



Integrated News

Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies

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Principal's report

Dear Parents:

I hope you all had a relaxing three day weekend with your children. The cold winter weather is definitely upon us. Please remember to dress your child warmly for school. We want the children to stay as healthy as possible!

Bacaro Winter Festivita Fund Raiser

I would like to personally invite you to attend the Bacaro Winter Festivita coming up on February 24th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. This year's event will include tapas, wine, mingling, music and art. Suggested cost per person is \$25 to \$50, however a sliding scale is available starting at \$10 per person. Please remember that all proceeds directly benefit the BCSIS classrooms and teachers, so we hope you decide to give generously.

The YMCA is organizing childcare for the event as well. The cost for childcare will be \$5.00 an hour and will be located at the school from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Financial assistance is available for childcare if needed. We hope that by offering childcare, many parents will be able to enjoy an "adult" evening out on the town!

Please watch for the Bacaro flyer coming home soon in the Monday Mail. The bottom portion of the flyer should be returned to the office in order to reserve your tickets. Thank you very much for supporting our wonderful school!

CSAP

The season of CSAP is upon us once again. The third graders will take the Reading CSAP on Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 21. This is immediately following a four day weekend for the students from February 16th to 19th. Please be careful not to schedule any out-of-town weekend trips that go beyond Tuesday, February 19th.

Here is the CSAP timeline for March:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 23 (Wed) 10:30am-12:30pm.
VISION AND HEARING RE-SCREENINGS (Library)

Feb 15 (Fri) 2pm. **AFRICA CLUB**
meets in the Open Space

Feb 18 (Mon) **President's Day – NO SCHOOL**

Feb 19 (Tues) **Professional Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Feb 20 (Wed) 4-5pm. **ED COUNCIL MEETING** (Library)

Feb 20-21 (Mon-Tues) **CSAP window begins**

Feb 24 (Sun) 5-8pm. **BACARO FESTIVITA**

Feb 29 (Fri) **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** (Gym)

March 19 (Wed) 4-5pm. **ED COUNCIL MEETING** (Library)

March 20 (Thurs) **SPAGHETTI DINNER** (times TBD)

March 21 (Fri) **CSAP window ends**

March 24-28 (Mon-Fri) Spring Break – **NO SCHOOL**



Africa Club Mask Making a Blast

Twenty-five students gathered in the Open Space on Friday for a festive time of making clay masks and enjoying yummy snacks to the sounds of African music. Join us on Friday, Feb. 15th at 2:00pm for the next Africa Club gathering. We will be making small light items (puzzles, origami, etc) to send to the Rock Foundation School with Bay Roberts and Patti Gilbert during their March trip.

The Africa Club bake sale last spring earned enough money to buy lunch for the 30 poorest children at our sister school in Uganda for a whole semester. For many of these children, this is their only meal every day. We are thrilled to report that the academic performance of these children has improved in measurable terms. Here is a letter from one of these children to all of us:

Hullo Sponsor,

I am Kisakye Nocolas from Uganda. I am so happy that I got someone who cares about my life. It's really great. I want to thank you so much for paying for my money for lunch. God bless you so much and all your family.

Bye, bye.

Kisakye

Happy New Year!

For more information on the Africa Club, contact Cindy Alaimo at cindyalaimo@comcast.net

Bacaro Festivita

Our next fundraiser, Bacaro Festivita, is just around the corner on

Sunday, February 24, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be available through the YMCA. Help sponsor the event with a financial donation, and we'll give your business some of the spotlight. Or, donate hand-crafted goods and fine arts to earn money for BCSIS. Contact Robin Allegra at 720-291-3046 or rallegra@comcast.net for more information.

Lifelong Learning Classes at BCSIS

Three Lifelong Learning classes will be offered at BCSIS during the Spring semester: Beginning Spanish for kids ages 6 to 8; Friday Afternoon Art Club for ages 7 to 12 and Creative Dance, ages 7 to 10. More information and registration at www.bvsvd.org/LLL and 303-499-1125 x 222.

Construction Timeline

If you are interested in the details of our school's construction project, bookmark the following link: <http://bvsvd.org/C14/2006%20Bond%20Project/School%20Pages/High%20Peaks%20and%20BCSIS.pdf>. Here you can find the staff and parents on the Design Advisory Team, the Scope of Work listing and the Project Timeline. Construction starts in April.

Thank You Corner

Kudos to the parents and staff who represented BCSIS in presentations and tours during Open Enrollment.

- 3rd Grade Math: Monday and Tuesday, March 3rd and 4th
- 4th Grade Reading, Writing, and Math: Tuesday, March 4th to Friday, March 14th
- 5th Grade Reading, Writing, Math and Science: Monday, March 3rd to Tuesday, March 18th
- 3rd Grade Writing: Monday and Tuesday, March 17th and 18th

As a reminder, having all students take the CSAP is critical for our school to remain accredited under state and federal requirements. In addition, the teachers use CSAP information to individualize instruction for students. Please be very careful to make sure your child will be in school on all of their testing days, unless of course they are not feeling well.

Although the time periods appear long for the 4th and 5th grades, don't forget that the children are only tested for about 90 minutes in the morning on any given day of their assessment window. However, it is very important that the children get lots of sleep and eat plenty of healthy food during testing periods. We will have lots of fun, hearty snacks (and chewing gum!) at school as well.

Thank you so much for your support!

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