



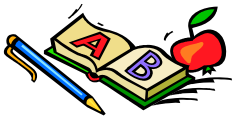
The Bobcat Flyer



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Angevine Community,

Our current 6th and 7th grade students received course selection forms on Wednesday, April 14th. Counselors and administrators visited classes to explain the registration process for the 2010-2011 school-year and to answer questions from our students. Course offerings were based on student interest surveys, which were given in February, and on state requirements. In an effort to support the district-wide commitment to reduce our carbon footprint, we made our Course Description Guide available on our Angevine Middle School website, <http://bvsd.org/schools/Angevine/Pages/default.aspx>. We also have a few hard copies available through the Counseling Office.

We encourage you to discuss these important course selection decisions with your child. Sixth grade students are expected to return their course selection form to school on Wednesday, April 21st and seventh grade students are expected to return their course selection form to school on Thursday, April 22nd. On April 21st and April 22nd, students will be called to the Counseling Office to discuss their choices with our counseling team and to register for next year's classes. We believe in developing self-advocacy skills in our middle level students. So, if your child has a question about their schedule, please encourage them to come to the Counseling Office to seek the answer. Please note that student schedules will not be distributed until check-in days in early August.

As always, we appreciate your support and collaboration.

In partnership with community,

Mike Medina

GO BOBCATS!!!!

Angevine Middle School, BVSD, 1150 West S. Boulder Rd., Lafayette, CO. 80026



Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

- Principal Coffee Chat

Saturday, April 24, 2010

- 8th annual Global Youth Services Service Day!! SeLebration in conjunction with Project YES

Monday, April 26, 2010

- BVSD 5th and 6th grade Band Festival (details in newsletter)

Thursday, April 29, 2010

- Eastside Jazz Festival (details in newsletter)

Friday, April 30, 2010

- Professional Development Day: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

- Parent Transition Night for incoming 6th graders

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

- Choir concert

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

- AMS/CHS Orchestra Concert (details in newsletter)

From The Attendance Office

Parents - Please call the attendance line (720-561-7102) 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. **You MUST come into the office to sign your student in or out of school.**

ANGEVINE MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Over the past month, the Angevine Media Center has featured three Newbery Honor books to be considered by our Bobcat readers. The first was The Blue Cat of Castle Town, a novel about the struggle between good and evil in a small New England town by **Catherine Cate Coblentz**. The second was The Planet of Junior Brown, a story of two young boys trying to establish their identity in an uncaring world by **Virginia Hamilton**. And the third was Thistle and Thyme, an collection of unwritten Scottish folktales and legends set down and written by Sorcha Nic Leodhas (LeClaire Gowans Alger). For more detailed descriptions of these books, go to the Angevine Web Site and look under [parents](#) - [media center](#) - [media news](#)



STUDENT USE OF THE MEDIA CENTER

Over the past month, Angevine students have used the Media Center's Writing Lab computers to study and practice foreign language grammar in **Mrs. Vanwisse's** classes. They have used the computers to research topics they will teach their fellow students in **Mrs. Jones's** leadership class. They have used the computers to take computerized social studies tests in **Mr. Slaby's** 8th grade classes. They have used the computers for **Mr. Ross's** 8th grade science class to create final drafts of a classroom experiment on electricity. They used the Media Center's computers to study the earth's atmosphere on interactive Internet sites in **Mrs. Carpenter's** 6th grade science classes. They have used the Media Center to present power points on vertebrates to each other in **Mr. Hostetter's** 7th grade science class. They have read books on optical illusions from the Media Center in **Mrs. Mullison's** 8th grade science class. They checked out literature from the Media Center's collection to read in **Mrs. Tappert's** TAG language arts classes and **Mrs. Rose's** and **Mr. Romero's** 6th grade reading classes. They also checked out literature to be read in **Mrs. Ramirez's** ESL classes. And they displayed their work on human body systems in **Mrs. Cortez-Davila's** science classes in the Media Center display case.



Mark you calendar:

The 8th Grade Recognition Night/Continuation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 26th from 6 – 8pm at Angevine Middle School.

