

Kohl Communicator

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Kohl Elementary
School

November, 2011

Important Dates in November

Mondays

Choir Practice 2:40-3:40pm

November 1st

Garden Club 2:40-3:30pm

PTA Meeting 6-7 pm

November 2nd

Chess Club 2:35-3:20pm

November 6th

**End of Daylight Savings
Move clocks back 1 hour**

November 10th

4th Grade Colonial Days

November 10th

Report Cards go home

November 11th

Veteran's Day No School

November 14th

2nd Grade Field Trip
Dushabe Tea House and
Celestial Seasonings

November 18th

Fall Parties

Nov. 21st thru 25th

**Thanksgiving Break
No School**

November 30th

4th Grade Field Trip
Museum of Nature and
Science

Dear Parents,

What a CARNIVAL! Thank you to the PTA and all the parents who made this event so enjoyable. It is THE social event for our school and it turned out beautifully. The raffle baskets from each classroom were also wonderful. Thank you to the room parents for putting those together. Alas, I did not win one again. . .

I would also like to thank ALL the parents who came to Parent Teacher Conferences. Kohl is lucky to have such a strong partnership with our parents. The attendance by one or both parents was 99%. **THANK YOU PARENTS!**

At Kohl we try to anticipate all areas where we can provide a safer environment for our students. I would like to continue to emphasize some procedures and remind our parents of how they can help us.

- I want to thank the parents, grandparents and visitors who use the drop off lanes and DROP OFF and DRIVE OFF! Also, PULLING ALL THE WAY UP in the intermediate drop off is SO helpful. These little things sure allow the traffic to flow more smoothly!

- In continuing our practice with various safety drills we will have our first Lock Down drill in a few weeks. This drill is always in coordination with the Broomfield Police Department who are so supportive of our school safety practices.

I would like to thank all the parents who are signing in and wearing their badges. You make our school a safer environment. Also, thank you to all the parents who went through the \$16.00 background check to be a regular volunteer. Your support is **SO appreciated.**

Our school improvement plan is now complete and it is posted on our website. We will continue to work on WRITING as part of our achievement and equity goals. Our FIRST writing data is on the next page of the Communicator. You can see based on our fall writing rubric score, what percentage of students are writing "on target" in each grade level. We hope to have all students writing on target by the end of the year. Do you know what the target score is for your student? Please look at the bottom of the graph for the grade level target number by each trimester. If you are not sure if your student is writing on target please look in the comment section of the report card that is coming home NEXT week.

