5087

Marlys Lietz, Administrative Assistant of Gifted & Talented: marlys.lietzebvsd.org, 720-561-5149
Website: BVSD.org/Gifted
FUN FOR THEM. PEACE OF MIND FOR YOU.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR K-5TH

At the Y, we believe knowledge, skills and values learned early in life create a foundation for the future. We also believe in the power of fun and games, creativity and curiosity, friends and role models. That’s why YMCA Before & After School Care sets out to give kids both smile-inspiring escapades and foundational experiences that help them grow as individuals. Whether it’s getting homework help, exploring science concepts, enjoying outdoor playtime or creating group art projects, the Y provides a safe, supportive environment that focuses on learning, developing interests and making friends.

Plus, parents enjoy the peace of mind of having a state-licensed program in their child’s school as well as affordable rates and qualified, trained staff.

- 7:00am until school starts / school dismissal until 6:00pm
- Full-time, part-time and drop-in options available
- School Day Off Camp and Late Start Day options
- Swim lesson add-on available for BVSD
- Participants receive member rates on Y programs such as sports and swim lessons
- Free and discounted family membership options

Visit ymcanoco.org for details or check with the site director at your school.

Financial assistance and CCAP is available to those who qualify. Details at ymcanoco.org/financial-assistance.

YMCA OF NORTHERN COLORADO ymcanoco.org • 303-443-4474
Branches in Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont & Johnstown (coming in spring 2020)
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 2019-2020

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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