Did you know?

Angevine Middle School offers Pre-Engineering for students who are interested in applying math, science, reading, and writing to imagine, design, and build all sorts of really cool things. All students may choose to explore engineering in 7th grade. 8th grade students are open to apply for the year-long class. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

Did you know?

Angevine Middle School will offer Dramatic Arts next year. Get your creative groove on and express yourself in this exciting new class.



Course Selection for 2010-2011

Course selection for 2010-2011 begins on Wednesday, April 21st for our current sixth graders and on Thursday, April 22nd for our current seventh graders. Counselors will visit sixth and seventh grade Social Studies classes on Wednesday, April 14th to discuss the course registration process and to distribute course selection sheets. Students are encouraged to take the course selection sheet home, so that they can discuss their academic choices with their parents/guardians. In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, families can access the Angevine Middle School Course Description Guide on-line at <http://bvsd.org/schools/Angevine/Pages/default.aspx>, or they may pick up a hard copy in the counseling office.

“Elective News”

Art Classes

The **“Drawing and Painting”** classes are experimenting with a variety of painting techniques as they learn about color and composition in paintings. They are starting with watercolor and are creating an “underwater watercolor” world of their own. The **3-D Design** class is learning all about Claymation as they write a story, create clay figures and backdrops, and then shoot and edit a claymation video. The **6th Grade Exploratory** students are creating artwork using several different media and techniques, including designing a book, drawing a portrait, using pastels and painting.

Consumer & Family Studies:

CASH (Career Awareness Starts Here) - Using the Elements and Principles of Design, students are working on a design unit. They have a choice of designing their own dream room, a line of clothing or a new product. In their design, they must set the project to scale, consider the cost of the materials to produce the product, explain their choices and display their results either in 3-D, poster board or scrapbook form. We have some real creative projects taking shape.

6th Grade Exploratory

These students are just beginning their sewing units. By hand sewing, they will construct a fur animal, sporting equipment or pillow of their choice. They will complete the year working in cooperative learning, preparing snacks and learning basic nutrition and food preparation.

Home Alone

Students are studying home safety and first aid, as they continue to prepare lunch and snack items using a variety of equipment. This group of students will complete the year, serving a meal to guests. This is always a fun-filled activity as the students go through the complete process of entertaining

Food Facts & Fun

This class has focused on meal planning, shopping, food preparation and the factors that influence what families eat. Some of these factors include economy, availability of foods, equipment needed, skills, allergies of family members and preferences. The students have prepared a variety of desserts, including cakes, cookies, pies and cobblers. The final units include casseroles, microwave cooking, and eating disorders.

World Languages

We’ve started a new round of the World Languages classes and have had fun learning about each other’s ancestry. We have considered the impact of immigration on the development of the English language. We have also recognized different dialects within English. (Australia, England, US. etc.) To recognize Saint Patrick’s day and the Irish culture, some of our students wrote limericks. The students have also participated in various activities that emphasize the value of diversity (e.g., linguistic, cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic). Going forward, we will be teaching/learning basic vocabulary in French, Spanish and Chinese.

“Club Corner”

Art Club:

AMS Art Club meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 in the Art room. This club provides artists a place to come and experiment with a variety of art mediums, and have fun! The last meeting is May 5th.

Home Economics Club:

Home Economics Club continues on Mondays afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00 P.M. through May 3rd. All are welcome. Come join the fun!

Student Council:

Student Council continues on Friday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30 through May 14th. We are busy planning a spring dance co-sponsored with the Latino boys club and Latina girls club, planning spirit week and a special surprise to recognize the Angevine Staff during staff appreciation week.

Wanted: Copy Room Volunteer

AMS is looking for volunteers that would be interested in working in the copy room a couple of hours each day.

Duties will include:

- Copying for all staff as requested.
- Laminating for all staff as requested.
- Mail sorting.
- Office support as needed.

Please contact Michele Peel at 720-561-7109 or michele.peel@bvsd.org



GO BOBCATS!



