



# Creekside Connection

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## **SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Wow! It is hard to believe that we have already completed four weeks of school! It has been an exciting and busy start to our school year. I am pleased to share the results of last spring's CSAP testing in grades 3, 4, and 5. On Friday, you will be receiving your child's individual results in their Friday Folder. Our students at Superior Elementary continue to perform at a high level and we are including both the percentiles of proficient and advanced and the median growth for our fourth and fifth grade students.

#### CSAP Results in Reading

	2010%	2011%	Change +/-
	Proficient/advanced	Proficient/advanced	
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade mathematics	96	92	-4
4 <sup>th</sup> grade mathematics	95	95	no change
5 <sup>th</sup> grade mathematics	90	96	+6
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading	94	98	+4
4 <sup>th</sup> grade reading	95	94	-1
5 <sup>th</sup> grade reading	97	99	+2
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade writing	79	77	-2
4 <sup>th</sup> grade writing	91	89	-2
5 <sup>th</sup> grade writing	92	95	+3
5 <sup>th</sup> grade science	76	87	+11

#### 2010 & 2011 Median Growth Percentile

	2010%	2011%	District 2011%
<b>Mathematics Overall</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>54</b>
4th grade mathematics	66	70	51
5 <sup>th</sup> grade mathematics	70	66.5	55
<b>Reading Overall</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> grade reading	63	53.5	51
5 <sup>th</sup> grade reading	64	63.5	54
<b>Writing Overall</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>
4th grade writing	73	62	59
5 <sup>th</sup> grade writing	75	72	58

The growth model determines the percentage of students in each district growing at a sufficient rate to catch up, keep up or move up through achievement levels. Districts and grade levels with numbers at or above 50 are growing as fast as or at a faster rate than the

state. We have growth data for our fourth and fifth grade students by comparing their results to their previous year's CSAP scores. We do not have data on third graders since this is the first year for them to take the CSAP.

We will use this data to determine our overall school goals for the 2011-2012 school year. This work is a collaborative effort throughout our building and with our School Accountability Committee. When these goals are finalized they will be shared with you in a future Creekside edition.

On Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 we will have our first School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting. The School Accountability Committee is composed of parents, teachers, administrators and community members. As part of the Colorado's educational accountability program, SAC's goals and objectives are designed to improve student achievement and maintain a safe and positive learning environment at Superior Elementary School. A School Profile and Annual Report are prepared each year to communicate progress towards our goals to members of our school community. Meetings are held monthly on Tuesday afternoons and are open to our parents and the public.

Last month, we had a wonderful turnout to our PTA meeting and I look forward to working with this group of dedicated volunteers. I encourage you to join us at the next PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the library to find out where you can help.

### **A FEW NOTES ABOUT SAFETY!!!**

A new school year has begun and the safety of our students is one of our top priorities. I wanted to take a few moments to highlight some important safety information that will hopefully make arrival and dismissal a pleasant and safe experience for all those involved.

- Children should arrive at the school between 7:45 and 7:54 a.m. The playground is not supervised before 7:45 a.m.
- The bell bringing students into the building rings at 7:54 a.m. **Students may not enter the building before 7:54 a.m.**
- Parents are asked to drop off students on the curbside in the "Hug and Go" area or the front curved traffic circle to avoid bus traffic. Please use these designated drop off areas only.
- **Do not leave parked cars at curbside.** We want to keep traffic moving. **Never block the handicapped areas. Violators may be ticketed.**
- If you need to park your vehicle, please use the parking lot or the north pool.
- Please drive slowly on the streets surrounding the school and in the parking lots. We have many students occupying these areas both before and after school.
- Please pay close attention to the crossing guards at the crosswalks. These wonderful volunteers help your students cross the street safely. We would greatly appreciate close observation of all crosswalk laws. This includes waiting until all students have completely crossed the street before proceeding through the crosswalk.
- All bike and scooter riders need to dismount once they reach school property. When leaving at the end of the day, all riders must walk bikes/scooters until they are off school grounds.
- During inclement weather, a red flag is hung on the flag pole letting students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades know that they can go to the gym. Kindergarteners go to their classes.

**These procedures are in place to keep students, staff and volunteers safe.**

**Thank you for your support and cooperation.**

*Jenn Kenouye*  
Principal

**Fall Conferences will be September 20, 21, and 22  
Sign-ups for your child's assessment are posted on the wall outside the  
main office.**

**This Monday, Sept. 19,  
2:30pm-3:30pm  
Right after school  
Outside Superior Elementary's  
Art Room with Mr. Wojczuk.  
I will provide chalk & music,  
You provide friends, family, and  
expressions of peace to decorate the Peace Sign.**

**OCTOBER COUNT DAY** Each school in the state of Colorado is required to count students for 10 days (September 26-October 7). The October Count, which is used to determine the level of funding that our district will receive from taxes, state funding, and other sources, is a head count of all students who are present by school and grade. **Please help us to be accurate by having your students in attendance on these days unless he/she is ill.**  
**Thank you!**



### **SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION**

Fall is here and the changing seasons remind us that inclement weather can result in school being closed for one or more days. We all need to plan ahead and be ready in case that happens.

School district officials have a responsibility to keep the schools in session except under the most extreme conditions. In the case of extreme inclement weather, parents are requested to make the decision regarding attendance or late arrival of their children. A personal contact by the parent or a written note to school building officials will excuse a student's late arrival or absence during these conditions.

