



# Integrated News

Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies

May 4, 2007

## Principal's report

Dear Parents,

The Spring Festival was a joy. Watching the children dance was a perfect entry into spring, and the flower crowns gave color to the entire day. I want to thank all of the parents for being such a wonderful audience. Together we created a magical space for the children; thank you for your participation. After the folk dancing, the children participated in outdoor games, flower planting, basket making, and dancing to a live accordion player!

The staff had a discussion following the event on what went well, and what can be improved. We heard your feedback that not everyone could hear well during the dancing. We will work on getting a better sound system for next year. Also, we will plan on having an accordion player perform the folk dancing, rather than a recording. If you have other feedback, please let me know.

## Parent Volunteers

Many people have observed a renewed excitement developing in the area of parent participation and volunteering. There is a building momentum to get involved. This is very exciting to me because everyday I see the critical difference that parent volunteers make in creating a successful, positive learning community for our children. Here are some of the new developments:

- There is a newly-formed Volunteer Team that is creating improved approaches to getting parents involved. The next meeting of this group is Friday, May 11th at 12:30pm. Please feel welcome to join us.
- The Volunteer Team has created a new Volunteer Sign-Up Form that you will be seeing soon. It offers more practical and accessible opportunities for parents to get involved. Watch for this form in your Friday packet soon.
- Attached to this newsletter is a flyer describing current volunteer opportunities. Please take a minute to look that over.
- Current parent volunteers are planning to make more in-person contacts with other parents to encourage them to

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 4 (Fri) 1:45-2:30pm. **Curriculum Committee Meeting**

May 8-10 (Tues-Thurs) **5th Grade to Outdoor Ed**

May 9 (Wed) **BCSIS Plant Sale pick up in gym**

May 9-11 (Wed) 4-6pm. **Ed Council Meeting**

May 14 (Mon) **No PE classes** (Brooke setting up for Field Days); 3:30-4:30pm: **Design Action Team Meeting**

May 15 (Tues) 9-11am. **4th Grade Field Day**

May 16 (Wed) 9:45-10:45am: **5th Grade Strings Program** in Open Space; 12:30-2:30pm: **5th Grade Field Day**; 6:30-7:30pm: **Band Performance**

May 17 (Thurs) 5:30-8pm. **BCSIS Spring Carnival**

May 18 (Fri) **District Professional Development Day** - No school for students

May 21 (Mon) 3:45-5:15pm: **Shared Building Committee Meeting**; 6-8pm: **Kindergarten Celebration (Gym and Open Space)**

May 22-23 (Tues-Wed) **Scholastic Book Fair in Library**: see times on next page

May 24 (Thurs) **Kindergarten Teas** (4-4:30pm for last names A-G; 4:45-5:15pm for last names H-Z)

May 28 (Mon) **Memorial Day** - No school

May 29 (Tues) 9-11am. **Field Day Make-Up for 4th Grade** (if necessary)

May 30 (Wed) 12:30-2:30pm. **Field Day Make-Up for 5th Grade** (if necessary)

May 31 (Thurs) 2-3pm. **Michael/Four Wishes Performance** (Grades 2-4)

June 4 (Mon) 4-8:30pm. **4th Grade Night of Notables** (Open Space)

June 5 (Tues) 5-8pm? **4th Grade Performance** (times pending)

June 6 (Wed) 8:45-10:45am. **5th Grade End-of-Year Ceremony** in Cafeteria

June 7 (Thurs) **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

June 8 (Fri) **Last Day for Teachers**: 11:30am: **Staff Appreciation Luncheon for teachers**



# News & Notes

## Notes from the Treasurers

Big “thanks” go to Janet Corning (daughter Shana Rodelli in Erin’s 1st grade) and Shana’s older sibling for their tremendous efforts in obtaining Safeway’s grocery receipts and entering them into the Safeway’s fundraising website at the beginning of the school year. After many months of patient waiting, we received the check this week in the amount of \$1,721! Way to go, Janet and family!

