

Kohl Communicator

For the most up-to-date information, use our website:
<http://sp.bvsvd.org/schools/kohl>

Kohl Elementary
School

September, 2011

Mondays

Choir Practice
2:35pm-3:40pm

October 4th

Garden Club
2:35pm-3:30pm
PTA Meeting
6:00pm-7:00pm

October 5th

International Walk to School
Day
Chess Club
2:35pm-3:20pm
Preschool Open House
5:00pm-6:30pm

October 7th

Picture Retakes and
Volunteer Badges

October 10th

2nd Grade Field Trip

October 11th thru 13th

Book Fair

October 11,12 & 13

Parent Teacher
Conferences

October 11th

Student Council 7:30am

October 14th

No School

October 18th

Kindergarten Field Trip

Wednesdays, 10/19-11/16

Love and Logic Class
Library 6:30pm-8:30pm

October 27th

5th Grade Music Program
6:30pm-7:30pm Gym/Stage

October 28th

3rd Grade Field Trip

October 29th

Kohl Carnival 4:00pm

October 31st

1st Grade Field Trip

Dear Parents,

HAPPY FALL! It has been a busy but very productive September. We have accomplished much in our first six weeks of school!



Both the staff and our SAC parents have been working diligently on our **School Improvement Plan**. The plan continues for a second year and focuses on writing. It will also continue to support our climate goals of RIDE (Respect, Integrity, Determination, Equity), as well as, how students interact with each other. Our school improvement plan and action strategies are on the information page of our website. www.bvsvd.org/schools/Kohl.

- **Teachers have assessed every student in both reading and writing** and our intervention programs have begun. We have a variety of interventions that we have put into place to support our students both during the day and before/after school. Some of these interventions include Reading Recovery for first graders, before school math groups for 1st and 2nd graders and 4th grade writing club after school for starters. We have a dedicated staff that support student learning in SO many ways.
 - **AYP – Kohl again made Adequate Yearly Progress.** This means that Kohl continues to meet the federal and state performance indicators. There are 18 targets that need to be met in both reading and math. We met all 18 targets! We also continue to show **very good growth** for our students as evidenced by the CSAP growth data and district/building assessments. If you are interested in any of this data please see the bulletin board in our main hallway.
- We have had our first two PTA events - **Skate City Night and Jog-A-Thon**. The Jog-A-Thon day was absolutely beautiful and students and families enjoyed this outdoor event. Thank you to all the parents and staff who made these events possible!

Please plan ahead for:

- **Parent Teacher Conference Nights.** This year these are October 11, 12 and 13. We do have the expectation that all parents will attend. Research shows that when parents and teachers work together, student learning benefits. Sign-up sheets are in the main hallway. We are also piloting an on-line system of sign-ups for a few classes to see if we want to do this for the spring conferences. So far, this has been very well received by the parents in those classrooms.

One of our **largest PTA events is the Fall Carnival**. It will be on Saturday, October 29th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Please see information in the newsletter on how you can help with this event. We need more volunteers!

Thank you to all our parents and teachers who make Kohl such a wonderful school!

Cindy



**KOHL CARNIVAL IS COMING!
SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH 4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Are you interested in having some fun and helping with the Carnival? Be a Volunteer! We are looking for helpers with: Set-up 1-4pm, Activities 3:30-5:30pm or 5:30-7:30pm and Clean-up 7-10pm. If you can help, please email Sandy Cheatham, sandycheat@gmail.com, call April Servold at 720-220-4574 or sign up online at <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/982345637994268095>



Look in your Friday folder for information on pre-sales!

We also need your help again this year collecting donations for the Silent Auction at the annual Kohl Carnival. Items can include restaurant gift certificates, tickets to a show or sporting event, hotel stays, spa treatments, items from shops, etc. Do you or someone you know work for or own a local business? Donations are tax deductible and will go toward a great cause! If you have any items to donate, you can contact Delois Meyer at 303 477 9347 or email delois89@yahoo.com
Thanks for your help!



Picture Retakes
Friday October 7th
8:00am to 12:00pm

If you volunteer at Kohl on a regular basis, you can get a picture badge on this picture day.

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.

Open House on Wednesday, October 5th 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tours of our Preschool will be available on the evenings of Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th during Parent Teacher Conferences. Please sign up for a tour when you sign up for your Parent Teacher conference if you have a prospective Preschooler. 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.

