



The Bobcat Flyer



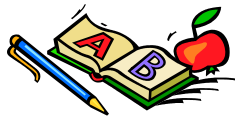
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<http://www.bvsd.org/schools/Angevine>

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Angevine Community,

Hopefully you had an opportunity to attend parent teacher conferences this past week. Conferencing with your student's teacher is a critical piece to ensure success of your son's or daughter's experience in school. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, some key questions that should be asked during a conference are:

- How is my child progressing relative to the state and BVSD content standards?
- What is my child's proficiency level on CSAP content assessments?
- How does my child's grade compare to his/her current proficiency level?
- What is my child's interest level given the different opportunities in middle school and how can I as a parent support his/her interests?

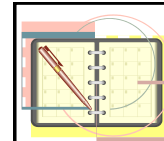
This type of dialogue will ensure that both the teacher and parent can best support a transitioning middle school student as your child prepares for high school.

Angevine staff is continuously involved in discussions in collaboration with BVSD technology support to coordinate efforts in providing consistency with Infinite Campus grade reporting. These efforts are an attempt to add clarity across the content areas to avoid confusion in interpreting grades. As we adjust to standards based grading expectations across the district our staff is making efforts to be consistent with individual class grading scales. All discussions at the staff level will be responsive to the many parent questions we have received over the past months. Please be assured we are striving to streamline our efforts with the progress monitoring of your son's or daughter's achievement level.

Please be reminded it is essential for students to avoid absences during CSAP testing dates. CSAP will be administered during the first three weeks of March. Your involvement throughout your child's educational experience guarantees success in school.

In Partnership with Community,

Mike Medina, Principal, Angevine Middle School



AMS CALENDAR

March

3-12 – CSAP TESTING
 4 – NO LATE START WED.
 FAST Meeting – Library – 5:00 pm-10:00 pm
 11 – NO LATE START WED.
 FAST Meeting – Library – 5:00pm – 10:00 pm
 18 – LATE START WED.
 SIT Meeting – Library – 5:00pm-6:00pm
 PTA Meeting – Library – 6:00pm-7:00pm
 18 – FAST Meeting – Library – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 23-26 – NO SCHOOL –SPRING BREAK
 30 – Students back to school
 30-4/3 – Spirit Week

APRIL

1 – Late Start Wed
 – FAST Meeting – Library – 5:00pm-10:00p
 2 – DPLP Reading to End Racism (Parent/ Student) Library- 6:00pm-8:00pm
 3 – Spring Pictures
 8 – Late Start Wed.
 – FAST Meeting – Library – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 14-15 – String Camp
 15 – Late Start Wed.
 – FAST Meeting – Library – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 16-17 – Musical Performance of Nifty Fifties – Cafetorium – 7:00pm-9:00pm
 17 – Newsletter Deadline
 21 – SIT Meeting – Library – 5:00pm-6:00pm
 PTA Meeting – Library – 6:00pm-7:00pm
 22 – FAST Meeting Library – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 24 – NO SCHOOL
 (Spring conference exchange)
 27 – NO SCHOOL
 (Spring conference exchange)
 28 – NO SCHOOL
 (Professional Development)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be no late start Wednesdays during CSAP testing: March 3 through March 12. School will begin at 8:40 am on Wednesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 11 during these weeks.

From The Attendance Office

Parents - Please call the attendance line (303-447-5458) if your child is going to be absent from school on any school day and for any reason! Please send a note with your child when he/she has to leave school during the day for an appointment or any other reason. Tell your child to deliver the note to the attendance desk in the morning. She/he will receive a pass to leave the classroom at the necessary time and they will meet you in the main office. This procedure will ensure less interruptions during class time. Please come into the office to sign your student in or out of school.

Health Room News

Parents please remember to turn in your student's updated immunization records to the health room. Per the Colorado Immunization Law your student may be excluded from school if they are not up to date with their immunizations. All students that are not up to date were mailed a letter last week. If you have any questions or you need information on low cost vaccination clinics please contact Susan Montoya in the health room.