We are still seeking parents with accounting skills to whom we can “pass the torch” for taking over the roles of co- or tri-treasurers. Please contact me at 303-527-0960 when you realize this could be your next calling. - Michelle Wemple

## Plant Sale Update

Something to celebrate: the number of volunteers who have come forward to help with the plant sale! We do, however, have two shifts in which more help is needed: Thursday (5/10) and Friday (5/11) from 8-9am. We will have coffee and treats for volunteers. To sign up, folks can call me at 303-581-1597, or email me at [roseharmosholder@earthlink.net](mailto:roseharmosholder@earthlink.net). Thanks!

## This one’s for you!

For two days only, buy-one-get-one-free! On May 22 (7:30-8:30am and 2:30-4:30pm) and May 23 (2:30-4:30pm), we hope to see you at the BOGO Book Fair. Plan to stock up for summer reading. This Book Fair is a “thank you” for all your support on our earlier fundraiser fairs. The profit all goes to you with a free book of the same or lesser value for every book you buy. There will be teacher wish lists, and gift certificates are also available. Please see the Book Fair flyer that will come in your Friday folder on May 18.

The fair will be open after school hours for children and families. Parents only are welcome during the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday. As always

credit cards are welcomed!! Checks and cash work too!

## Healthy Bouquets

When we purchase flowers, we do not tend to think about the pesticides used during flower production. Sixty-two percent of flowers sold in the U.S. come from Colombia, where heavy pesticide use accompanies harsh labor conditions. Next time you’re looking for a bouquet, consider asking for organic—which should be easier to find in the near future—or for VeriFlora certification (not to be confused with the industry’s Florverde certification). Check out [www.organicbouquet.com](http://www.organicbouquet.com). - Kathleen Christensen

## Paper crunch continues

Believe it now: the school office is STILL in desperate need of copier paper. Please pick up a package when you are at the grocery store or office supply store next and drop it off at the Main Office. The appreciation you will receive from our wonderful staff will be neverending.

## Bolder Boulder Registration

Whether the Bolder Boulder is a tradition in your family or you are thinking about signing up for the first time, join the fun of participating with your BCSIS community. When you register, sign up for the “NB” wave which is for joggers and walkers and then look forward to starting with familiar faces. Go to [www.bolderboulder.com](http://www.bolderboulder.com) for additional registration information. You can also drop by the registration location at Twenty Ninth Street and receive your race “schwag” on the spot. Prices go up May 13, so don’t procrastinate.

A good place to meet when you are ready to sit in Folsom Field is Section 205. If you are in the race and want to be on the BCSIS list of participants so that we can all look for each other, send an email to [cynthiacarosella@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiacarosella@hotmail.com).

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get involved. Especially important to our school are the parents of primary-age students. We would like you to be involved for the long-haul!

- Due to changes in our library budget, we really need parents who can help reshelve books next year. It would be great to have at least three parents a day help out on a regular basis.
- Children benefit greatly from parent volunteers on the playground during recess. Please consider taking time out of your day next year to organize games and help children find positive activities at recess.
- We are also looking for current BCSIS families to be matched up with new families in order to help them integrate into our school successfully. Let me know if you are interested in helping in this area.

As you can see, there are many fun ways to get involved. Parents often tell me how much more gratifying they find their experience at BCSIS when they are more involved. And of course, the children benefit in countless ways from your presence at school. Thanks so much.

## End of Year Energy

As you may have noticed, as summer nears for students, their energy level increases dramatically. The excitement and energy at school can be overwhelming for some children as we near the end of the year. Along with excitement can come some nervousness: Who will they play with all summer? How will they fill their days?

You can really help your child stay centered through this time by keeping them to a very consistent rhythm and schedule at home. Regular bedtimes, consistent quality time with parents, and good, healthy meals can really help children navigate this transition. Please take a look at your family’s schedule over the next several weeks and make sure to build in lots of relaxing rhythm for the kids. Thanks.

Phil