



Integrated News

Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies

May 5, 2008



Principal's report

Dear BCSIS Parents:

Never has the saying, "The only thing constant in life is change" been more pertinent for our school than this year. Three of our teachers—Leson, Erin, and Meaghan—met up with life events that, unexpected or not, altered their plans considerably for next year. All three of these teachers have taken a one year leave of absence.

A leave of absence means these three teachers are guaranteed that they can return to their full-time positions at BCSIS for the 2009/2010 school year. This is a wonderful thing, because these are three outstanding teachers. However, this situation is unique in that, for the 2008/2009 school year, we will bring on three new teachers in temporary one-year positions.

BCSIS historically does not post and interview for one-year positions. These three positions will therefore be placements made by the principal, incorporating considerable input from teachers and parents. These positions end after one year, and any decision to hire these placements for permanent, ongoing positions would involve an interview committee that includes parents and teachers.

We have had some exceptional substitutes and interns working in our school this year. We have therefore had the chance to observe and get to know some remarkable educators. We also have met some outstanding teachers in the larger community who have a great interest in joining the BCSIS faculty. Due to the fact that these positions are temporary, we cannot offer these positions to people who currently hold permanent BVSD teaching contracts.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive communication that explains in detail any changes in staffing or teacher placements that would affect your child's classroom. You, as parents, have been incredibly patient and trusting over the past month. I know you are all very anxious to know what teacher your child will have next year. Please know that we are working incredibly hard to build a whole model for the school that brings us to greater heights of excellence and consistency with our unique focus program.

For your sustained support and patience, I thank you.

Phil

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 5-9 (Mon-Fri) Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 (Tues) 6-7pm. Parent Night on Bullying with Lisa Cech

May 7 (Wed) 9:40am. Joint Fifth Grade Strings Concert

May 7 (Wed) 3-4pm. Plant Sale Pick-Up (Gym)

May 8 (Thurs) 8-9am and 3-4pm. Plant Sale Pick-Up (Gym)

May 8 (Thurs) 6-8pm. Spring Carnival

May 13 (Tues) 6-7pm. Joint HP/BCSIS Band Concert (Gym)

May 13 (Tues) 7-8pm. Internet Safety with Jennifer Hanson (Library)

May 16 (Fri) 1:30pm. Africa Club and 1st Grade World Market (front of school)

May 21 (Wed) 9-11am. 4th & 5th Grades Field Day

May 21 (Tues) 12:30-2:30pm. 3rd Grade Field Day

May 21 (Tues) 4-5pm. ED Council Meeting (Library)

May 23 (Fri) 2-4pm. Africa Club (Open Space)

May 26 (Mon) Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

May 28 (Wed) 9am. Groundbreaking Ceremony

May 28 (Wed) AM – Fifth Grade Graduation

May 28 (Wed) PM – Fifth Grade Rose Ceremony

May 29 (Thurs) LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS (full day)



News & Notes

Sandi is retiring

Our beloved registrar is retiring at the end of this school year, and we know that many families would like to thank her for her many kindnesses over the years. If your family would like to write a thank you card, you can drop it off in Diann Glander's box in the Copy room or with Lisa Hawkins at the first desk on the left in the office.

Also, if you would like to make a contribution to a thank you gift fund, Lisa has an envelope on her desk marked "Diann Glander" in which you can place it. Cash only and by May 15, please. We'd love to send Sandi and Percy out to a wonderful celebratory dinner.

The Parent Professional Partnership (PPP)

Parents & Professionals Collaborating for Student Success is pleased to announce that BVSD Superintendent Chris King, along with Deputy Superintendent Ellen Miller-Brown and the new Executive Director of Student Success, are coming to talk with parents at our meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 9-11am. Drs. King and Miller-Brown will be discussing the exciting restructuring that BVSD is undergoing to create more student success. Held in the Library Conference Room at the Education Center (6500 Arapahoe Rd.) Open to parents and teachers. For more information, contact Anna Stewart, PPP Parent Liaison, at 303-245-5918 or anna.stewart@bvsd.org.

Don't let time run out on your good intentions

It's not too late to make a donation and to financially support all the fantastic projects and learning opportunities your child has experienced this year. Unexplainably, the number of parent donations has been less this year—only 55% thus far. Any level of support—\$10, \$25, \$50 or more—is needed to lessen the burden of fundraising and to pay for the extras our students enjoy.

Teacher appreciation time

- Please encourage your child(ren) to write a note to their teacher(s) this week. This week would be a sweet time to guide your child(ren) in writing and/or drawing a little note for their teacher(s) to let them know how much they are appreciated. This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch happens the day AFTER the last day of classes for students from 11:30am – 1pm. Volunteers are needed to bring a dish or ingredients for the burrito bar theme. This has been a wonderfully popular treat for our staff and volunteer families each year as they pack and clean. The food is always great and it makes coming to school that day so much more fun for our teachers and staff as well as volunteers. Ingredients needed include: tomatoes, greens, meats, beans, shredded cheese, salsa, tortillas, fruit, and dessert. This will be coordinated by Sonja Toutenhoofd and Marc Gacy but they

would appreciate lots of help. Please call them at 720-890-2937 or e-mail sonjamarc@earthlink.net. Also, next year it would be wonderful if other parents could take over that day's coordination. Let us know if you think you could help for this year or next. Thanks!

- Teachers will receive a choice of flower from the flower sale as another token of our community's appreciation of them.

Learn about internet safety

Join us for an evening to learn about Internet Safety on Tuesday, May 13th, 7-8pm in the Library. Jennifer Hanson from the BVSD IT Department will teach us about the internet and strategies for keeping all children safe.

World Market at BCSIS

The Africa Club and the 1st Grade will host a World Market on Friday, May 16th at 1.30pm in the front of the school. It will include ethnic dolls, jigsaw and brain teaser puzzles, jewelry, frog and leaf hoppers, priced from 5 cents to \$1.50 and created by the Africa Club attendees and 1st Graders who are currently studying Africa. The World Market will also be selling baked goods. Music will be provided by our BCSIS community musicians. Additional activities include face painting, tattoos and a table for all children to create with clay.

Plant sale pick up is this week

Delectable organic herbs grown by our own Rose Harnos-Holder, and cash and carry plants will also be available. Pickup is on Wednesday, May 7, from 3-4pm and Thursday, May 8, from 8-9am and 3-4pm at the school. Thanks for all of the orders so far, and keep them coming in. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Rose Harnos-Holder at roseharmosholder@earthlink.net.



Bolder Boulder

BCSIS is again designating a specific wave for registration if you want to see friendly faces at the starting line—wave "ME" which starts at 8:25:20am. This wave is for joggers but any level will work. Section 205 in Folsom Field is the designated post-race meeting place. Check out www.bolderboulder.com for all race information.

Don't miss Spring Carnival

The second annual Spring Carnival is this Thursday, May 8, 6-8pm. Just like last year, this event is a community-building gathering at school and is free. We want to give back to the BCSIS community for all it has given to the school this 2007-2008 year. Enjoy the spring evening with marimba music, carnival treats, playing on the playground, kicking the ball in the field and just being among friends.