Student Council News

Sweetheart Dance and Activities:

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February 27th 3:45-5:00

Admission free, Snacks will be sold

Box Tops:

Every Box Top gives \$.10 to student council You can find Box Tops on Hamburger Helper boxes, Soup cans, Cereal boxes, and much more!

Cut it out from the package and put it into an envelope or Plastic bag, and drop it into the bin next to the office!



TAG UPDATE :

Kate Bachtel will be co-facilitating two SENG groups for parents/guardians with Michelle Eckstein (Lafayette Elementary) beginning on Thursday February 26th and on March 11th. For more details and registration information, please visit BVSD's TAG Parent Education Website. Sheri and Kate have been meeting with individual teachers and counselors, grade-level teams, administration and DLP teachers to help support them in their instruction and care for our TAG-identified students. Our educators are committed to doing their part to help support all of our students, including our TAG students, in demonstrating appropriate academic growth and to maximizing these transition years of middle school. Kate and Sheri will be meeting with our students in the coming week to touch base on the goals for their 2009 Advanced Learning Plans.

As this newsletter goes to press, our TAG-identified students, advanced ESL and Language Arts students, publication students and the cast and crew of our school musical *Nifty Fifties* are watching a live Colorado Shakespeare Festival performance of *Hamlet*. One hundred and twenty-five lucky students will also participate in Shakespearean acting workshops led by the actors. This special event is being funded in part by TAG monies and in part by a grant written by Sheri Tappert. Additionally, Sheri and Tobey Bassoff have been working hard, along with several AMS families, to make the three-week exchange experience for the AMS-ISSE Ecuadorian delegation comfortable, educational, fun and meaningful for all. We extend our gratitude to all of the many AMS community members who have extended their support, ideas and gracious hospitality!

Hello Bobcat Families

I hope you realize what major improvements AMS has undergone this school year. Here are a few highlights: an increase in parent membership this year as well as significant staff/teacher memberships (from 0 last school year to 8 this school year)! Remember, membership solidifies your commitment to your student's success!

The AMS website has been completely re-worked and is up-to-date! Please utilize this tool and we encourage your feedback. Our goal is to continually upgrade, update, and upload all the information YOU need – it's your online resource!

The general meetings have offered hands-on material to help you grow as parents and community members: A League of Women Voters rep was here last fall to de-mystify local ballot measures., Our BVSD Health Curriculum Coordinator shared statistics on pre-teen behaviors and risk factors. Our own Principal Medina described the new Colorado Growth Model and how it will assess future CSAP results (and thus, change the report card for school achievement perception).

Centaurus Principal Hanniford and three of her IB/Engineering coordinators outlined what classes AMS students need to complete before entering CHS as well-prepared and well-balanced freshmen. (NOTE: Seventy-Five percent of CHS students go on to college after graduation!)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SELEBRATION on April 25th, 2009 – A Project YES collaboration: Please see article on page 4 for details. AMS PTA coordinator is Jorge A Alonso – contact Jorge to volunteer!!! alonsofam1@msn.com, 720-984-4936

We need a chairperson for **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK** – please contact Molly Waterman (303-249-0250 or mollywaterman@yahoo.com) This is a week-long event – best to have 3 or 4 committee members to assist the chairperson. Gather donations (gift certificates, money for gift items or food) Treats and gifts are organized for all staff/teachers and distributed to them – we are so thankful for our amazing staff, let's show our gratitude!

Thank you for all your support and energy this year – let's keep up the important work!

Cheers,
Molly Waterman
AMS PTA President 08-09
303-249-0250 mobile

AMS Online Enrollment /Parent Portal Center

Students new to Boulder Valley School District may now access the new online enrollment process through their home computers or they may come to AMS and use the computer in our Online Enrollment/Parent Portal Center. The center will also be available for Parent Portal training and for parents to access their student's grades on the Parent Portal.

