

# COLUMBINE CONNECTIONS

COLUMBINE ELEMENTARY

3103 Reppier, Boulder CO 80304

October 27, 2006

Attendance Line 303-447-5347

## Columbine Calendar

October 31	Halloween Parades and Parties	AM Kindergarten and Preschool	9:30
		PM Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00
Nov 10	Veterans Day		NO SCHOOL
Nov 13	PTA	Art Room	6:30
Nov 20 – 24	Conference Comp Days and Thanksgiving Vacation		NO SCHOOL
Nov 28 – 30	Book Fair	Library	
December 1	Report Cards Go Home		
Dec 20 – Jan 2	Winter Break		NO SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 7 BOND ELECTION

On November 7 voters will determine if the Boulder Valley School District will proceed with its plan to renovate, repair and upgrade all school buildings. If the bond is approved, the following are some of the renovations and improvements planned for Columbine:

- HVAC upgrades
- Interior finishes upgraded (i.e. ceiling tiles, carpet, wall finishes, etc.)
- Roof replacement and repairs
- Restroom renovations including ADA accessibility where required
- Provide additional classrooms
- Music room addition
- Expand the administrative offices
- Provide a new cafeteria and kitchen
- Provide additional staff office space and small group spaces
- Expand the Library
- Upgrade playground surfacing, equipment, and fencing
- Provide adequate curbing and drainage
- Replace aged and/or unsafe playground equipment
- Make playgrounds ADA accessible
- Upgrade technology capacity to provide capacity to support applications with high bandwidth demands

The total projected cost for Columbine improvements and repairs is **\$8,122,000**.

## COLUMBINE TEACHERS AUTHOR BOOK

Anne Upczak-Garcia and Brad Burhow are the authors of the recently released book, ***Ladybugs, Tornadoes and Swirling Galaxies***. Published by Stenhouse Publishers, the book describes how they blend reading comprehension instruction with inquiry on science and social studies topics. Children from Brad and Anne's past classes are featured throughout the book. Each child receive a signed copy of the book at a special book signing party. A book signing gathering for adults will be held in the near future.

## PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**We are asking parents to observe our parking lot policies. Before 8:30, please do not park in the parking lots. These spaces are intended for Columbine staff.**

**Also, please be EXTREMELY CAREFUL when driving through the parking lot to drop off or pick up you children. Recently, we have had several near accidents where children almost were hit.**

## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Halloween is an exciting time at Columbine. Children should bring their costumes to school and not wear them until the parades and parties. No toy guns, knives, swords, etc are allowed.