PTA NEWS

Please be sure to attend the upcoming PTA general Meeting on October 4, 2011 6pm and in the library. Lots of good information and refreshments will be served!!

Special thanks to Janett Schnurr for coordinating the Kohl families for the Broomfield Days parade. It was nice to see many faces representing our school!

There is a sign up sheet on the PTA bulletin board for Kohl Carnival volunteers...or go online to [volunteerspot.com](http://www.volunteerspot.com) to be part of one this fun family night.

International Walk to School Day is October 5th. Get movin' and come to school on foot, on bike or on scooter. Parents: Please be mindful of the additional pedestrians if you are driving that day.

You may sign up to donate food for the meals we provide to staff on the evenings of Parent~Teacher Conferences online. Each night has it's own link.

Pasta Night - Tuesday, October 11 <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=kohldinner1011>

Taco-Bar Night - Wednesday, October 12 <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=kohldinner1012>

Soup and Sandwich Night - Thursday, October 13
<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=kohldinner1013>

BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND

Do you think that reading is out of this world? Please join us in the library for our Book Fair and Beyond! Kohl's Book Fair will run October 11th, 12th, and 13th from 8AM to 7:30PM.

Proceeds support our school library.

New this year we are adding an Online Fair to run with our school fair. You may buy books online to be shipped to our school. Please find a link for our Online Fair on our Kohl website. The link will be up October 7th through October 17th.

Everyone is welcome!



Jog-a-Thon News

Our annual Jog-a-Thon event was held on Friday, September 23rd and was a great success! Thank you to all the parents who helped set-up, mark kids' tallies, clean up afterward, and cheer on the great Kohl kids! Also, thank you to Sheryl Baltzer for being the best and goofiest DJ we could ask for!

This year we did things a bit differently when choosing a design for our Jog-a-Thon t-shirts. Five designs were chosen by committee. The designs were from Courtney Wristen, Matt Foster, Zach Boh, Marisa Emoto, and Ava Crowther. From these there was a school wide vote to select the winning design. Congratulations to Matt Foster whose design was selected to go on this year's Jog-a-Thon t-shirt.



Reminder: To be considered for any t-shirts or prizes, all Jog-a-Thon donations must be turned in **NO LATER THAN Monday, October 3**. All students bringing in at least \$30 in donations will get a t-shirt and students with more than \$50 in donations will be entered to win a Target gift card. Thank you to all the fabulous parents who help support our school through this fundraiser!!

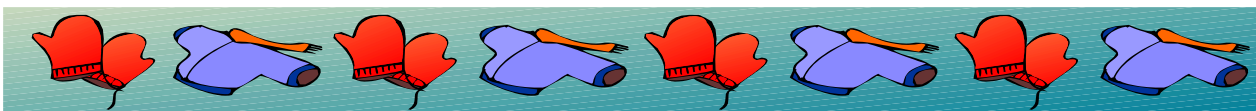


It is time once again for the Share-A-Coat drive that our Boulder Valley Rotary Club sponsors. In 2010, over 2,800 coats and many miscellaneous items of clothing were collected and distributed to needy families in Boulder County and to various charitable organizations.

We plan to have collection boxes in school around mid October, with pick-up dates of November 3rd, November 17th and December 1st. Once the coats are picked up, they will be cleaned and distributed to the needy.

Schools that collect the highest number of coats per student will be recognized and rewarded with either a cash prize or a donation to a local charity in the name of the school.

Thanks to the efforts of all concerned, the program has been very successful in the past and has provided warm clothing to many less fortunate men, women and children.



From BVSD Food Services

Having trouble keeping track of when to add money to your student's meal account?

Tired of getting negative balance reminder phone calls and emails?

With payfort.net you can set up a low-balance email reminder for when your student's account gets below a level you choose. This is a free service, with no obligation to use Payfort to add money to your student's account. Best yet, there is no transaction fee if you choose the convenience of online payments. Visit PayFort.net and set up your account today!

From BVSD School Leadership

Growing Up Boulder event on October 15

Our annual fall event celebrates community involvement by youth and encourages participation in the Growing Up Boulder initiative. This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 15 at the North Boulder Recreation Center, from 2-5 p.m. The theme is children and youth rights. The celebration will include: interactive youth-run booths to present findings and gather new ideas about a children and youth bill of rights in Boulder, inflatables (obstacle course, inflatable sumo wrestling, and more), raffle prizes including a \$50 iTunes gift certificate, delicious food, fun classes like kickboxing and hip hop dancing and it's all free!!!!



