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Superior Elementary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Families,

Our weather has changed from shirtsleeves to coats, hats, gloves and boots. Please make sure to put your child's name on their clothing and check our lost and found for any missing items. Our lost and found is across from the music rooms; please have your student check the rack and baskets for any missing items as we have accumulated quite a collection of "found" items.

Thank you to all who donated their bikes during the **Bike Drive** to this wonderful Boulder County cause. This year our community collected 48 bikes! Thank you to all of the students in our Be Your Best club for promoting it.

November is the time of year when we begin collections for the less fortunate. We will soon be collecting toys and canned/boxed food. Our student council and Be Your Best Club members will be delivering the items in December to the distribution center. Kathy Carty-Mullen and Pam Sanders will be in charge of the collections and they welcome car poolers to take the students to the site.

Report Cards will be coming home on the 18th. This is a great opportunity to have your child explain the report card to you and tell you what he/she is most proud of, a simple step toward helping your child to become a self-directed learner. If you have a primary student, you may want to read it with your child and highlight the celebrations. Your children work hard every day! If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. The next conference window is in February, but one can be scheduled at any time during the year; you don't need to wait until February if you have any concerns.

We hope you and your family can join us for the upcoming fifth grade musical, **Jungle Book Kids**. There will be evening performances on November 9 and November 10. There is no charge for admission.

Thanksgiving is only a few short weeks away. The Superior Elementary staff would like to wish you and your family a very **Happy Thanksgiving!** We are so fortunate to work with you and in this community where children are a focus and priority. Working with your children is one the blessings we are so thankful for! We hope you have a safe, enjoyable and restful week with friends and family.

Jenn Ikenouye
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 8: PTA meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
Nov. 9 and 10: 5th grade musical, 6:30 pm
Nov. 11: Veterans' Day – no school
Nov. 18: Pajama Day and Hat Day
Nov. 18: Report Cards going home
Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving break
Dec. 7: Songbirds concerts at 1:30 and 6:30



Musical Notes

From Mrs. Austin

Jungle Book Musical: The 5th grade classes will present the musical Jungle Book Kids at 6:30 pm in the SES gym on Wednesday, November 9th (Mr. Kisskalt, Mr. Lehman and ½ of Mrs. Dickey's classes) and Thursday, November 10th (Ms. Kearl, Mrs. Sciscione, and ½ of Mrs. Dickey's classes). We hope you will join us!

Songbirds and Handbells concert: On December 7th, the 4th Grade Songbirds and the Superior Handbells will perform in the gym at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for this concert.

Songbirds 4th/5th: The Songbirds choir is open to all 4th and 5th graders who are interested. We will begin on January 6th and rehearse on Tuesdays and Fridays—2:40-3:20. Please watch for sign up information in December. Our concert will be March 21st.

Spring Handbells: The 4th and 5th grade hand bell choir will also perform on March 21st. Watch for sign up information.

Variety Shows: The Superior Elementary Variety shows (1st through 5th grades) will be April 16-18. Dates and times to be announced.

Private Piano and other music teachers: On the table outside the music rooms we have a list of private music teachers. Please come pick up a copy. If you have a teacher to add, please send the information to me: peggy.austin@bvsd.org.

Music Website: www.bvsd.org/schools/superior Click on music on the left.

Cold weather reminder: Please remind kids of the following cold weather rules:

- ❖ Kids who want to play in the snow during recesses must wear a coat, snow boots and snow pants.
- ❖ Children will have indoor recess when the outdoor temperature is less than 22 degrees.
- ❖ When the outdoor temperature is less than 40 degrees, children must wear coats to go outside. Without a coat, they will be sent to the office to read.

Open Enrollment Information

The Boulder Valley School District Open Enrollment application period runs from November 28, 2011 through January 13, 2012. If you would like your child to attend a school other than the one he or she is currently enrolled in, you must submit an application online at <http://bvsd.org/openenrollment> or visit the Open Enrollment office no later than **4:00 p.m., January 13, 2012**. Applications received after that date means your student will be added to the bottom of any existing waitlist for that school and grade.

Please note that there are important changes in the Open Enrollment process starting this application period including:

- New notification of acceptance
- Earlier notification of waitlist positions

For more information regarding these, and other important changes, please view "Open Enrollment in BVSD: What's New This Year?" at: <http://www.bvsd.org/Documents/OEbrochure.pdf>.

2012-2013 Eldorado 6th Grade Information

2012-2013 6th Grade Orientation and Open Enrollment Information Evening:

December 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.

