



# Creekside Connection

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## **SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**Johnna Wynn, Assistant Principal**

### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents and Families,

Our Fall Fling was a huge success and we want to extend a BIG thank you to the many volunteers including teachers, parents and students that made this event so successful and fun! The planning for this major fundraiser began in June with every game and activity being meticulously prepared and planned for. We greatly appreciate all of the work that went into this event. A very gracious thank you goes to Brandy Sylvester and Marci Parsons, the coordinators, and the chairs of events: Kirsten Barnocky, Susanne Vorlage, Michele Muckle, Lorraine Stallones, Carolyn Peterson, Maggie Reuter, Kelly Duncan, Amanda Nimmons, Tricia Heckman, Molly Semanik, Dot Kellner, Anita Villars, Jen Tucker, Amy Lythgoe, Lisa Monette, and Kate Sales.

I want to personally thank Amy Lythgoe, our WOW Superior Parent Coordinator, and the many parent volunteers who made our "Shoot the Moon" week and International Walk to School Day fun and exciting with all of the treats and prizes! It was great to have so many of our students and families participate in WOW!

We had 99% participation in our parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for taking the time to visit with your child's teacher. This first conference is meant to be a time when student goals are set (based on student data) with parents offering insight on how to work best with their child to make this a successful year.

Our Teachers and School Accountability Committee have completed our Unified Improvement Plan for this year. We have created three goals for improvement in our academic achievement, academic growth and school climate.

**Academic Achievement Goal:** We will increase our overall writing percent proficient and advanced from 87% to 92% proficient and advanced. Third grade will increase their percent proficient and advanced in writing from 77% to 82%.

**Academic Growth:** Our median student growth percentiles in reading will exceed the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in every classroom. The school median student growth percentile will exceed the 62<sup>nd</sup> percentile.

**Climate Goal:** As a school we will continue to work on increasing our communication with families about standards and differentiation as we make an effort to consistently meet the needs of all students. We will measure improvement by an increase in favorable responses on these Parent Survey Questions: #6, #16 and #17. Students and staff members will show an increase in empathy and cultural proficiency while reinforcing the adopted PBIS attitudes of respect, acceptance and responsibility. We will measure improvement by an increase in favorable responses on the student Climate Survey Questions: #12 and #23.

Because our district receives federal Title I funds, our school is required to make Adequate Yearly Progress as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act. Our School made Adequate Yearly Progress this year. Our CSAP scores were judged against 14 targets, all of which were achieved.

The Book Fair has arrived and it will be open October 20-28. Please see the attached flier for more detailed information about our Book Fair and our first Family Dinner that will be offered on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30p.m.; the cost per adult is \$8.95 and \$3.95 per child.

Last but not least, we have had a beautiful fall and the weather has remained warm, but we know how quickly that can change in October. It's time to find the boots, gloves and warm coats for the days ahead. We hope you are enjoying the fabulous fall colors!

*Jenn Ikenouye*

Principal

## ***School Notes***

### **WOW & Crosswalks**

If you WOW to school, you've likely noticed some changes in how we are running the crosswalks and Crossing Guard programs. Here are a few of the highlights:

1. At intersections with four crosswalks (Heartstrong/Indiana and Eldorado/Indiana), we are placing cones on either side of the crosswalk that is staffed by a Crossing Guard. We ask students and families to use those crosswalks to keep pedestrians as safe as possible. This is not a requirement, but a recommendation and request.
2. Safety Patrol members will be at the crosswalks to remind students to stay on the sidewalk, to wait until the Crossing Guard is available before crossing the street, and to remind those crossing to dismount from bikes and scooters. They will not prevent anyone from using whatever crosswalk s/he chooses.
3. Large WOW safety cones will sit on either side of the driveway entrance to the main parking lot. This visual is to remind students to stop at the cones and check for cars prior to crossing this "mini street," and also to remind drivers that this is a pedestrian crossing area.

Please remember to thank our Crossing Guards and Safety Patrol members, who are outside no matter the weather, ensuring that our community arrives and departs from school as safely as possible. They are amazing volunteers!

Thank you, too, to the tireless efforts of Michele Muckle and Lisa Monette in organizing and maintaining both programs.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Amy Lythgoe, WOW Superior Parent Coordinator. We appreciate your feedback.



