



Integrated News

Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies

April 7, 2008

Ed Council membership for 2008-09

On Wednesday April 16th, we will be holding our annual BCSIS Spring Community meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. We would like as many parents as possible to attend. An agenda for that meeting is also being included in this edition of the Integrated News.

One of the tasks on the agenda for our Spring Meeting is to vote for our Ed Council members for the 2008-09 school year. In accordance with our by-laws, we are opening the nomination process for the Ed Council positions for next year. Anyone interested in joining the Ed Council can nominate themselves for any of the positions listed below. I suspect that a number of the parents holding these positions this year will be interested in returning to fill them next year, but there is always a need for interested parents.

One item to consider when thinking of participating in the Ed Council is that the day we meet will be moving from Wednesdays to Thursdays starting next year. We will generally be meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Sometimes two people share a position and in the case of the treasurer, it would be great to have a third person join and start learning the job! This year, we would like to fill the Classroom Representative positions in early summer so that we can hold our first Ed Council meeting in August.

Voting Ed Council Positions

- Parent Co-chair (Co-facilitator) - This position has a two-year term, so I (Patrick) will be serving in this role again next year.
- Parent Secretary - Takes meeting notes, prepares minutes for School Newsletter.
- Parent Treasurer* (also Chairs the Finance Team) - Handles the financial requirements of the budget, and cash flow, and taxes.
- Parent Co-Treasurer* - Supports the Treasurer with their responsibilities.
- Parent K-2 Representative - Voting representative for the lower grades.
- Parent 3-5 Representative - Voting representative for the upper grades.

The Treasurer and Co-Treasurer positions are minimum two-year commitments with overlapping terms. The Treasurer and Co-Treasurer will select one of them to be the voting member.

Ed Council Non-Voting Positions

- Parent Classroom Representatives - One person needed for each classroom. Acts as a liaison between their classroom and the Ed Council.
- Volunteer Coordinator(s) - Coordinate and communicate with parent volunteers for special events.
- Parent Representative to District Accountability Committee
- Parent Representative to District Parent Council

If you are interested in any one of these Ed Council positions, or want more information, please let one of the following know by Monday, April 14th: Patrick Wilson (Parent Co-Chair, 303-516-4042, patrick@blackhorsecoaching.com); Will (Teacher Co-Chair, will.humke@bvsd.org), or Phil (phil.katsampes@bvsd.org). Thank you for your consideration!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 7 (Mon) **Plant Sale Begins**—Order forms in Monday Mail

April 8 (Tues) 2:30-4pm. **Book Fair** (Library)

April 9 (Wed) 2:30-4pm. **Book Fair** (Library)

April 10 (Thurs) 2:30-4pm. **Book Fair** (Library)

April 11 (Fri) 1:30-2pm. **Plant Sale Volunteer Meeting** (in front of the gym)

April 15 (Tues) 6-8pm. **5th Grade Parents Transitioning to Middle School Together!** (Mesa Elementary School)

April 16 (Wed) 11am-noon. **Jazz Mountain Performance** (New Vista High School)

April 16 (Wed) 6-7:30pm. **All-School Parent Community Meeting** (Open Space)

April 18 (Fri) **Plant Sale Order Forms are due**

April 18 (Fri) 1:30-3:30pm. **Africa Club** (Open Space)

April 21 (Mon) 7-8pm. **Jan Hittelman speaking on teens** (Library)

April 21-24 (Mon-Thurs) **Fifth Grade to Outdoor Ed** at YMCA Camp Santa Maria

April 25 (Fri) Conference Exchange Day – **NO SCHOOL**

April 28 (Mon) Conference Exchange Day – **NO SCHOOL**

April 29 (Tues) Professional Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Spring Community Meeting Agenda

The BCSIS Spring Community Meeting is on Wednesday, April 16th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! Here's the agenda:

6:00 p.m. **Jazz Mountain Performance** (10 minutes)
- Jan May

6:10 p.m. **Culture Building Activities of Teachers** (30 minutes) - Will/Sabine

6:40 p.m. **Ed Council Structure; Voting of members for 2008-'09 Ed Council** (10 min) - Patrick

6:50 p.m. **Treasurer's Update** (10 min) - Jennifer/Marjorie

7:00 p.m. **Volunteer/Fundraising Changes** (10 min) - Patrick/Darcy

7:10 p.m. **Dyad discussion on ideas for greater participation in Full Participation and Volunteering** (10 minutes)

7:20 p.m. **Share back ideas & Q&A**



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Plant Sale Volunteer meeting...

... on Friday, April 11 at 1:30 in front of the gym. In today's mail, look for the 2008 Mother's Day Plant Sale order form for this year's fundraising



event! Many wonderful new perennials are available in large one gallon containers, along with beautiful baskets and fabulous annuals.

Volunteers are still needed to gather order forms, make phone calls, collect boxes, and assist on sale days. The volunteer meeting is on Friday, April, 11 at 1:30pm in front of the gym. Volunteers, please contact Rose Harmos-Holder at 303-581-1597. For other questions, please contact me at 303-440-6149 or sticki3@msn.com. Thanks! Vicki Kurzban

Thank you corner

Thank you to Ema Lyman for the visually-appealing and informative displays at the front entrance to our school. Each month, Ema celebrates a theme with well-researched information and well-chosen graphics.