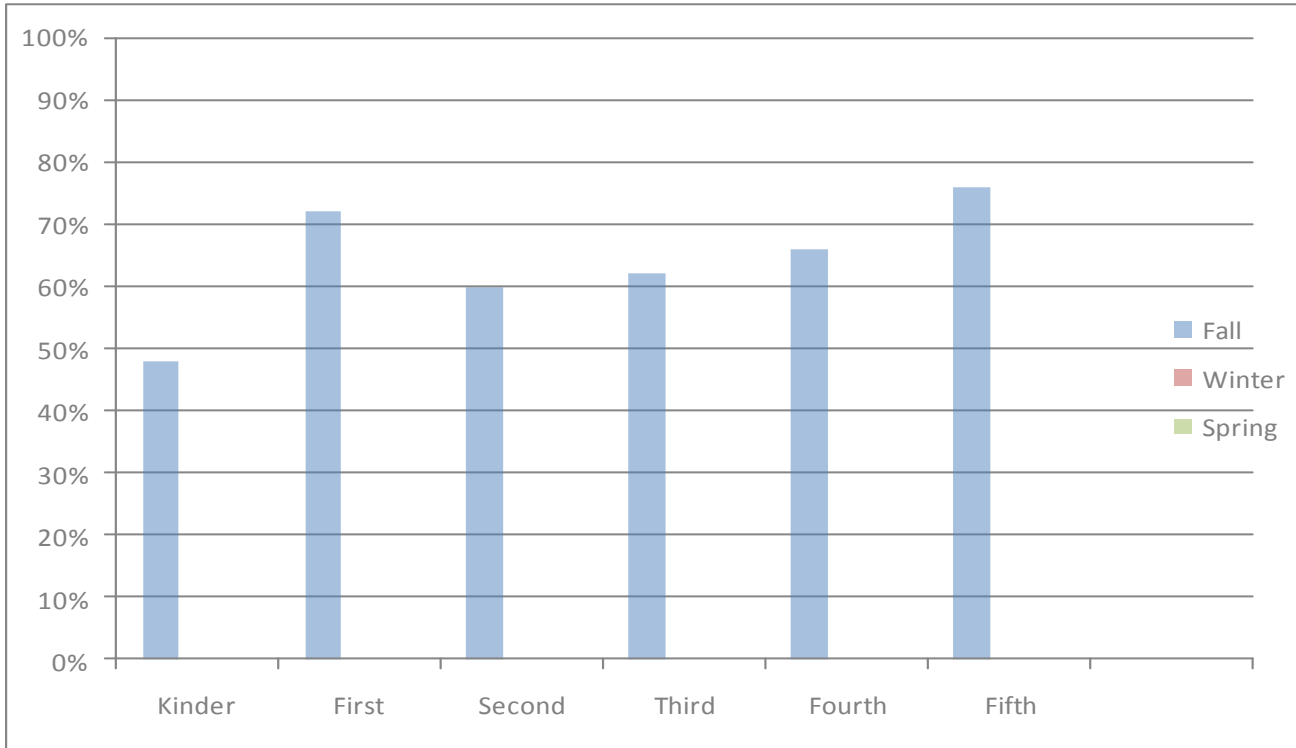
Also, copies of the writing rubric and grade level EXEMPLARS are being posted in the main hallway. Here you can SEE what a piece of writing looks like that is GRADE LEVEL. If you have any questions please talk with your teacher or myself.

Happy Fall!

Cindy



2011/2012 Writing Data Chart



Writing Targets

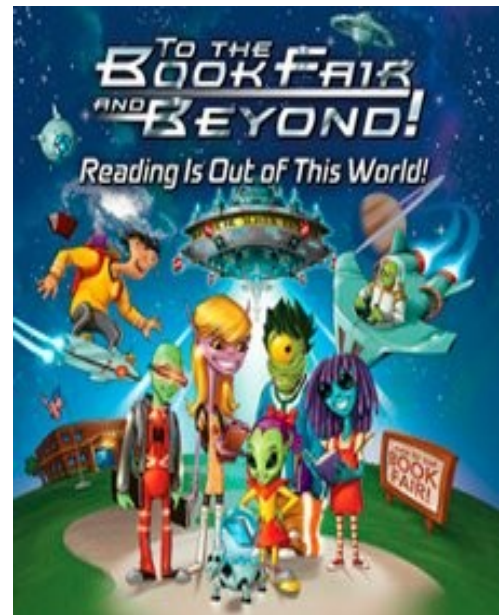
	Fall	Winter	Spring
Kinder	2 38 out of 78 48%	4	6
First	6 60 out of 83 72%	8	9
Second	9 39 out of 65 60%	10/11	12
Third	12 40 out of 64 62%	13/14	16
Fourth	15/16 52 out of 78 66%	16*	17
Fifth	16/17 55 out of 72 76%	17*	18

***When levels stay the same from one trimester to the next, look for more bullets on the rubric that can be demonstrated.**

Students, parents and Kohl staff agree that **READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD** as shown by the tremendous turnout for the Kohl Book Fair. The library received \$2160.00 for use by the library to purchase materials for all Kohl's students and staff. The Kohl Book Fair is a huge job to put together and run. Kohl has been very lucky over the years to have wonderful book fair chair people and volunteers and this year was no exception. Tracy Zack and her volunteers worked very hard to decorate, setup, break down and run the book fair for three twelve hour days! Words cannot express the thanks they deserve. As we say goodbye to Tracy Zack as she moves with her children to the middle school, we have the wonderful fortune to already have next year's chairperson on board. Her name is Siva Spitler and she worked with Mrs. Zack on every step of the book fair this year to be ready for next year's fair. Please thank both women and our many volunteers for the work they've done for Kohl.