**Angevine Middle School
Principal Coffee Chat**



**Tuesday April 20, 2010
9:00—10:00 am
Media Center**

Staff Appreciation Week!!!

May 3-7th

PTA is coordinating a great week for our staff and we need some BOB-CAT PARENT SUPPORT! We are asking for \$10 gift cards to give each staff member during appreciation week. Please keep our awesome staff in mind next time you are out and can pick up a \$10.00 gift card for them. If you have trouble getting out... PTA will purchase the gift card for you! You can bring any donations, either gift card or money, to the front office next week. We would like to also provide some "munchies" each day. Please bring any munchies to the front office. Staff will be treated with a lunch on Monday, breakfast on Thursday and lots of surprises throughout the week! Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions please call or e-mail;

Patty Vertun at **303-926-7400** or **artpattyv@comcast.net**

GO BOBCAT PARENTS!!!!!!

Angevine Middle School



Join the AMS Parent List Serve and Stay Informed!

A list serve is a useful tool for keeping up to date with school events and news. Mr. Medina, our principal, periodically sends out news and information about activities and events at Angevine. You can expect reminders of Parent/Teacher conferences, information on student activities, SIT and PTA meetings, book fairs and other important Angevine news. This one-way List serve sends information directly to your e-mail – no one else will know your e-mail address or be able to contact you. Two options are available:

The first option, "Angevine M.S. Parents", is the list serve that receives daily announcements, district newsletters and occasionally more detailed bulletins from the principal.

If that is too much for you, the second option is called "Angevine M.S. Friends." You will not receive daily announcements and is intended for the many people who support Angevine but do not need as detailed information.

To subscribe to this service:

Go to the web address:

<http://content.bvsd.org/list/listSubscribe.asp>

Type in your e-mail address and your name

Click on the box marked "Angevine MS Parents"

Click on subscribe

Or simply go the AMS website and click on Angevine e-mail (located in the left hand column) for a direct link.



You will receive an e-mail confirmation – **which you must respond to**- to complete the process. That is all there is to it! We hope that all parents with e-mail access sign on to the Angevine Listserve and stay informed.

Parent Portal on Infinite Campus

View your students grade's from home!

Angevine Middle School has implemented the parent portal, a feature on the Infinite Campus student information data base. The Parent Portal allows parents to access their student's information from any computer. Student data includes:

- Grade
- Assignments
- Attendance, Schedule
- Teacher contact information, Fees



Research indicates increased parent involvement in schools leads to better attendance and grades.

Letters to parents with their personal access codes and directions for use are available in the counseling office or email adriana.torres@bvsd.org.

BVSD News

BVSD to Launch First of Five “Elementary College Nights” on April 6 at Lafayette Elementary School

April 6 college night to be the first of five such evenings throughout the district designed to give parents and young students a sense of what is needed to make college a reality.

BOULDER – Sponsored by CollegeInvest, Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) is hosting its first ever “Elementary College Nights” Tuesday, April 6 from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM at Lafayette Elementary School (101 N. Bermont Ave., Lafayette, CO). This will be the first of five such nights scheduled at selected BVSD elementary schools.

BVSD Elementary and Secondary Counseling Coordinator Sennen Knauer stated that the district, “... is committed to advantaging all children and to closing the achievement gap. One critical piece of doing so is to close the INFORMATION gap.”

These five evening events will each provide information about what post-high school educational opportunities exist and how to access them. Parents will hear that even if their child has a learning difference or is not a native English speaker, for example, a post-high school education is possible for them. There is also information they need to have in order to help their child reach such goals beginning while they are in elementary school. Topics covered will include selecting appropriate classes in middle and high school, graduation and college entrance requirements, and how to save for your child’s education after high school – even on the smallest of incomes! CollegeInvest is also providing \$250 savings accounts as prize drawings at each school!