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Dear HealthierUS School Challenge Team,

Congratulations!! Many of your schools have received a HealthierUS School Challenge award! We have been notified by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services that the following schools were approved for a HUSSC award in September 2011.

Bear Creek K-8 School (Bronze)	Foothill Elementary School (Bronze)
Birch Elementary School (Bronze)	Heatherwood Elementary School (Bronze)
Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies (Bronze)	High Peaks Elementary School (Bronze)
Coal Creek Elementary School (Bronze)	Kohl Elementary School (Bronze)
Columbine Elementary School (Gold)	Lafayette Elementary School (Bronze)
Community Montessori Elementary School (Bronze)	Louisville Elementary School (Bronze)
Creekside Elementary School (Bronze)	Mesa Elementary School (Bronze)
Crest View Elementary School (Bronze)	Nederland Elementary School (Bronze)
Douglass Elementary School (Bronze)	Pioneer Bilingual Elementary School (Bronze)
Eisenhower Elementary School (Bronze)	Ryan Elementary School (Bronze)
Emerald Elementary School (Gold)	Superior Elementary School (Bronze)
Fireside Elementary School (Bronze)	University Hill Elementary School (Silver)
Flatirons Elementary School (Bronze)	Whittier Elementary School (Bronze)

The Colorado Department of Education Office of School Nutrition would like to congratulate the schools for their efforts in improving student health and wellness by meeting the HUSSC criteria. By participating in the challenge these schools are playing a vital role in promoting student wellness, which is a leading contributor to student achievement.

As of September 2011, we are proud to say that Colorado has 35 schools that have received a HUSSC award. In addition to national recognition, the awarded sites will be listed on the CDE Office of School Nutrition website. If the schools would like their HUSSC experience to be showcased on the website please submit a brief summary to the CDE Office of School nutrition. We hope the schools will accept their role as a leader and mentor for other sites in the state aspiring to meet the HUSSC criteria.

The national USDA office will be sending an award letter with additional information in the coming weeks. To acknowledge this achievement, the schools will receive a HUSSC award plaque, a banner to display, and a small monetary incentive award. Also, the names of all awarded schools will be added to the HUSSC awardees list on the Team Nutrition HUSSC website.

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work!

Lindsay Michael, ES

Michelle Gitter, ES

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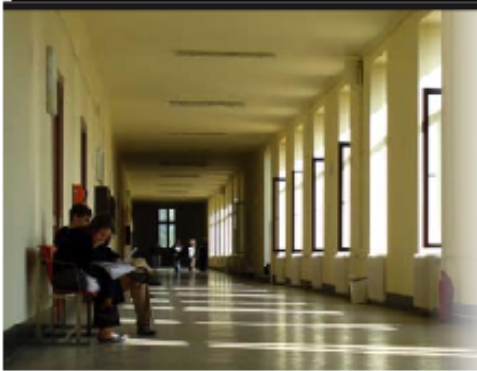
School Safety Presentation

Discussion: Speaking a Common Language During a School Crisis
Hosted by the Broomfield Police Department

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Broomfield Auditorium – 3 Community Park Road



Speaking Common Language During a School Crisis

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the classroom response to an incident at school. Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by school and district administration. Student safety also transcends the classroom and extends socially as well.

John-Michael Keyes, Executive Director of The "I Love U Guys" Foundation, will talk about the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This presentation is ideal for students and families, school administrators and faculty, emergency managers, fire personnel, emergency medical services, law enforcement and public health officials.

A unique tool, the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), was developed by the Foundation in collaboration with various law and safety agencies, school administrators, students and teachers. The SRP is simple and direct when there is no time to waste.

Topics include

- The story and aftermath of the Platte Canyon High School shooting
- Dispelling the concept that: "it can't happen here"
- A new way to engage in the conversation about school safety.

For additional information contact
Joleen Reefer, Public Education
Coordinator at 720-887-2084.



We hope you'll join us for this dynamic presentation!

About The "I Love U Guys" Foundation:

The "I Love U Guys" Foundation was created after the shooting at Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado, in which student Emily Keyes lost her life at the hands of a gunman. Emily's parents are involved in The Foundation which was named after the last text message Emily sent to them while being held hostage.

It is rapidly accomplishing the goal of creating a national awareness and adoption of a universal language and action program for use in schools and throughout communities.

Information: <http://iloveuguy.org>



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