Marcia Jacques

Teacher Librarian



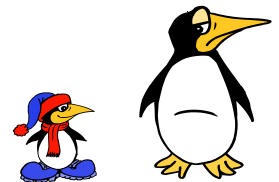
Student council and our amazing volunteer parents, Julie Reichelderfer-Gasque and Stacey Blicher, are working hard to encourage our community to collect Box Tops. Every Box Top raises 10 cents for Kohl!

Please collect Box Tops and bring them to school. Each month the class that collects the most Box Tops will be awarded with a healthy snack.

Our September winner was Mrs. Johnson's class. They collected 417 Box Tops. Keep up the good work Kohl kids!



Now that we have had our first snow storm it is time to remember all the snow gear needed for school. If there is snow in the field and a student wants to play in the snow, **they must have snow boots**. If a student does not have snow boots, they have to stay on the concrete where the snow has been shoveled away. Hat, gloves and a warm coat are very helpful too.



COME JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!!

EVERY MORNING IN THE CAFETERIA

7:45AM-8:00AM

Cost =\$1.50. Free to all students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Parents, if your student is coming for breakfast, they need to enter the cafeteria from the east side of the building through the outside doors to the cafeteria. Please do not drop them off in front.





Calling all Kohl Students: Want to write Kohl's new school song?

We will be holding auditions for the next Kohl School Spirit Song on **Tuesday, November 1st** after school. If you are creative and want to contribute, we want to hear from you! You can work alone or with friends. For the audition, you will have **three minutes** to show us your best idea.

Not sure where to start? Here are some ideas:

Change the words of your favorite song to be about Kohl. (For example, instead of singing "We will, we will, rock you!" you could sing "We love, we love Kohl School!"). Write a poem about Kohl and rap it.

The possibilities are endless!

What to expect for your audition:

You will only have three minutes to share your idea. Make sure you practice before you audition. We do not know your song, so you must start it yourself and perform it yourself. Any motions to your song should be practiced until it's perfect!

For your audition:

Bring a paper with the words to your song written out. If your song is based on another song, write down the name of the original song. You can use back up music or an instrument, but we don't want to hear a recorded voice- we just want to hear you!

The student or group with the chosen song will receive a prize.

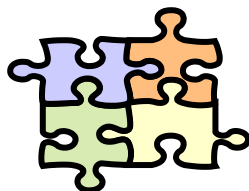
Good luck and get writing! We're excited to hear what you create!
If you have a question, find Mr. Owens or Miss Bunyan.



Donations

Did you know that Kohl Preschool accepts donations? We are always looking for items that are in good condition that we can use in our classroom. Items we can use include books, puzzles, toys, children's furniture, etc..

We are also looking for a child's construction workbench and plastic tools. So before you donate somewhere else, remember - Kohl preschool is in need! Any questions call 720-771-8061. Thank you!



PTA NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food, items, and time for the teacher conference dinners. The teachers and staff were very thankful. The food was so good and it helps the teachers so much to have snacks and a hot meal right at school.

Thank you!

Tina Correa
Carrie Pepperdine



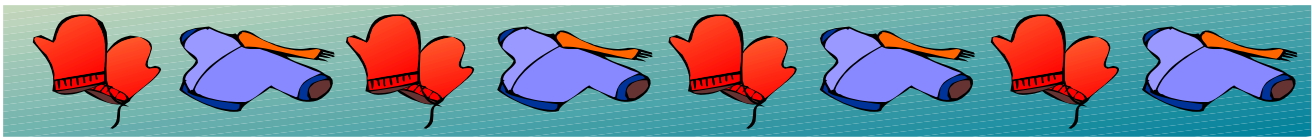
It's time again to donate those too-small, somewhat-worn, but still-warm coats and other winter garments such as hats, gloves, sweaters and overshoes, to the annual Share-A-Coat program. This is the 20th year the Boulder Valley Rotary Club, with cleaning services donated by Art Cleaners in Boulder, collects coats from local schools, cleans them and distributes them to families and children who are in need of them.

