

# Kohl Communicator

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Kohl Elementary  
School

February, 2012

## Important Dates in February

### Choir Practice

February 6th, 13th & 27th  
2:35-3:35pm

### Lego Club

February 7th and 14th  
2:35-3:30pm

### February 7th

Garden Club 2:35-3:35pm

### February 7th

PTA Meeting 6pm

### February 10th

Valentine Day Parties

### February 13th-14th

3rd Grade TCAP Reading

### February 13th

Parent/Teacher Conference  
Sign up available on line at  
10:00 am or by phone to  
teacher

### February 14th

2nd Grade delivering  
Valentines to neighbors

### February 16th

2nd Grade Music Program  
6:30pm

### February 20th-21st

NO SCHOOL

### February 24th

Report cards go home

### February 24th

Kohl Spirit Day.  
Wear Blue and White

### February 28th-March 1st

Evening Parent/Teacher

Dear Parents,

Happy February! Valentine's Day, science assemblies and TCAP for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading are just some of our plans for this month.

The Animal Expeditions program from the Denver Zoo will be joining us next week for a presentation to the students about animals and their habitats. This will also kick off our campaign of Cents for Science. As with our Pennies for Peace and Pennies for Patients, we again are enlisting our students to gather their pennies for a good cause. Our first fundraiser (Pennies for Peace) was for a global cause, then we raised funds for a local cause (Pennies for Patients), and this year they will raise pennies for a school initiative. With the help of the PTA, SAC, and Student Council, we have planned more science related activities this year. These include our upcoming science assembly, starting a garden club for students AND having a school garden. We have started our work on the school garden in the backyard of the Cottage. If you are new to Kohl, the Cottage is the house that sits on the corner of the property on Kohl and Hemlock streets. If you drive by you can see the old playground equipment coming out. The pea gravel and planting beds will be put in soon. All classrooms will be able to access the garden for planting and/or for supporting their science curriculum. I want to thank some of our teachers for their support of these events. They are Therese Lutkus, David Greenwald and Aisha Galt.

TCAP (previously called CSAP) will be starting for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders ONLY. The reading exam is for two days on February 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning. The other exams (reading, writing, math and science) will begin on March 5<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Our Valentine parties will be on FRIDAY, February 10th. Morning Kindergarten at 9:30am, 5th Grade 12:45-1:45 and all other grades 1:30 to 2:30. Parents, please feel free to join us.

I would like to thank our second graders for their yearly field trip to deliver Valentines to our community. This is always so well received by our neighbors!

Cindy

**NO ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN**

Many of you have been wondering about our proposal to the district about All Day Kindergarten. After many meetings and discussion here is the outcome: "The Boulder Valley School District recognizes the value of full day Kindergarten and is exploring strategies to expand the program. The school district presently has full day Kindergarten programs in seven elementary schools and is interested in providing the option in all schools. Until the long range planning is complete the district will not expand the full day Kindergarten program to other schools. At this time Kohl will not be able to move forward on a full day program".



First grade students and their families generously donated approximately 355 pounds of clothing and blankets to families in Mexico. These items are currently heading south to Cristobal Colon School in Ensenada, Mexico. Students there will help distribute the items to people in need in their nearby communities. First graders learned all about Mexican life, culture, geography, climate, food, and traditions and this service learning project gave them an opportunity to put their learning into action. A huge Thank You goes out to the Skibinski family for coordinating the transport of these items!!

Thank you to all the parents who helped set-up chairs for the 5th grade Orchestra and Band performance. Your help was greatly appreciated.  
Jeanne Powers  
Head Custodian

**Thank You!**

There will be No Sweetheart Dance in February, but another dance is being planned. More to come!



Any student that received a hearing referral will be retested on Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kohl Elementary 5K Run/Fun Walk**

We're excited to announce that 3rd Annual Kohl Elementary 5K Run /Fun Walk will be held on  
May 5, 2012.

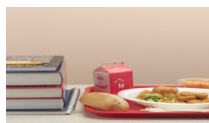
Registration is now open at [www.kohlelementary5k.com](http://www.kohlelementary5k.com)

Register before March 31st to get the early bird pricing of just \$20! Kids 12 and under are only \$15. Entry includes an official event t-shirt, chip timing, fun, food, and fantastic giveaways!

**Parents:**

**When you send lunch money with your child, please put money or check in an envelope and put complete name and PIN number on the front.**

Thanks,  
Tracy, Kitchen



Music has decided to paint the backdrops that are used in almost all our music programs. They are currently solid black and just need a new coat of paint.

We are looking for a donation of black paint, paint brushes, and volunteers to paint them for us.

Please contact Miss Bunyan at [Jayanthi.Bunyan@bvsd.org](mailto:Jayanthi.Bunyan@bvsd.org) if you are interested. Thanks!