2012-2013 6th Grade Shadow Days:

December 5, 2011 8:45a.m. – 11:15a.m. (R.S.V.P. by November 29th)

December 9, 2011 8:45a.m. – 11:15a.m. R.S.V.P. by December 5th)

January 6, 2012 8:45a.m. – 11:15a.m. R.S.V.P. by December 16th)

January 9, 2012 8:45a.m. – 11:15a.m. R.S.V.P. by December 16th)

**For more information please call the
Eldorado K-8 Registrar, Cathy Queen at 720-561-4405.**

Join Eldorado K-8 principal, Robyn Hamasaki, at SES on November 14 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. for a meet and greet and to hear more about transitioning to middle school.

Students who are open enrolled to their current elementary or middle school, and are completing the last grade at that school, will be enrolled in their district designated neighborhood school for the next grade level unless they are accepted through Open Enrollment to another middle or high school.

BVSD Food Services Information

1. 2011-12 Lunch Prices: Elementary Lunch \$2.95. Middle School Lunch \$3.00. High School Lunch \$3.25. Reduced Meal Price \$0.40. Adult Lunch \$3.95. All lunches include an entrée plus unlimited salad bar and 1% organic milk!
2. 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.
3. 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 and 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>
4. 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 tomato sauce and penne marinara, then baked fresh to a yummy, cheesy deliciousness.

THANKS, CONGRATS & THANKSGIVING!

Thank You for Attending Our Book Fair! ONLINE FAIR OPEN THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

If you missed out on our fair, or if there is a special book that you forgot to pick up, IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Visit our online fair at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs. All books will be delivered to the school a few days after the fair closes at the end of the day on NOVEMBER 8. Books will be sent home with your child, or you can e-mail Kari or me directly if you would like to arrange for pick-up.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, parents, students, families and friends who made our school book fair a success! We sold over 1000 books, bringing in \$11,400 in gross proceeds. Scholastic will return 25% of our proceeds to us as cash profit. This money will be used by the PTA to fund class materials, field trips, library materials, special teacher grants and learning opportunities for our teachers to share with their students and colleagues

Additionally, Scholastic rewards our school with bonus dollars based on our sales. Our librarian, Pat Dirks, was able to purchase over \$700 worth of new books from the fair using bonus dollars. These books were specially requested by the students during the fair
Stay tuned for our spring book fair coming in May!

Sincerely,
Laurie Harford and Kari Johnson
Harfords@juno.com karijohnsonkkg@gmail.com

Mile Runs

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders trained for and ran their mile runs this fall. Congratulations to all students (over 90%) who met their personal goal. Each year the fifth graders run the mile on the Monarch High School track. This year Kaylie Rick broke the SES girl's mile time record of 6:35 which has been held for 14 years. **Kaylie ran her mile in 6:30.** She was the fastest runner (girls and boys) on the track. **Congratulations Kaylie!**

WOW Superior

Congratulations to the third grade, who won the Silver Sneaker Award for WOWing to school the most during the month of October. WOW Wednesday happens the first Wednesday of each month. All students who WOW (walk or wheel) to school that day win a small prize. Our next WOW Wednesday is December 7th. Thanks to everyone who participated in International Walk to School Day on 10/6 and our "Shoot the Moon" promotion all week. We had 331 students participate by WOWing at least three times to or from school that week. That's 58% of our student population! Our total number of steps was 2,920,000. WOW!! If we count each step as a mile, then we walked all the way to the moon and back five times.

2011 Thanksgiving Service Project

Girl Scout Troops 2298 & 2790 will be collecting Thanksgiving dinner food items to create baskets for needy families in the area and toiletries for the homeless.

Collection boxes will be in the school lobby from Monday 11/14/11 to Friday 11/18/11.

Food items needed for baskets:

Stuffing
Gravy mixes or Jars of Gravy
Biscuits or bread
Cranberries
Corn
Green beans
Potatoes

****The listed items are the most needed for this service project but, we will take any non-perishable items donated****

Toiletries needed: (perfect way to clear out all the old items in your linen closets :-)

Travel size toiletries from hotels
Toothbrushes
Old towels

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Girl Scout Troops 2298 & 2790

FUNDRAISING



Superior Elementary PTA is offering a fundraising opportunity that requires only that you continue what you are already doing!

Do you buy groceries, gas, or gift cards? More specifically, do you buy any of these things at SAFEGWAY?