A box has been provided at our school, so please send coats you are no longer using to school with your student.

Both children and adult size coats are needed!

Boulder Valley Rotary Club volunteers will pick up the coats from our school on 11/3, 11/17 and 12/2. The last pick-up is scheduled for December 2. Cash donations will also be made depending on how many coats we collect per student. Donations for 1st place will be \$150, 2nd place - \$100 and 3rd place - \$50.

Let's see what we can do for the less fortunate children in our community, and perhaps even win top honors! Thanks for your support!



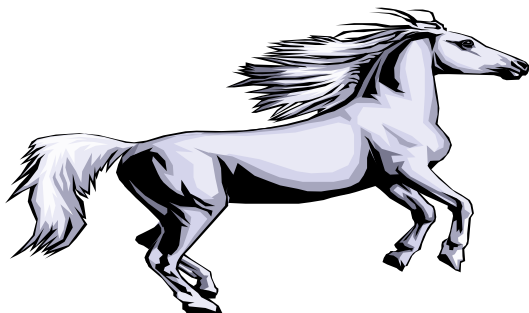
Kohl Preschool has Openings!!!



Kohl Preschool is still enrolling children ages 3-5 for both morning and afternoon sessions. BVSD Preschools help prepare children for Kindergarten readiness and gives children an opportunity to learn and work with peers. We provide a variety of play-based, artistic and academic activities.

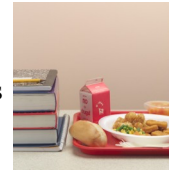
Tours of our Preschool will be available upon request. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 720-561-8627 or 720-561-8665.

Financial assistance and bussing to and from home or daycare is available for families who qualify.



BVSD FOOD SERVICES

Breakfast is available at school 15 minutes before the morning bell rings. Breakfast is FREE for all students with Free or Reduced meal status. Breakfast costs \$1.50 for elementary students.



2011-12 Lunch Prices: Elementary Lunch \$2.95. Reduced Meal Price \$0.40. Adult Lunch \$3.95. All lunches include an entrée plus unlimited salad bar and 1% organic milk!

11/3 New Menu Item Spotlight: Have you tried the new Chicken Chilaquiles? It's a traditional Mexican casserole dish made with sautéed onion, garlic, green chiles, chicken, a little gravy, diced tomatoes, corn, and crispy corn tortillas, topped with cheddar cheese. It's coming up on the menu Thursday November 3rd! Find more descriptions of new menu items on our website at: <http://www.bvsd.org/FOOD/Pages/LunchMenu.aspx>

11/16 New Menu Item Spotlight: Our new Chicken Fajitas are made with fresh sautéed red and green bell peppers and onions, tossed with yummy strips of tender chicken and seasonings. Served with fresh whole grain flour tortillas and cheddar cheese. Try it Wednesday November 16th! Find more descriptions of new menu items on our website at: <http://www.bvsd.org/FOOD/Pages/LunchMenu.aspx>

11/30 New Menu Item Spotlight: What kid doesn't love pasta? Cheesy Baked Pasta Marinara blends real ricotta, parmesan, and mozzarella cheeses with scratch-made Italian red tomato sauce and penne marinara, then baked fresh to a yummy, cheesy deliciousness. Try it Wednesday November 30th! Find more descriptions of new menu items on our website at: <http://www.bvsd.org/FOOD/Pages/LunchMenu.aspx>

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January 2012

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	Christmas	Kwanza				To Jan 2, 12

Nov 27 - Dec 3

Dec 4 - 10

Dec 11 - 17

Dec 18 - 24

Dec 25 - 31