## News from Kohl's PTA

Please join us for the next PTA Meeting: February 7 at 6pm in the library. Come for the valuable information...stay for the yummy treats!

The Third Annual Kohl 5k is scheduled for May 5, 2012. Do you own or work for a company who would like their name on the t-shirts!? We are looking for sponsors, please contact Dave or Nancy Barjenbruch at [dnaabar@comcast.net](mailto:dnaabar@comcast.net) for details. Profits from the race will be dedicated to making our playgrounds safe and accessible for all Kohl students. Look for registration details at <http://www.kohlelementary5k.com>

PTA is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our recycled electronics program. Please contact Viola De La O at [videlao@yahoo.com](mailto:videlao@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping.

Kohl Elementary PTA is on Facebook! "Like" us and you'll be able to stay up to date with PTA activities and announcements via the hottest social network. Please note that the page will be for viewing only and we will never post pictures of students.

Join us in collecting new socks (every size, every color!) to be donated to  
A Precious Child and distributed in our own community.

There will be a Leap Day ice cream party for the one primary (K-2) class and the one intermediate (3-5) class that brings in the most socks by February 24, 2012

*This community service project is sponsored by the Kohl Elementary PTA*

Contact Joy Spellman at [spellmanfive@msn.com](mailto:spellmanfive@msn.com)

Or Tina Correa at [tinacorrea428@comcast.net](mailto:tinacorrea428@comcast.net)

*with any questions. Thanks for your support!*



### BVSD Parent Snapshot Surveys coming in February (online) and March (mailed)

BVSD surveys students, parents and staff each year in order to gather information that can be used to guide efforts to improve schools. The survey of parents is called the "Parent Snapshot Survey" and parents will be receiving it in the next few weeks. We hope all parents and guardians will take a moment to complete and return this survey. The more parents who participate, the more accurately the survey data will reflect parents' perceptions and opinions. The survey results are reviewed by school staff to determine what programs and processes are working and which ones need improvement. Consequently, the survey results can have a significant impact on school operations.

The Parent Snapshot Survey will be administered online for all parents who have provided an email address to their student's school and who receive all communication in English. This supports a greener and more cost effective process by reducing the amount of paper used, mailing cost, and data entry required. We also hope this will increase the parent participation rate. Online surveys will be sent by email the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> to only **one** email address per household. If you don't see an invitation in your "inbox," please check other email addresses you have given the school.

If there is not an email address associated to your household or if your primary language is Spanish, you will receive a survey via U.S. postal service consistent with last year. Paper surveys will be mailed at the beginning of March.

Because the same survey has been given for several years, school staff and School Accountability Committees are able to study trends and patterns in responses. All of this information helps schools serve you in the best way possible.



## Special Notice To Parents Teacher Qualifications All Public Schools

Requirements Under Federal Law

*(Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), reauthorized January, 2002 as "No Child Left Behind")*



Newly enacted federal laws have created higher standards for teacher qualifications in public schools across the United States. The US Department of Education now defines minimum standards for the education and licensing of teachers, and requires that local school districts work with their staff to insure that all teachers of core subjects meet the federal definition of "highly qualified" by 2005-2006.

Boulder Valley School District's staff already largely meets and exceeds the new requirements. We have an exceptionally well-qualified cadre of teachers, who on average have over 12 years of teaching experience. Over half our teachers hold advanced degrees. Our paraprofessionals are also a highly experienced group, with educational credentials generally exceeding the standard, and many possessing other special skills as well.

Under new federal law, all parents of children attending US public school districts receiving certain types of federal aid (Title I funding) have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their children. You are allowed to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and the school is required to provide this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects s/he teaches.
- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has waived licensing requirements for the teachers because they have determined that special circumstances apply.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teacher's aides or other paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

To request information about a teacher's qualifications, please fill out a Teacher Qualification Request Form, available on request at your school and please submit to the BVSD Human Resources Department (6500 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO 80303).

Please do not contact teachers, the principal or other school staff to request information about teacher qualifications, as they do not have immediate access to personnel records. To insure that fair and uniform information is provided, all requests for information about teacher qualifications will be processed by the Boulder Valley School District's Department of Human Resources. They will provide written information by mail within 30 days of receiving a request. The HR Department cannot provide this information over the telephone, nor will they respond to anonymous requests. The teacher in question and the principal of his/her school will be notified that information regarding qualifications has been requested and given to a parent, and provided with the same information supplied to the parent; however, the teacher and principal will NOT be given the name of the parent requesting information.

For further information on these new federal policies, the websites listed below may be helpful:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/progrsum>

[http://www.nsba.org/cosa/Hot\\_topics/nclba.htm](http://www.nsba.org/cosa/Hot_topics/nclba.htm)

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# February 2012

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