

THE CHOICE Weekly News



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Dear CHOICE,

We are having a great time in New Zealand - five days of fun in Auckland w/friends, then flew to Nelson and have been touring the South Island these past 2 weeks.

New Zealand is incredibly diverse: Rolling hills of sheep stations to beautiful beaches to rugged coastline to glaciers & snow capped peaks. We spent the night overlooking this lake and its rushing rivers. Our campervan sleeps the four of us so we did not need to bring camping gear.

Today we are in Dunedin and of course went to the Cadbury Chocolate Factory! Mireille died and went to heaven. So now we only have three in the van. One more week here then on to Aussie.

Miss you all!

Boyd

p.s. - HI! From Mireille

Conference Congrats: The CHOICE Students did a fantastic job with their mid year conferences. We are impressed with how well these 6th, 7th, and 8th graders can present their work and reflect on themselves as learners. They were able to thoroughly check in on goals, community involvement, and each academic area. Thanks to all the families for taking the time to share this valuable experience with your child.

More Congrats: Congratulations to Alex Petroy and Ben Price whose teams placed 4th and 5th of 35 teams at the regional Optimist Brain Bowl last Saturday at Fairview HS, and to Dante Ascarrunz and Alex Petroy for participating in the Spelling Bee! Way to go!

Upcoming events:

Saturday February 7th:

Math Counts - Seagate in Longmont

Saturday February 21st:

Regional Spelling Bee - Monarch HS

Coming in February:

Colorado Math League

To help out with any of these activities, please contact Nell Jordan at nell.jordan@bvsd.org.

Groups: Patty Patterson, our wonderful CHOICE Counselor, came around to co-ops this week to

share the opportunity of meeting in small groups. There are various groups that focus on topics such as family change, friendship, and support during difficulty. Students had a chance to sign up or express interest. If you think your child could benefit from meeting with a group or if you have questions, please contact Patty Patterson.

Donations: Thanks so much to all the families that have given the full donation which supports all of the field trips and special opportunities that the CHOICE Program provides for all students. If you have not paid, just a friendly reminder that the balance is past due and we would appreciate your attention to this matter.

SENG Groups: are discussion groups for parents of gifted children. We have several new groups and you're invited to visit the new Parent Education Page on the TAG website at http://bvsd.org/TAG/Pages/parent_education.aspx for a complete list of SENNG group opportunities and more information. You will also find Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented BVGT presentation information and conference information on this webpage.

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Important Dates:

Feb 4 ADI Field Trips



Yummmm: Thanks to all the parents for providing the CHOICE Team with such a wide array of delicious food for breakfast and lunch during conferences. This allows us to have moment to gather and enjoy! We feel appreciated and refreshed.