### **Positions open on our School Accountability Committee**

We have an opening for a parent member on our SAC committee. This is a two year commitment. This committee will meet four more times this year on the second Tuesday of the month from 2:45-4:00 p.m. Parents on this committee are invited to attend meetings dedicated to analyzing our assessment data and setting goals. Applications are available in the school office.

*Congratulations to the 2011-2012 Safety Patrol Members!*



**2011/2012 Safety Patrol Members**

**4th Grade**

Sanders:

Kaitlyn Alves  
Prashasth Satish  
Jakob Schiffer  
Haley Sommer  
Katy Sun

Belasco/Currie:

Brooke Bennett  
Maddy Bridge  
Lydia Buckman  
Joy Ma  
Alex Messman  
Ahnna Rom

Shelby:

Taylor Dallas  
Jacob Guenther  
Amit James  
Jordan McDonald  
Abbie Mousseau  
Rithwik Mylavarapu

Mallett:

Skylar Blakely  
Megan Finnigan  
Paige Harvey  
Megan Heilbron  
Shayna Kliger  
Rachel Krams  
Declan Logan  
Celeste Lythgoe  
Drew Peck  
Drew Riemer

**5th Grade**

Sciscione:

Owen Balboa  
Matt Chen  
Maya Vought

Kearl:

Bridget Duncan  
Ben Groover  
William Kenroy  
Ian Macdonald  
Fiona McDonnell  
Clarie Muckle  
Abby Parkes  
Laura Zhang

Dickey:

Maya Beck  
Colleen Chen  
Ian Greene  
Noah Messman  
Grant Nelson  
Tucker Orr  
Kyle Pfromer  
Jake Zickerman

Lehman:

Jackson Bennett  
Quinn Kellner  
Alyssa Nye  
Kaity Plutt  
Riley Rouland  
Marissa Timmons

Kisskalt:

Austin Armstrong  
Peyton Cullaton  
Taryn Egaas  
Hayden Hanson  
Owen Kabelitz  
Keegan Feenstra  
David Wait

Superior Elementary now uses the BVSD School Messenger system for emails/automated phone messages to send out in the monthly Creekside newsletter and important messages from the administration/office.

**In order to receive Superior Elementary School communications we encourage you to go to the Contact Manager web link and update and confirm your current information.**

You may update/add/change your email/phone number on the BVSD website (green parent tab) by clicking on Contact Manager OR by clicking on the link below:

**<https://contactme.schoolmessenger.com/index.php?u=boulder>**

**NO UNATTENDED VEHICLES.....**The Fire Department notified us this week that we cannot have any unattended cars in the circle or on the curb in the parking lots as they cannot get their fire truck around in the event of an emergency. Please do not leave your car unattended.

**Picture retake day is  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.**



Van Gogh School Photographers will be taking individual retake photos for those children that were absent on picture day or are requesting a retake for the following reasons: eyes were closed, picture was out of focus, photographic flaw, or glare in glasses. Please return the entire package of pictures you are unhappy with on retake day. The reprint will be the original package ordered with the new image. Order envelopes are available on the table outside the office.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**

### **FROM MRS. AUSTIN**



**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical:** This year our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will present Disney's Jungle Book Kids. Everyone is invited to join us to see the fun! Shows for the Jungle Book will be Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (Lehman, Kisskalt, ½ Dickey) and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (Sciscione, Kearl, ½ Dickey). The shows will be at 6:30pm in the SES gym. We will also have a 12:45pm assembly for the school.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songbirds and 4/5 Handbells:** Will have a performance on Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> in the SES gym.

Songbirds is our SES choir that anyone may join. We are trying something new this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders have an opportunity to join a 4<sup>th</sup> grade only Songbirds led by Mrs. Schulz. This will be going on simultaneously to the rehearsals for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical. Then in January I will start up the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade version of Songbirds. Mrs. Schulz will do Handbells for both concerts.

**Local Choirs:** Folks often ask about children's choirs in the area. There is of course the Denver Children's Chorale which is very distinguished and has been around for a while. They take children 1<sup>st</sup> grade through middle school—although you have to be in early to stay in through middle school. The Boulder Chorale also has a children's choir as does the Art Underground (Louisville). You can find out more about these organizations if you search their websites.

**Piano Private Lessons (and other instruments):** I have a list of local piano teachers that you can pick up outside the door of my classroom. If anyone has a wonderful teacher to recommend for any instrument or voice, please send their name and contact info to me. I will check and see if they want to be on our list.