The five event locations and times are:

April 6 – Lafayette Elementary, 101 N. Bermont Ave., Lafayette - 5 - 8 PM (completed)

April 14 – Emerald Elementary, 755 W. Elmhurst Pl., Broomfield - 5 - 8 PM (completed)

April 29 – Alicia Sanchez Elementary, 655 Sir Galahad Dr., Lafayette – 5- 7 PM (part of their ‘Spring in to Summer’ event)

May 3 – Columbine Elementary, 3130 Replier Dr., Boulder- 5 - 8 PM

May 12 – Pioneer Bilingual Elementary, 101 Baseline Rd., Lafayette – 5-8 PM



Reading Buddies

A free reading enrichment program

Today a reader,
Tomorrow a leader,
-Margaret Fuller-



Reading Buddies Program
Lafayette Public Library

for **Little Buddies**
(students in grades 1-3)
& their teen mentors,
the **Big Buddies**
(student volunteers in
grades -12)

This program pairs teens with younger kids for an hour of one-on-one shared reading once a week.

Big Buddies receive leadership experience, develop problem-solving and communication skills, get free t-shirts and prizes, and gain the joy and satisfaction of helping a child read and succeed.

Teens wishing to become Big Buddies must submit an application, have an interview, and attend trainings.



For further information, including dates and times of sessions,
pick up a brochure and an application form today in the library or

visit <http://tinyurl.com/readingbuddies>

Save the Date!

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT ANGEVINE!!!!

SeLebration 2010:

Saturday, April 24th, 2010

Join hundreds of volunteers in service to their community for Global Youth Service Day 2010! Project YES (Youth Envisioning Social change) will host the 8th annual SeLebration, a day of service, learning, and fun on April 24, 2010.

As part of SeLebration Lafayette, all staff, students and families are invited to work together and beautify our school.

Bring your gardening tools, rakes, lawn trimmers, tree trimmers etc. Volunteers will work both inside and outside our school. Groups who need service hours and would like to help are appreciated. Donations and discounts on landscape materials are also on our list of needs. Our goal is to have 80-100 volunteers for the few hours of work to get done! Any questions or you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTA with your interest.

You can check out the web-site for more details: <http://www.project-yes.org>
Patty Vertun artpattyv@comcast.net or Kerry Feiman kfeiman@yahoo.com

******* FREE breakfast starting at 8:30 am, FREE lunch at 12:30 followed by FREE Carnival, concert and family entertainment!!!!*******

If you can bring or let us use any of the following tools for the day please let us know ASAP:

Heavy plastic trash bags, Weed-whackers

Hedge Trimmers, Bulbs to plant

Leaf blowers

Wheelbarrows

Extension cords

Rakes



Parent Engagement Network presents:

**Everything you always wanted to know about
your kids' behavior but were afraid to ask!!**

Centaurus parents have said they are interested in learning more about teen attitudes and behaviors. In response, PEN is offering an interactive event with Dr. Jan Hittelman, Clinical Psychologist and Leisha Conners Bauer, Program Director of Boulder County Healthy Youth Alliance. Find out what our kids are doing, thinking and how to support them and ourselves. Topics include:

- Sexual Activity
- Mental Health
- Drug & Alcohol Use
- Bullying and Harrassment

Hear the results from the Boulder County Youth Risk Behavior Survey. High School students from around the district participate in this survey, including many of our own students. Be part of a Q & A session with the experts and the Centaurus community. Parents from CHS and local area middle schools are encouraged to attend.

Date: **Wednesday April 21**

Time: **6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Place: **Centaurus High School Student Center**

10300 South Boulder Road, Lafayette, CO

COST: FREE!!!!

About Our Speakers:

Dr. Jan Hittelman, is a licensed psychologist with over twenty years of experience working with adults, children, adolescents, and families. Dr. Hittelman also authors newspaper columns in the Boulder Daily Camera and publishes an online column for teens. He founded Boulder Psychological Services, which offers a wide range of resources to individuals, families, groups, agencies and schools.

Leisha Conners Bauer is Program Director of the Boulder County Healthy Youth Alliance (HYA). HYA works to increase awareness of factors impacting youth health and enhance collaborations that support healthy decision-making among youth. HYA partners with Boulder County Public Health and the school districts in collecting and distributing the survey data.

Interpreting and Childcare available.

