



# Kohl Communicator

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Kohl Elementary  
School

August, 2011

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September 1st

1st-5th Assessment

### September 2nd

No School In-Service

### September 5th

No School—Labor Day

### September 6th

PTA Meeting 6pm

### September 12th

Choir practice begins

2:40-3:40pm

Skate City 6pm

### September 13th

Student Council begins

7:30-8:00am

4th Grade Field Trip

### September 15th

Garden Club begins

2:45-3:45pm

### September 17th

Broomfield Days

### September 23rd

Jog A Thon

Dear Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start! The partnership between parents and staff has been evident as our Back to School nights were well attended and the educational emphasis set by each teacher was evident. Communication is KEY to a successful year. Thank you to those parents who attended!

The SAC has had their first meeting and their work on behalf of the school is outstanding. What a pleasure to work with such dedicated parents. There are many initiatives that the staff and the parents are pursuing to enhance and support our school.

I would like you all to be aware of some of the things we will be emphasizing this year to provide a safe environment for our students.

### **Drop Off Areas**

Are you aware that we have two drop off areas for you every morning?

One is for our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders near the primary playground on Kohl Street. The other is for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students near the intermediate playground on Hemlock Way. Both of these areas are what we like to call “**Hug and Go**” lanes. Signage indicates that there is no parking in these two areas between 7:30 and 8:30. We also do not want you to wait too long in these areas. When traffic can flow we do not have the backups and students can be quickly dropped off easing frustration for everyone. Also, please do NOT drop off your student across from these lanes and have them run across the street. This is extremely unsafe for the student and the parents who are dropping off. Lastly, if you are going to park and walk them into the playgrounds please do not park near the drop off lanes but rather where you can safely cross at a CROSS WALK. Thank you for being considerate of these guidelines and for being positive to Mr. Warneke and me as we try to help everyone be safe!

### **Extra Eyes**

I am asking parents to volunteer for our “**Extra Eyes**” on the playground again this year. Participating in the “extra eyes” program is being available for one day a week and providing a little more support at the lunch recess time for your student’s grade level. You will NOT be alone with the children but will work closely with the paras in helping our students play safely. It is also a great way to see your child in their play environment. If you are interested please e-mail me.

Lastly, please do not forget that our **first PTA meeting is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the library.** Please come and join us and get involved! This is another wonderful group of parents who work tirelessly on behalf of our school.

We are off to a GREAT year!

Cindy

### Student Council Update

Dear Kohl Families,

We are excited to get Student Council up and running. We would like to continue to encourage participation by a variety of students, therefore we've asked teachers to choose representatives to attend our monthly meetings. It's our goal to promote leadership, communication skills, and community service among all of the Student Council members. A note indicating the times and dates that Student Council will be meeting this year was sent home with your child today, August 26th. If your child is interested in being in Student Council and you can ensure their attendance, please sign the letter and return it to your child's teacher by Tuesday, August 30th.



Thank you,  
The Student Council Committee  
David Greenwald  
Aisha Galt-Theis

### Attention 4th and 5th Graders



Kohl Choir is starting up again and is available for any student in 4th or 5th grade! This year, choir will meet Mondays at 2:40-3:40. Our first rehearsal will be September 12th. All permission slips are due to Miss Bunyan by Thursday, September 1st. Please contact Miss Bunyan at [Jayanthi.Bunyan@bvsd.org](mailto:Jayanthi.Bunyan@bvsd.org) with any questions. I look forward to singing with you!

### P.E. PAGE



The students are really enjoying the new gym floor! **THANK YOU** to all who made this floor possible!

Please help your child remember to have **ATHLETIC**

**SHOES** for P.E. It is important for them to wear proper footwear in order to participate safely in class activities. A proper athletic shoe is one that covers the entire foot; has a sole that will cushion the foot; and is on tightly (it won't fly off when they kick a ball.) No Crocs, flip flops, sandals, dress shoes, casuals, raised heels, or boots please! However, we understand that there will be times when your child will need or want to wear other shoes to school, so remember to pack shoes for P.E.



If your child needs to sit out during P.E. due to an injury or sickness please send a note or contact us through email. If it is a serious injury such as a broken bone, please provide a **DOCTOR'S NOTE** indicating when they can continue participation.

