



# Columbine Connections

## Columbine Recognizes Committed Learners



We're proud that all our students are committed to learning here at Columbine.

We're also lucky to have a few shining stars in terms of spreading that commitment.

On April 24th we recognized our students who show extra commitment to learning. These students consistently:

- Pay attention in class
- Do their homework
- Produce quality work
- Participate in class discussions
- Motivate others to do the same

Please join us in recognizing the following students and their families:

**First Grade:** Jackson Silva Escalante, Heidi Flores-Lemus, Masen Lounsbery, Benji Avitia, Ofelia Valles, Jasmin Barrera, Diana Hernandez, Camila Avitia, Ellen Bartels, Tony Martinez, Frida Aguilar-Ximello, Bernardo Macias, Abril Samaniego, Alma Vasquez

**Second Grade:** Brian Macias, Christopher Gutierrez, Kymora Bennett, Nolan Brunner, Jose Fabian Silva, Juan Fernando Campos, Axel Sifuentes, Victor Silva Jose Luis Valles, Dara Ramirez, Angela Ramirez, Cristian Ramirez, Luis Arellano, Janet Colis, Alejandro Portillo, Zaira Alday, Karina Davila and Anne Upczak-Garcia's literacy group

**Third Grade:** Gabriella Rubino, Becca Smith, Prakash Gurung, Carlos Garcia, Katherine Gutierrez, Jesus (Chuy) Olguin, Isaac Sanchez-Mauricio

**Fourth Grade:** Javier Herrera, Ansel Zalcborg, Edgar Chavarria, Helen Berhane, Vanessa Delgado, Oliver King, Jose Luis Corchado, Alex Morales, Anthony Garcia,

**Fifth Grade:** Elsy Segoria, Spencer Firman, Karla Guerrero, Ivon Gonzales, Pedro de la Cruz, Damara Hernandez, Mario Villa

## Announcements

- All library materials are due by Friday, May 16th. If your child has any books at home, please return them or you will be charged replacement costs.
- Please join us in welcoming Rosa Reyes in her new position as health room attendant. Rosa is replacing Mariana who left to prepare for the birth of her second child.
- Thanks to all our families who contributed items for our drive for families in Juarez, Mexico. TODOS made over 70 gift bags for delivery in early June.
- Our BoxTops program got a big boost last month from a contest at the Ed Center. We raised over \$100 for our school. Keep clipping over the summer!



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May 9, 2008

## May Calendar

(a complete May calendar went home last week—here's a list of scheduled fieldtrips)

3rd -Planetarium	8
(9-2:15)	
1st-Butterfly Pavillon	9
(9:30-2:15)	
5th-Water Festival	14
(9-1:30)	
4th -Eco-cycle thanks	14
(11 AM)	
Kinder—Denver Zoo	15
(all day)	
1st—Denver Zoo	28
(all day)	
Kinder—Salberg Park	29
(9:30-10:30)	

## Zero Waste-Green Star Schools Grant Winners











































































































































































Eco-Cycle is pleased to announce that Columbine Elementary is one of four recipients

of the **Zero Waste-Green Star Schools Grant**. The three other winning schools are Creekside Elementary, Niwot Elementary, and Mesa

Elementary. This grant will provide these schools with compostable plates and cups for all students at four classroom parties throughout the 2008-2009 school year. The schools were selected on the basis of their participation in

the Green Star Schools Program and their commitment to furthering Zero Waste activities in their building. Congratulations, Columbine Elementary on your dedication to the environment through your demonstration of Zero Waste principles.

## Planning for our NEW School...



Dear Columbine Parents, Hopefully you have heard the exciting news. The recent sale of the Washington School site may make it possible for students at Columbine Elementary to enjoy a brand new school in coming years. BVSD administration is planning to recommend to the Board of Education that the proceeds from the sale be committed to rebuilding the neighborhood school in north central Boulder. If approved, there will be more than \$12 million available to replace our 51 year old building.

With Board approval, the next steps would be for the school community to conduct a visioning process. This would entail the creation of a visioning team

which would include school staff, parents and members from the neighborhood. The team would develop a vision of what the school should be in terms of educational programming. Following the visioning process, a Design Advisory Team (DAT) will be created. The DAT would also include school staff, parents, members from the neighborhood and the architects. From their work with the DAT, the architects would develop the plans for the new school.

At this point, it is anticipated the new building could be open for the 2011-12 school year. However, this could change depending on the work of the visioning and design advisory teams.

Keep up with the progress of the new

building by reading your Columbine Connections or by visiting the Bond Program website at <http://bvsd.org/bondproject/schools/Pages/columbine.aspx>.

Once again we will have our Welcome Back Days in August. On August 13, 14 or 15 children in grades 1 through 5 will come for a half day to meet their teachers and participate in reading and math assessments. Information about the Welcome Back days will be sent home this month. In August be sure to look for a mailing with more information about the 2008-09 school year.

Have a wonderful summer.

Lynn Widger

## PTA News

The April PTA meeting was run under the new format where the officers presented a group of decisions on smaller items for group consent. The beginning of the meeting was used for the Principal's report as usual. Ms. Widger reported on the new building, expected number of classes per grade and class-

room space for next year. Since we'll have four full-day kindergartens, we'll be moving things around to make space for 2 classrooms. We spent the remainder of the meeting visiting and making paper pinwheels as courtyard decorations for all our end of the year celebrations.

**WANTED!** **COME PLAY SOCCER!**

PTA would like to start a group to make our dream of forming both a parent and student Columbine soccer league a reality. If you're interested, contact Wanda in the FRS office. Hopefully, the group can organize over the summer so we can get started in the fall.

## Mile Marathon Plans Set

Hello Wildcat Runners and Fans! Planning is underway for the **31st ANNUAL COLUMBINE MILE MARATHON**, which will be held on Friday, May 23, 2008! As many of you know, this amazing one-mile fun run for Columbine students started in 1977, and is even one year older than the Bolder Boulder. According to Rich Castro, one of the founders of the Mile Marathon, it is the longest running children's foot race west of the Mississippi. It is a *tremendous* community effort that happens only with the teamwork of volunteers within Columbine and throughout the Boulder community. Please be a

part of this event and experience the satisfaction of contributing your energy and time to make it happen. Below is a list of jobs for preparation work and for race day and the number of volunteers needed for each task. Please look it over and contact the Mile Marathon Coordinator, Deb Anderson (Isaac Fraley's mom), at 303-444-2918 (home) or [bdmi.af@comcast.net](mailto:bdmi.af@comcast.net) or Wanda Pellegrina, the FRS Coordinator, at 303-441-4059 to get more information and to get involved. You can also sign up to volunteer on the poster in the lobby.

### Volunteer List

- Elite runner/guest registration on race day (1-2)
- Balloon arch assembly (2-3)
- Bib counting and distribution to classes (1-2) (before race)
- Set up committee (10)
- Food/Beverage (6)
- Volunteer greeter (1)
- T-shirt Sales (1-2)
- Street Monitors (10)
- Lag wagon (2)
- Grade cardholders (6-7)
- First aid stations volunteers (5)
- Clean up committee (10)