



SANCHEZ INTERNATIONAL DRAGON'S TALE

2011/2012

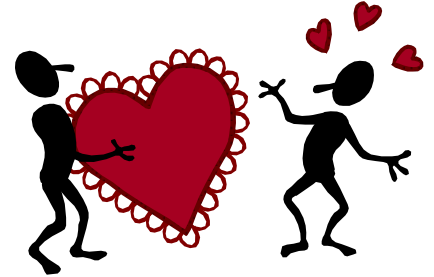
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February

3/Fri Food Bag Pick Up—2:15-3:00 p.m.
3/Fri Girl Scouts—2:40-3:40 p.m.
6/Mon Incredible Years Parenting Class—5:30-7:30 p.m.
6/Mon Sister Carmen On-Site Management—**by appt. only-720-561-7338**
7/Tues 25th Anniversary Celebration Meeting—6:30-7:30 p.m.
6,7,8,9,13,15 Academic Parent/Teacher Conferences
6-10 Sanchez Spirit Week
13 & 14 TCAP—3rd Grade Reading
13/Mon Incredible Years Parenting Class—5:30-7:30 p.m.
13/Mon PTA Meeting—5:30 p.m.
17/Fri End of 2nd Trimester
17/Fri Girl Scouts—2:40-3:40 p.m.
20/Mon **NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day**
21/Tues **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—Dist. Professional Develop. Day**
24/Fri IB Assembly—8:15-9:00 a.m.
24/Fri Community Café—9:00-10:00 a.m.
27/Mon Play and Learn Group—10:30-11:30 a.m.
27/Mon Incredible Years Parents Class—5:30-7:30 p.m.



March

2/Fri RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Dr. Seuss' Birthday
2/Fri Food Bag Pick-up—2:15—3:00 p.m.
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13/Tues PTA Meeting—5:30- 6:30 p.m.
16/Fri Girl Scouts—2:40-3:40 p.m.
19/Mon Play and Learn Group—10:30-11:30 a.m.
19/Mon Incredible Years Parenting Class—5:30-7:30 p.m.
22/Thurs Kindergarten Concert—6:30 p.m.
23/Fri IB Assembly—8:15-9:00 a.m.
Mar. 26-Apr 3 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
4/Wed School Resumes

Dear Sanchez Friends & Families,

After a restful winter break, the staff and students came back focused and ready to start 2012. Every year the Sanchez staff has a theme to focus our work. This year is The Year of the Dragon! We chose this theme to celebrate our international focus and to mark our 25th anniversary as a school. In the Chinese culture, the dragon can symbolize the spirit of change and transformation. This idea resonates with Sanchez because we have been doing significant transformation work the last four years.

If you saw the January 22nd edition of the Boulder Daily Camera, you saw the work of the Sanchez staff and students highlighted in a three page article. It is no secret to our school community the hard work we have been doing to transform our school, but it is nice to be recognized publicly. I want to personally thank all of our supporters, friends of Sanchez, parents and community members for their ongoing belief in our staff and school. We know that we are on the right track and firmly believe that we will be successful. This is evident when you visit classrooms here at Sanchez. Our teachers are working very hard to ensure that our students are engaged and learning.

This year our major improvement goal is focused on increasing reading proficiencies as a school. Every student should know his/her reading level and whether they are at grade level or not. Teachers have been assessing the students' progress over the last few weeks and should have an update on your child's reading level. Please ask your child to tell you whether he or she has improved in reading from the beginning of the year.

In February we will not be holding our traditional parent/teacher conferences, instead we will be conducting Academic Parent/Teacher conferences. Each grade level will select one night for the Academic Parent/Teacher conference. Each teacher will be sharing academic progress of their class and working with parents to set class academic goals and individual student goals. We piloted this format last school year and received positive support from parents to do it school-wide this school year. Please look for an announcement from your child's teacher in early February for the date assigned to your child's grade level. I understand that this may pose a challenge for single parents with more than one child, but we felt that the benefits of this format were too significant to not give this a try this year.

Coming up in the next month, the BVSD school board will be making a decision regarding our request to change our school name to Alicia Sanchez International School. If approved, we will have a special celebration this spring along with our 25th anniversary celebration. If you are interested in serving on the committee to plan the 25th anniversary celebration events, please come to a planning meeting on February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We will be asking you to complete the parent survey regarding our school climate that night. Please take the time to complete this survey; we use the results to inform our school improvement goals. Help us meet our goal this year of increasing parent participation in this survey.

Thank you to everyone supporting our school in our goals and activities. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming school events.

In partnership,
Doris Candelarie, Ph.D.



New Sanchez Staff Member

David Tanaka has joined our Sanchez Staff as the Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year! Mr. Tanaka was a teacher for many years at Escuela Bilingue Pioneer before moving into administration. He has served as an administrator at Superior Elementary, Lafayette Elementary, and Emerald Elementary. He received his BA from UCLA, completed his teaching licensure work at Western State College in Gunnison (brrr!), received his MA from CU Boulder, and, most recently, completed his principal licensure work at CU Denver. You will probably see Mr. Tanaka around Lafayette (probably at Santiago's!) some time with his wife, Sara Anderson, and his two daughters, Ruby Jane (3 years old) and Lucy Quinn (6 months old)—Wal-Mart on Highway 287, close to Waneka Lake. Mr. Tanaka would like to thank the Sanchez Staff and parent community for the warm welcome, and looks forward to helping Sanchez students succeed at the very highest levels.