We look forward to a healthy, active year!  
Maria Mischke

### A WELCOME TO THE KOHL LIBRARY FROM MRS. JACQUES

Welcome back to a new year in Kohl Library. Like every year we need your help to make the library program successful. Your children come to the library weekly, if not more often, to find books for their reading pleasure. This requires several adults to help the teachers and library staff locate a book for a student, check in and shelve returned books and aid in the check out process. Training will be offered in the next few weeks so you can be confident as a library volunteer. Because this would be a weekly commitment a background check is necessary to work with students. You can pick up a Volunteer form at the office or go to [www.tcllogig.com/bvsdv](http://www.tcllogig.com/bvsdv). If you would like to volunteer but have financial concerns with the fee required to process a background check, please call the school and talk to Tammi Simmons in the main office. Thank you for volunteering your time at Kohl. It DOES make a huge difference in the success of our students.

Marcia Jacques  
Teacher Librarian

# PTA NEWS



PTA is looking for a volunteer to coordinate "Walk to School Day". Interested? Get in touch with any board member! Contact information is listed below.

The Kohl Elementary PTA welcomes you back for another school year of exciting activities. All parents are welcome to join us at our first meeting on September 6, 2011. We meet in the library at 6pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Come find out what your PTA does to make Kohl an exceptional place for your students to learn and thrive! There are many opportunities for you to join our volunteer driven organization and make a difference at your child's school.

Magnets with the main phone number are available in the office for anyone wanting one. Please stop by and pick one up!

Our first sponsored event is coming up! Show your school spirit and join the Kohl community as we walk the parade for Broomfield Days. Look for more info to come but mark your calendars for September 17, 2011.

Be sure to check out the new gym floor...your PTA money hard at work improving Kohl Elementary! Thanks to all the families and local businesses that contributed to making this much-needed update a reality.

Please feel free to contact any of the PTA Board members with any questions or concerns. There is also a time slot designated at each meeting for parents to have a voice. We want to know what we can do on your behalf!!!

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### GARDEN CLUB BEGINS SOON!

Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders. If you love gardening or just love making Kohl look the best it can be, join the Garden Club! Look for a sign up sheet to come home soon. We will be taking 25-30 students and it will be a first come first serve basis. Garden Club will meet on the third Thursday of every month. Come and watch your beauty grow!

In January 2010, BVSD began using SchoolMessenger to send various communications from the district and schools to parents and staff. This includes attendance calls, meal account balance notices, emails from the superintendent, and emergency notifications.

**\*A test "emergency" phone call and email will be sent out via SchoolMessenger to all BVSD Parents on Thursday, Sept. 29.\***

Your contact information as it appears in Infinite Campus is uploaded into the SchoolMessenger system every night, so it is very important that your information is correct in Infinite Campus. If it is not correct, please contact your school to have your information updated.

A nice feature of the SchoolMessenger system is that parents and staff can set their own preferences for which telephone numbers or email addresses are used depending on what sort of communication is being sent. You can also enter a cell phone number in order to receive text messages. This feature is called "Contact Manager." BVSD Communications will email details to you about Contact Manager in early September OR you can learn more about it now in the parent section of the BVSD website at <http://www.bvsd.org/parents/Pages/default.aspx>.

Please note that at Kohl Elementary School we need the emergency information cards to update Infinite Campus with your information.

### BVSD Lifelong Learning's Fall Classes and Camps for Kids

BVSD's Lifelong Learning Program offers after school classes for kids in the arts, outdoors and adventure, fencing, digital photography, video production, and science. For our science classes, we partner with Science Matters and for our photography and video classes, we partner with the YWCA. Besides after school classes, we offer fun and creative camps for kids ages 6-12 during school breaks and on no-school days. If you want to get a jump on planning for Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break and the November 11<sup>th</sup> No School Day, look for listings in our BVSD Lifelong Learning Kids catalog, sent home in your child's Friday folder (on August 26<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>). You can also see a complete listing of classes and camps by visiting our website, [www.bvsd.org/LLL](http://www.bvsd.org/LLL). For more information, call 720-561-3768.

#### BVSD Lifelong Learning

Phone Number: 720-561-3768

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 "Creating a Caring, Connected, Safe Community in Partnership with all Adults & Youth"