## *Help Superior Elementary win \$400 in* **Eco-Cycle's Waste-Free Lunch Contest**

*Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Did you know that North Americans make twice as much trash per person per day as any other industrialized nation and that 32% of our garbage is packaging?*

Lunch is the biggest trash producing time of the day at school. **Eco-Cycle and the Boulder County Resource Conservation Division are sponsoring a Waste-Free Lunch Contest for seven Boulder County schools. The school that reduces their lunch trash the most will receive \$400 in recycled office products.** A second prize of \$200 in recycled products will also be awarded. The contest involves the following:

- school-wide announcements, posters and a kick-off assembly to help students learn ways to reduce lunch waste and save natural resources.
- a comparison by weight of the entire school's lunch trash during an average week and the Waste-Free Lunch Week.

### **We invite you to share in this challenge with your student!**

**If your child is bringing lunch from home between October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>, please help them pack a Waste-Free Lunch. Try these simple ideas:**

- Cut cloth napkins from old clothes or sheets.
- Fill reusable drink containers from larger jugs.
- Choose recyclable drink containers like plastic bottles, metal cans or paper cartons/juice boxes.
- Use washable containers in place of zip-top bags.
- Wrap food in recyclable foil instead of plastic wrap.
- Reuse metal or plastic eating utensils.



Hot lunch students will be encouraged to eat all of their lunch and not throw any food away.

**The goal is to have as little garbage left over as possible!**

*We appreciate your participation in this project!*

*Funded by:*

*Boulder County Resource Conservation Division*





# TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!

**Book Fair Dates:** October 20 - 28

**Shopping Hours:** 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; open until 7 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, until 4 on the 28<sup>th</sup>

**Online Fair:** Available 24/7 October 19 – November 8th

**Special Event:** Enjoy a Family Dinner October 21<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and costs \$8.95 per adult, \$3.95 per child. Please return the RSVP form found in today's Friday folders by Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. After dinner, come to the book fair, which will be open until 7 p.m.

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **To the Book Fair and Beyond!** – is part of an out-of-this-world reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read.

Stop by the Classroom Wish List display while visiting our Book Fair. We are busy building up each classroom library and adding new titles. Please help add books to our classroom shelves by purchasing books and donating them to your child's classroom!

Please visit our Online Book Fair, new this year! You will be able to purchase books from the entire Scholastic inventory, including an expanded selection of titles for kids along with books for teens and adults. Visit our Book Fair Homepage, <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sespta> to access our Online Fair, which will run October 19 – November 8. All items ordered from the online fair will be delivered directly to your child's classroom on or around November 11. Books will be sent home with your child, or e-mail us if you would like to arrange for pickup.

Sincerely,

Laurie Harford ([Harfords@juno.com](mailto:Harfords@juno.com)), Kari Johnson ([karijohnsonkkq@gmail.com](mailto:karijohnsonkkq@gmail.com))



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

Boulder County PEN events in October:

"A Positive View of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-Being"

Collaborative with Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition

[www.bouldersafeschools.org](http://www.bouldersafeschools.org)

Saturday, Oct. 15, all day

University of Colorado

Boulder Center for Community

"The Bully, the Bullied, & the Bystander"

National Speaker/Author: Barbara Coloroso

[www.kidsareworthit.com](http://www.kidsareworthit.com)

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Monarch High School

Girls Leadership Workshop is coming to our area!!!

"Real Parents, Real Daughters" workshop

(For girls in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade - a parent attends with their daughter - there is a cost for these workshops)

Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Eldorado K-8

This workshop will teach girls and parents about friendships, feelings, apologies and healthy approaches to conflict. Families learn techniques and establish healthy practices that will serve girls well in middle school and beyond. For workshop details, more information and registration please visit

[www.girlsleadershipinstitute.org/programs/Colorado](http://www.girlsleadershipinstitute.org/programs/Colorado)

For more details on these presentations and PEN go to [www.parentengagementnetwork.org](http://www.parentengagementnetwork.org).

## Fall Fling Recap

The Fall Fling was an overwhelming success. This community event was fun for kids and families, amazingly supported by SES staff, and lucrative to boot! We raised approximately **\$30,000** which is a new record. Thank you to over 200 parent volunteers, 100+ cake bakers, and many teachers and YMCA staff that gave their time so generously. Please thank our sponsors (Bruno's, Dickey's, Superior Liquor, and the silent auction business donors) by giving them your business and thanking them for supporting our school. A special thank you goes to the Fall Fling Committee that put this gigantic event together.