A wholehearted "Thank You" to all who helped create such a wonderful and successful Spaghetti Dinner! I would also like to add, with much gratitude, those of you who went the extra miles: Meagha and Scott, Phil, the 5th Graders, Rose, Jamie, Jill, Donna, Beth and David, Sonja and Marc, Eileen and Neil, Mahlia, Leslie, Robyn and Alani, Katy, Julie H, Thia and Erin, Sandy, Lynne, Tracey, Kim, Vicki, BB, Gwen, Margo and Kate, and all of the musicians, decorators, ticket sellers, kitchen and cleanup helpers! Go Outdoor Ed!

With much appreciation, Marie Bloch

This letter is from Moe Zaharako-Weissman and his family and carries

with it an immense amount of appreciation, and deep gratitude, for all the support, prayers and contributions that so many of you offered to Moe throughout his healing process after his recent surgeries. The money raised, which topped \$1,500, will be put toward medical expenses and alternative healing modalities. Moe is ready to come back to school, and drink in the rich life of a community made up of vibrant and colorful children, growing, creating and exploring each day.

This is an amazingly delicate life. An Earth balanced perfectly in a universe that could easily burn or freeze it. A body that is supported by bones, moved by muscles, informed by an intricate electrical system. Our hearts work constantly



to keep us up to speed with life, our lungs breathe in the vitality of it all, and we sit most honorably in the center of such miracu-

lous creation.

May we continue to move forward, into our families, into our world and into our lives, with the joy and appreciation of all that we have been given in this precious life.

Your thoughtfulness and generous offerings have touched our family quite deeply, and our most sincere appreciation goes out to the entire BCSIS community.

With much love and gratitude, Moe, Tasha, Judd, Pete, Veda, Ryzen and Fynn

Jazz Mountain performs

Jazz Mountain will be performing at New Vista High School on Wednesday, April 16th. The performance is scheduled for 11am, but we will arrive at New Vista at 10am to give some time for an on-stage rehearsal. Parents of Jazz Mountain students are encouraged to attend the performance. If you are available

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to help transport students, please make sure your paperwork is complete in the office and let me know how many students you can transport. - Jan May

Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition Award

A group of Suzanne's current and former parents of her students have submitted a nomination for her for this annual award. Nominees are considered for their innovative and effective teaching that demonstrates clear academic results, their commitment to their students and their ability to work collaboratively with colleagues. Winners will be announced by April 18. Please congratulate Suzanne when you see her.

5th grade parents transitioning to Middle School together!

The Parent Engagement Network (PEN) presents this program free of charge on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 6-8pm, at Mesa Elementary School. Jim Thomas, master presenter and president of the National Institute for Change, will provide hands-on tools and tips that will help us stay connected during our transitioning relationship with our kids. Contact Laura Spicer, Mesa PEN representative at 303-358-9371 or teamspice@comcast.net. Translation, childcare, snacks and drinks will be provided free of charge. Please RSVP. Sponsored in partnership by BCSIS, Bear Creek, Creekside, Community Montessori, High Peaks and Mesa Elementary Schools.

New vaccine requirements for 2008-09 school year

A second dose of the varicella (chickenpox) will be required for all kindergartners and first graders. Varicella (chickenpox) is a disease that is very contagious, and there continue to be outbreaks of the disease in Colorado as well as other states around the country. As a re-

sult of continued outbreaks, even in children who have had one injection of varicella vaccine, next year the state of Colorado requires a second dose of Varicella vaccine beginning at kindergarten as well as 1st grade entry. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide an updated record of immunization to the school.

It continues to be a rule that if a child has had chickenpox disease, a laboratory test showing immunity or a documented disease history from a health care provider is acceptable. In Colorado, children will need to have the appropriate documentation of two doses of varicella vaccine at entry into Kindergarten and 1st grade as well as the other vaccine requirements.

If you do not wish your child to have this vaccine for personal or religious reasons, please sign a waiver that is available in the Health Room. A medical exemption must be signed by a physician.

The Tdap vaccination will be required for 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th graders. Pertussis (whooping cough) can be a very serious disease in infants and small children. It has been found that siblings who have Pertussis disease can expose other children in the household. Colorado ranks fifth of all states in the country with this disease. Per Colorado state law, Tdap vaccine will be required for all 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th grade students the upcoming school year (2008-09). It is the responsibility of the parents to provide an updated record of immunization to the school.

If you do not wish your child to have this vaccine for personal or religious reasons, please sign a waiver that is available in the Health Room. A medical exemption must be signed by a physician.

Parents of 6th graders: The most commonly used vaccine for Tdap in the Boulder area requires that the child be at least 11 years old. If your child is entering 6th grade and is not yet 11, please check with your provider ahead of time to see if you will need to wait until the 11th birthday.

Help create a green school

Wondering what you can do with your Stimulus check? Support a unique opportunity to create a sustainable learning environment—perhaps for the only time in the life of our school building! Built in 1960, the Aurora 7 building is targeted for its first intensive overhaul—remodeling and new construction work, starting this summer. Voters approved funding to bring the building current with fire and electrical code, and to improve electrical systems to support modern information technology. However, beyond a few low cost options, funding is lacking for sustainable and green building choices, especially for the remodel work on the energy-inefficient, old part of the school.

A group of dedicated parents from the two schools have been working with the district to identify energy conservation and green building goals. Your donation will help support two primary goals: the increase of day-lighting through solar tubes (basically light wells in the roof) AND increased energy conservation through the enhancement of the insulation in our walls, roof, and doors. When fully implemented these steps could reduce the school's electricity use by over 50%, reducing our carbon footprint and creating a more natural, sustainable learning environment. Remember, dollars saved in energy costs are dollars better spent on education. To learn more and donate go to www.double-duty.org/project-menu/boulderschoolsbcsis.html. Donors will be recognized.