If you said yes, then you could be maximizing your dollars by continuing to buy your groceries, gas, stamps, etc. while also giving to your child's school since Safeway contributes a percentage back to SES.

To get started go to our school's website, click on PTA at the top of the screen, select Shop Online and you will then be able to purchase grocery gift cards at face value. The grocery gift cards can be bought in any denomination from \$5 to \$500. More importantly, they can be used to purchase groceries, fuel, stamps, and gift cards.

Here is a direct link to get the Shop Online page:
[ShopOnline](#)

Please direct any questions to Krista Barry:
Krista.barry6@gmail.com/720-206-6349

BOX TOPS UPDATE

So far we have collected and submitted 10,608 Box Tops this school year. That equals \$1,060.80 cash for Superior Elementary. Well done! Watch for information soon regarding our November contest, "We're Thankful for Box Tops."
Remember to ask family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to help our school by collecting Box Tops.

Incredible opportunity to earn LOTS of Box Tops for SES:

Ford has teamed up with the Box Tops for Education program to help "drive" more dollars to our school.

- * Earn 5 eBoxTops for each Ford video you watch
- * Earn 10 eBoxTops when you request a Ford vehicle brochure.
- * Earn 250 eBoxTops with the purchase of any new Ford vehicle.
- * Ford is also giving away 250,000 Bonus Box Tops in their sweepstakes program.

Go to www.forddrivesboxtops.com to watch the videos today. This program could bring in hundreds of dollars to our school if everyone participates. Every time you clip or click to earn it makes a difference. Thank you for your support!

PTA News

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

Capital Campaign -- For those people starting their year-end tax planning, don't forget about the SES Capital Campaign. The Superior PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so your contributions to our Capital Campaign are tax deductible. We will provide you with a receipt confirming our tax status and the amount you donate for your tax records. Also, many local companies (including Sun/Oracle, Ball, Cisco, IBM, Covidien, Key Financial, Wells Fargo, and Microsoft) will match your contributions to the PTA. Please contact Krista Barry, the Capital Campaign Chairperson, for info on donating and matching funds.

Old Chicago Pizza Palz Coupons are still available at the online PTA shop on the SES website.

(<http://bvsd.org/schools/Superior/pta/Documents/SuperiorShop.html>) These gift cards for one pizza up to \$22 in value at the Superior Old Chicago (Sunday through Thursday) cost just \$11. There is no expiration date and our school receives 50% from each card sold!



PEN offers FREE education, awareness and resources to all parents and community members.

Boulder County PEN event in November:

Boys and Girls Relate Differently:

Celebrating Family Relationships Speak Out, Speak Up!

Michael Vladeck www.connectwithyourteen.com

Shari Leach www.womenswilderness.org

Wednesday, November 9th

5:45 - 8:45 pm

BVSD Education Center, Aspen Rm.

Dinner, inclusive panel of women/youth/men

Superior/Eldorado PEN event in December:

Words Will Never Hurt Me:

Helping Parents and Educators Deal with Bullying

National Speaker/Author: Sally Northway Ogden, www.FearFreeEd.com

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

6:30 - 8:15 pm (childcare will be available for children 3 yrs. and above.)

Eldorado K-8

Girls Leadership Workshops are coming to Superior in January

"Real Parents, Real Daughters"

Grades K-1 - Tuesdays, Jan. 10 - 31, 2012, 4-5 pm

Grades 2/3 - Wednesdays, Jan. 4 - 25, 2012, 6-7:30 pm

Grades 4/5 - Thursdays, Jan. 5 - 26, 2012, 6-7:30 pm

Make a Rainbow on Your Tray!



Coming to Superior Elementary **Tuesday, November 15th**

Students will have the opportunity to create and eat fun and colorful creations from their salad bar! One of the chefs from BVSD Nutrition Services will be here to support the event.

Volunteer parents stationed at the school will 1) encourage students to try new food at the Salad Bar, 2) take pictures of great looking salads and 3) hand out "I made a Rainbow at the Salad Bar Today" stickers after students have proved that they not only put colorful foods on their tray, but ATE them as well!

How much will it cost? It's FREE! Chef Ann is so excited about the "Make a Rainbow on Your Tray" campaign that she is giving EVERY student and school staff member the chance to make a rainbow. If a student or staff member has not purchased lunch from school on the day of the event, they will be given a FREE side-salad option (side salads are normally \$1). Students who are already purchasing meals from school that day will automatically participate if they so choose.