

Dear Families,

July 29, 2009

Welcome back! I'm happy to welcome you to a new school year at High Peaks. We are looking forward to a great year together in our newly renovated building! With construction, I will probably have more updates than normal this summer.

The office will open on August 3rd. However, only the office part of the school is open, and heavy construction is going on all around us. The more you can conduct business by e-mail or phone, the better. We are not cleared for children to really even be on-site, so if you do need to come in, please try not to bring in the little ones yet. The more we let the crews do their work, the sooner they can finish. This is truly important, and we're not able to have visitors just yet.

Currently, they are working everywhere. Most rooms are dry-walled and being painted. The classrooms are carpeted, and today they laid tile in the front hall. The gym looks amazing, though not totally finished.

August 20th is the first day of school. Our start time is still 8:15 a.m. and our end time is 2:50 p.m.

We are planning our Grand Opening on August 20th at 9:30 a.m. We'll start off in classrooms with some introductory time, and then meet in the new gym with BCSIS for a short ceremony and ribbon cutting. We'll plan to have tours from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for you and coffee and cookies in the library.

Along with construction, we all received new phones and have new phone lines. The new numbers for High Peaks/BCSIS are: Main line: 720-561-6500

Fax line: 720-561-6501

Attendance line: 720-561-6502

We do have some staff news. Our new librarian is Marla Terwilliger. Marla is a new first grade parent here and an experienced librarian. Our literacy teacher, Sarah Merkel, is moving to Vermont soon, and has resigned her position. We will interview for a new literacy teacher in a week or so, hopefully around August 10th. All other staff remains the same.

Literacy assessments are still taking place before school. **Be sure** to visit our web site at <http://schools.bvsd.org/hp> to sign up for a time that works for you. You can find more information about assessments on the website, along with supply lists. Class lists will be posted August 12th.

We are all looking forward to an awesome year!

Thank you,
Rosemary Lohndorf
Principal, High Peaks