If you see these Super Star Volunteers, please tell them thank you:

- Co-Chairs – Marci Parsons and Brandy Sylvester
- Silent Auction—Kirsten Barnocky and Susanne Vorlage
- Kid Art – Michele Muckle, Lorraine Stallones, Carolyn Peterson
- Volunteer Coordinators – Maggie Reuter and Kelly Duncan
- Ticket Sales – Tricia Heckman
- Food Sales – Jen Tucker
- Cake Walk – Lisa Monette, Amy Lythgoe, and Kate Sales
- Teacher Raffles – Molly Semanik
- Photo Booth – Anita Villars
- PR and Marketing - Amanda Nimmons.

In addition, thank you to Maggie Reuter who applied for and received a **\$5,000** technology grant for the school from IBM. The grant was available for a school that put on a community event like ours and met certain criteria. Maggie successfully waded through the grant application process like a pro!

The Fall Fling has grown into a fantastic event largely due to the efforts of Marci Parsons and Brandy Sylvester. For the past three years, they worked to streamline the planning and improve the Fall Fling. They are now ready to pass the torch (and 5 pound notebook of information). If any parents have experience managing an event like this or are willing to learn, **the Fall Fling is in need of a new chairperson or a new duo to lead the event for 2012.** Please contact Suzanne Finnigan, 303-554-4364, [suerfinnigan@yahoo.com](mailto:suerfinnigan@yahoo.com), if you have an interest in this rewarding and impactful job!

## PTA Meeting, Tuesday, October 11, 6:30-7:30pm

The October PTA meeting will be held next week, Oct. 11, from 6:30-7:30pm in the school library. This is a great opportunity for parents to hear what is happening at school from our principal, Jenn Ikenouye. It is also a great forum to discuss how parents and teachers can work together to help support the mission of our school. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 13, April 10, May 8). If you can't make a meeting, please check the SES website for the minutes from the meetings.

## Pizza Palz – better than Groupon!

Pizza Palz Coupons are 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!

## Superior Chefs

Thanks to the many families that cooked and brought food for the teachers during parent/teacher conference week. There were some long days for the SES staff, and they were very grateful to have dinner each night. Thanks also to Kim Orr and Paula Dallas for organizing.

**2011-12 After-School Science Enrichment from**  
**SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**Outback Expedition (November, 2011)** (THURSDAYS: 2:05 – 3:05pm on 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, and 12/8). *Suggested Registration Deadline date is November 4, 2011.*

G'day, Mates! We're going "Down Under" on a daring southern hemisphere expedition. Learn about customs and the rock art of the Aboriginal People, crack a geode, make your own Mystery Stone with a surprise in the middle, and create a fun and cuddly koala. Jump fast at this chance to trek the Australian Continent. Crikey!

**Pop! Bang! Fizz! (February, 2012)** THURSDAYS: 2:05 – 3:05pm, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/1). *Suggested Registration Deadline date is February 2, 2012.*



A little of this, a little of that, some wild reactions is where it's at! Make a Slushie-treat to eat, create a fizzy bath bomb, and experience *Soda Slobber*. We'll create a *Rainbow in a Cup* and so much more. You won't believe our mixing fun can teach some science before it's done. With a pop, or a bang, or even some fizz, you will become a chemistry whiz!



**Super Science Smorgasbord! (April, 2012)** THURSDAYS: 2:05 – 3:05pm on 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, and 5/3). *Suggested Registration Deadline date is April 5, 2012.*

It's a Grab Bag of Science. Make a Science Matters Hopper that can jump 12 feet; create your own rock collection and explore the Rock Cycle; become a Science Magician and use science to amaze your friends with a Magic Kit. With a little of this and a little of that it will be fun for everyone!

Superior Elementary School Contact is: Laura DeAngelis. Science afterschool programs will be held in classroom, Rm #215A. **REGISTRATION for your child/children to join these super fun SCIENCE MATTERS enrichment clubs is ONLY through the Boulder Valley School District Community Schools Program at [www.bvsd.org/LLL](http://www.bvsd.org/LLL) . You may also phone BVSD registrar at the Life Long Learning Community Schools program at PH: 303-561-3768.**