The Parent Portal on our Infinite Campus system is a valuable tool for parents to track grades, assignments and attendance. The Parent Portal may be accessed from any home computer or you may come into AMS from 7:30 to 4:00 Monday through Friday and use the Parent Portal Center. For more information please contact Adriana Torres, Registrar at 303-447-5464.



BVSD's school calendars for the next two years were approved by the Board of Education on Jan. 27. Electronic copies of both calendars are available on the website at <http://bvsd.org/calendar/Pages/default.aspx> (links are in the left index). Schools will be provided with copies of next year's calendar printed on cardstock for all of their student households and staff members in mid-March.



THEATER TALK

"THE NIFTY FIFTIES" Performances

Thursday and Friday, April 16th & 17th - AMS Cafetorium - 7:00pm
Adults: \$7.00 Students (and children under 5): \$5.00 (Tickets are sold at the door)

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Donald Spinney - Jonathan Keyek-Franssen
Louie - Enrique Moctezuma

Virginia Segal - Lucy Houlihan

Edna Stover - McKenzie Miller

Ann Collier - Sara Keeney

Jane Connolly - Alie Wilkins

Laverne Parker - Kate Minnihan

Muffin Mansfield - Kayla Matino

Jughead Jarvis - Matthew Wright

Gracie Stanley - Katie Dishman

Rose Marie Famiano - Angelica Grimard

Evelyn Weber - Taryn Syler

Frankie Fonzarelli - Max Hittle

Tony Cunningham - Jason Jones

Dottie Delvecchio - Alexia Diaz

Patsy Garcia - Elyse Gregory

Bob Stanley - Jacob Robertson

George Brentworth - John Gregory

Sinbad Gallucci - Marcos Trigueros

Riff - Cooper Ramsey

Misty - Sami Elliott

Roscoe - Sergio Diaz

Autumn - Caitlyn Doyle

Jasmine - Charys Potter

Gloria - Cami Elliott

Moonglow - Melanie Thompson

Lennie King - Brandon Smith
Ziggy Springer - Wesley Quinlan

Peggy Sue - Deandra Duran

Betty Lou - Katie Kemp

Cindy Lee - Julia Olsen

Mary Jane - Mychaela Hanson

Beverly Griffin - Ruthann Niewoehner

Dorothy Whitaker - Taylor Baeza

Officer Moore - James Fresquez

Mrs. Nicholson - Lauren Kapushion

Crew

Matthew Moore - Stage Manager

Sami Elliott - Stage Manager

Haley Amidei

Emily Craig

Hana Flowers-Staniforth

Austin Gavin

Emily Hendrickson

Jessica Himel

Courtney Sowa

Sady Swanson

Sound Engineer - Ms. Sarah Webb

Spotlight - Mr. John Juroshek

Lighting Engineer - Mr. Jon Hostetter

Director - Ms. Susan Webb

Athletics News

Volleyball season has started! Please come and cheer on your Bobcat volleyball players at the following host schools:

Interscholastic Girls Volleyball (Feb-2 - March 13)

Game Date

Game Location

Monday 3/2	AMS #1 @ Louisville MS
Monday 3/2	AMS #3 @ Monarch MS #1
Monday 3/2	AMS #2 Home Vs. Monarch #3
Wed 3/4	AMS #3 @ Aspen Creek
Wed 3/4	AMS #1 Home Vs. Peak to Peak
Thurs 3/5	AMS #1 @ BHMS
Friday 3/6	AMS #1 @ Southern Hills
Friday 3/6	AMS #2 @ Eldorado
Friday 3/6	AMS #3 Home Vs. Summit
Monday 3/9	AMS #1 @ Centennial
Monday 3/9	AMS #3 @ Eldorado
Monday 3/9	AMS #2 Home Vs. Louisville MS
Wed 3/11	AMS #1 Home Vs. Manhattan #1
Wed 3/11	AMS# 2 @ Manhattan #2
Wed 3/11	AMS # 3 @ Nederland
Thurs 3/12	AMS # 1 @ BHMS
Thurs 3/12	AMS # 3 Home Vs. Aspen Creek
Thurs 3/13	AMS #2 Home Vs. Centennial

All games start @ 4:00 p.m.