Free Dental Care for Uninsured Kids!
Friday, February 3, 2012
Appointments are limited. Call today!
Give Kids a Smile Day

Dental Aid will provide free dental services to uninsured children under age 20. **Appointments are required!** Boulder County Healthy Kids will also be on hand to help families complete their application to receive free or low cost Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) health insurance.

To schedule a dental appointment call Dental Aid
 Boulder Longmont Louisville

303 □ 499 □ 7072 303 □ 682 □ 2619 303 □ 665 □ 8228

To see if your child qualifies for free or low cost health insurance call Boulder County Healthy Kids 303 □ 441 □ 1589

Sanchez is going Solar!

Great news! Sanchez Elementary will soon be sporting shiny new solar panels on our rooftop, and we will then be able to start using the power of the sun to produce electricity! The installation and construction began on January 9, and should take approximately four weeks to complete. This project was approved by the Boulder Valley Board of Education, and there is no cost to the school. The power generated will be used to provide some of Sanchez's electricity needs, and students will be able to track how much power our solar panel system is producing, as well as how much energy we're consuming. We are very excited to be one of sixteen schools in the district selected to participate in this program!



Library News



Currently, students are checking-out new books bought with the Target grant money. Please continue to encourage your children to return books on a weekly basis. Book check-out days are Monday–Wednesday.

Families are invited to check-out books from 2:30-3:00 Monday – Thursday, as well. There are a number of books that are currently overdue. Notices will come home in the Friday folders. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

On March 2, 2012 we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday in the library. Each student will receive a free RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book. Thank you for continuing to read to your children; this is a wonderful way to instill a love of books into them. Volunteers are needed Monday-Wednesday 9:00-12:05 and in the afternoon, 1:05-2:35. If you are interested please call the library or just drop by to sign up.

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be March 24-26, 2012. The theme is the "Book Fair Luau". If anyone is interested in volunteering to help please contact me at 720-561-7393. Please come by and see the new book arrivals or view the "Meet the Author's" video.

Family Resource Center

At the Family Resource Center our mission is directly in line with that of our school. We do this through working collaboratively with students, families, colleagues, and community members to ensure academic achievement and nurture active global citizenship. We believe that it takes every member of our Sanchez family working together to make a great school and a stronger community. As an International Baccalaureate school the focus of our mission, that of nurturing active global citizenship is held as a vibrant and critical element of our Family Resource Center. With that you are welcome to take action locally, right here in the Resource Center, to create a more peaceful and just world. Whether you volunteer to help with our Food Bag Project, organize prize bags for Golden Dragon Awards, sign up to attend a parenting class or volunteer in the classrooms every action you take not only helps strengthen our community but also models citizenship to our students. All in all everyone benefits from each of us committing to either volunteer or be a part of any one of our great Family Resource Opportunities!

Volunteer Opportunities—Isela—720-561-7338

We always welcome parents and family members to come volunteer at our school. Please call Isela if you would like to get involved! We currently need some extra hands in a few projects around school in addition to classroom volunteers.

Alicia Sanchez Community Partners Breakfast

– Volunteers are needed to help us during our Community Partners Breakfast on March 2. If you are interested in helping organize the event or volunteering to serve breakfast to our Partners that would be wonderful!

The Empty Bowls Art Project

– Volunteers are needed in the Art Room to help our Intermediate students create 100 "Empty Bowls". These bowls will be used as a fund raiser to help alleviate world hunger.

Early Childhood Education Class Coming to Sanchez this Spring!!!

Play and Learn: Tiny Chefs in a Big, Big World is a cooking class for children ages 0-5 years old to explore making simple, fun and nutritious snacks that they love right here at the Sanchez Preschool program. Space is limited and all are welcome!!!

What: Play & Learn: Tiny Chefs in a Big, Big World

Who: All children ages 0-5 years old

When: Mondays, February 27, & March 5th, 12th & 19th from 10:30-11:30

Where: The Sanchez Preschool Room

NEW! Parent to Parent Group Coming...

Have you ever wanted to meet other parents at our school? Are you interested in making a difference in our community? Then **Parent to Parent** might be the right group for you! We are All parents are welcome and bilingual parents strongly encouraged to participate. To join watch your child's Friday Folder for more information or call the front desk and ask for Ashley or Jesse for more information.

Adult Education Classes Start February 14th!!!

Have you ever wanted to learn **English or finish your GED?** We offer classes for all of our families here three days a week after school. Childcare available. Please contact Sole through the front desk if you would like to register.

Please join us for our monthly community café in the library on February 24th at 9:00 a.m. We will focus on instruction for advanced learners. Participants will engage in meaningful dialogue and have the opportunity to network with other parents. This conversation will be facilitated by Ashley Randall, Family Resource Specialist, and Danielle Shaw, Talented and Gifted Educational Advisor, and Jennifer Barr, BVSD Advanced Academic Services Coordinator