### 2011-12 Community Conversations

September 14 Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm BVSD Ed Center Aspen Room	"How are All the Children?" 10th Annual PEN Kick-off Celebration! Let's Hear From Our Youth! A Positive Response to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey	Welcome: Bruce Messinger, Superintendent BVSD BVSD Peer Educators And other youth
September 22 Thursday	5-8:30 pm BVSD Ed Center Aspen Room	PEN 101 Orientation Equity and Inclusion training series preview	Bill De La Cruz, Betsy Fox, PEN Parent Coaches <a href="mailto:b.delacruz@comcast.net">b.delacruz@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:foxbetsy123@msn.com">foxbetsy123@msn.com</a>
October 4 Tuesday	6:30-8:00pm LMS Library	PEN Book Group Kick-off	Fawnda Hathaway, PEN Book Group Coordinator <a href="mailto:fawnda@comcast.net">fawnda@comcast.net</a>
October 15 Saturday	All Day Conference CU, Boulder Center for Community	Celebrating Queer Identities: Living Great, Being Terrific!  "A Positive View of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-being"	Sharon Rostosky PhD, Ellen Riggle PhD Collaborative with Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition (BVSSC) <a href="http://www.bouldersafeschools.org">www.bouldersafeschools.org</a>
October 19 Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm Monarch High	The Bully, the Bullied, & the Bystander Breaking the Cycles of Violence and Creating Circles of Caring	Barbara Coloroso, Nat'l Speaker/Author <a href="http://www.kidsareworthit.com">www.kidsareworthit.com</a>
November 9 Wednesday	5:45-8:45pm BVSD Ed Center Aspen/Black Diamond Room	Boys and Girls Relate Differently; Celebrating Family Relationships Speak Out, Speak Up!	Michael Vladeck <a href="http://www.connectwithyourteen.com">www.connectwithyourteen.com</a> Shari Leach <a href="http://www.womenswilderness.org">www.womenswilderness.org</a> Dinner, inclusive panel of women/youth/men
January 28 Thursday	6:30-8:30PM First Presbyterian Church	HOPE: Providing Hope and Inspiration in the area of Suicide and Depression prevention and awareness	Collaborative with HOPE Coalition, Colie's Closet, First Presbyterian Church <a href="http://www.hopecoalitionboulder.org">www.hopecoalitionboulder.org</a> <a href="http://www.coliescloset.org">www.coliescloset.org</a>
March 8 Thursday	6:30-9:00pm Fairview	We Are All Special The Gift: LD/ADHD Reframed  <i>The Short Bus</i>	Jonathan Mooney, Nat'l Speaker/Author <a href="http://www.jonathanmooney.com">www.jonathanmooney.com</a> Collaborative with Boulder Valley Gifted & Talented (BVGT) <a href="http://www.bvgt.org">www.bvgt.org</a>
March 21 Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm New Vista High School	Natural Highs: Research-based alternatives to risky behavior; Tools for parents and youth	Avani Dilger, MEd, CAC III Creator, Natural Highs Program <a href="mailto:avani@naropa.edu">avani@naropa.edu</a>
April 28 Thursday	6:30-8:30pm Fairview	What's Mental Health Got To Do With It? One woman's story of healing and recovery from anorexia, bulimia, depression, and addiction	Marya Hornbacher, Nat'l Speaker/Author <a href="http://www.maryahornbacher.com">www.maryahornbacher.com</a> Collaborative with Interfaith Network on Mental Illness INMI
April 30 Monday	6:30-8:30 Centaurus High	The Minds of Boys and Girls; Helping Our Sons and Daughters Do Their Best In School and Life	Michael Gurian, Nat'l Speaker/Author <a href="http://www.michaelgurian.com">www.michaelgurian.com</a> Collaborative with Parent Information Network (PIN)
May 8 Tuesday	11-1pm Spice of Life	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual PEN Celebration!	Maria Guajardo Lucero <a href="mailto:Maria.guajardo@denvemov.org">Maria.guajardo@denvemov.org</a>

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PEN Community Conversations: \*Interactive \*Provide Resources/Networking \*Build Relationships & Circles of Connection

\*Research-based \*Best Practices \*Engage parents and families to increase resiliency in youth

Questions: Kathy Valentine, PEN Calendar Chair, [valstone2@hotmail.com](mailto:valstone2@hotmail.com) 303-810-6456 or

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[www.parentengagementnetwork.org](http://www.parentengagementnetwork.org)



# October 2011

October 2011							November 2011						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	2:40pm Choir Practice	6:00pm PTA Meeting	International Walk to \$		Picture Re-Takes	Yom Kippur
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	2:40pm Choir Practice	3:00pm 7:30am Student Council	Parent-Teacher Conferences	8:00pm Sukkot	In-Service - Work Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	2:40pm Choir Practice			2:45pm Garden Club		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	2:40pm Choir Practice	2:30pm PTA Board		6:30pm 5th Grade Music Program	8:15am 3rd Grade - Museum of Nature and Science	4:00pm Kohl Carnival
30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
	2:40pm Choir Practice					