Volleyball coaches:

Coach Jon Hostetter Jon.Hostetter@bvsd.org,
Coach John Juroshek John.Juroshek@bvsd.org,
Coach Robert Stone Robert.Stone@bvsd.org

6th/7th/8th Intramurals Boys Soccer March 9th - April 13th,

6th/7th Intramurals Girls Volleyball season March 16th - April 8th

Pick up registration packet from the main office.

No physical is required. If you have questions, please call the office or email Sonia

at: Sonia.menjiavarjacob@bvsd.org

GO BOBCATS!



CSAP SNACKS

AMS would like to thank all of the parents that have donated water, granola bars and money to help purchase CSAP Snacks. We will continue to collect small 8 oz water bottles and chewy granola bars through March 9th. You may drop off donations in the health room. All plastic water bottles will be recycled or collected by the art department for an environmental/recycling awareness project.

SELEBRATION

This year AMS is the host site for SELEBRATION on April 25th, 2009

We need about fifty volunteers to work on these school projects: AMS's priority is to beautify the front of the building i.e. plant flowers in the four planters outside, trim bushes, trees and hedges, pick up trash. Additional indoor projects are: carpet cleaning, windows and hallway cleaning, and organizing books in the library, removal of old furniture items.

The event is being coordinated by PROJECT YES OF LAFAYETTE, they will provide all the supplies needed and of course food for the volunteers.

People can pre register with Amy McGreevy - programs@project-yes.org - (303) 926-0306, or at 8:00 am on the day of the event.

ANGEVINE MEDIA CENTER

Over the past month-and-a-half, the Angevine Media Center has featured five Newbery Honor books as important literature for the young adult reader. The first was A Ring of Endless Light by Madeleine L'Engle. This book is about a teenage girl who must deal with the oncoming death of her beloved grandfather and a summer of discovery around the study of dolphins. The second book is The Jazz Man by Mary Hays Weik. It

is about a young handicapped boy's struggle to make sense of the desertion of his mother. The third book is Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis. It is the story of a young African boy's life as a freeman in Canada just before the American Civil War. The fourth book is The Road From Home by David Kherdian. It is the fictionalized biography of David Kherdian's mother's survival of the Armenian Holocaust in 1915. The fifth book is Phillip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon, Maybe by Bette Greene. It is a story of young black girl growing up in rural Arkansas during the 60's and 70' with her family and flocks of turkeys.

During this past month-and-a-half, teachers and students have used the Media Center's facilities and services for many different projects. **Mrs. McGraw** brought her 7th grade language arts students to the Media Center to check out challenging biographies for individualized reading in her classroom. **Mrs. Murray** brought her language arts students to the Media Center to find books that met her students individualized reading skills and interests. **Mrs. Ramirez** brought her Dual Language Language Arts students to the Media Center to find literature they could read and enjoy in the classroom. **Mrs. Penner** brought her French language students to the Media Center to log on to a special web site that provides special French language activities. **Mrs. Castle** brought her 8th Grade Health classes to the Media Center to study the history and effects of various drugs and to present power point presentations on numerous drugs. **Mrs. Leonard** used resources from the Media Center in her classroom to teach a unit on Mayan culture. **Mrs. Carpenter** and **Mrs. Shaffer** used the Media Center's Writing Lab to study plate tectonics with an interactive web site on the subject. **Mrs. Rose** and **Mr. Romero** used the Media Center to team with their 6th grade language arts students to listen to **Mr. Hilmer**, a local writer and teacher, talk about writing. **Mrs. Trujillo** used the Media Center and its numerous resources to teach a unit on Africa. **Mrs. Elsnes-Paryzer** used the Media Center's Spanish literature library as a resource for her Dual Language Language Arts students to find authentic Spanish language fiction.

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