Occasionally, the weather is severe enough that it is necessary to close schools in all or part of the district. When this occurs, it is extremely important that working parents have pre-arranged child care available to them; arrangements with a friend or neighbor; provisions at a child care center; child care leave from work (if available); arrangements with a neighborhood teenager who also would be out of school; etc. It is very important that parents make these arrangements now, since the weather is unpredictable and often we are hit with storms early in the school year. **The school district web site will continue to be the official public notification of school closures [www.bvsd.org](http://www.bvsd.org).**

Whenever it is necessary to close schools, the district immediately contacts the following radio and TV stations: KWGN-TV	CHANNEL 2	KBCO	97.3 FM
KCNC-TV	CHANNEL 4	KBPI	106.7 FM
KMGH -TV	CHANNEL 7	KGNU	88.5 FM
CHANNEL 8	KHOW		630 AM
KUSA-TV	CHANNEL 9	KKZN	760 AM
FOX 31 NEWS	CHANNEL 13	KOA	850 AM
KPTT		95.7 FM	
KRFX		103.5 FM	
KTCL		93.3 FM	



Many of our parents at Superior Elementary know about the resources provided by PEN (Parent Engagement Network). For those of you new to Superior, "PEN is a network of people building relationships, skills, and connections, empowering parents to create thriving families and community." It offers FREE education, awareness and resources to all parents and community members. For more details you can go to [www.parentengagementnetwork.org](http://www.parentengagementnetwork.org).

We will continue to inform you of PEN happenings. The larger PEN provides speakers and resources for all parents in Boulder County. PEN at Superior and Eldorado K-8 work together to bring speakers and resources to our town.

The next Boulder County PEN presentations are:

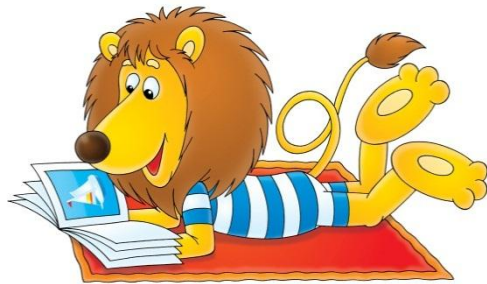
*"How are All the Children?"*  
 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PEN Kick-off Celebration!  
 Let's Hear From Our Youth!  
 A Positive Response to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey  
 Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
 BVSD Ed Center – Aspen Room

*PEN 101 Orientation*  
 Thursday, Sept. 22, 5:00 – 8:30  
 This is training for anyone interested in being a PEN representative at their school - at Superior we welcome those interested. Contact Sheryl Schwabe

*Please Stop the Rollercoaster Parent Book Group*  
 Kick-off informational meeting  
 Louisville Middle School, Library  
 Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 – 8:00pm  
 Hosted by PEN Book Group Coordinator,  
 Fawnda Hathaway, Fawnda@comcast.net  
[www.pleasestoptherollercoaster.com](http://www.pleasestoptherollercoaster.com)  
 We look forward to seeing you at PEN events.

Sheryl Schwabe ([sschwabe@comcast.net](mailto:sschwabe@comcast.net))  
 Amy Holecek

# Zoo-perior Elementary Summer Library Program



## **Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone that helped with Superior Elementary School's summer library program. Community sponsors Chick-Fil-A, Old Chicago, and Boulder Valley Ice donated merchandise and service coupons for our children. Volunteers helped decorate the library, prepare student materials, check out and shelve library books, and help students during Wednesday afternoon check-out times. With your help, over 125 students maintained or improved reading skills during summer break. Superior's summer library was successful because of your efforts.

### **And the winners are...**

According to reading folders turned in after the summer library program, the following students read the most minutes per grade level:

Kindergarten: Spencer and Alex  
First Grade: Audrey and Justin  
Second Grade: Katerina Milz  
Third Grade: Siddharth Bharthulwar  
Fourth Grade: Haley Ficker  
Fifth Grade: Laura Zhang

## **Congratulations Readers!**



### **Make Attendance a Priority in your family.**

Let your student know that it's important to be in school every day. Talk about ways he/she can stay healthy and avoid sick days, like washing their hands regularly and eating a balanced diet that includes plenty of fruits and vegetables. Also, try to schedule doctor appointments and family trips when school isn't in session.



**Friday  
September 16th  
4 - 8PM**

# FALL FLING

## Volunteer!!

Fall Fling is only one week away and we still need  
200 volunteer jobs filled!!

Fall Fling only works if we have the volunteers to make it happen. Please give one hour to help us raise serious money for SES. We raised \$25,000 last year and that supports your kids' education directly through teacher education, field trips, classroom supplies and much more. Fall Fling is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help.

You do NOT need to have a background check to volunteer for Fall Fling.

Sign up today!

<http://tinyurl.com/volunteerfling2011>

## Spirit Week

Show Your School Spirit by Dressing Up!

Monday 9/12 - Superior Spirit Day

Wednesday 9/14 - Crazy Hair Day

Friday 9/16 - Crazy Sock Day



Check out the awesome  
Silent Auction items  
on display in the main lobby!

## **Superior Chess Team**

SES is forming a chess team to play in the Boulder Valley Chess League. This is a group of 10-12 kids that will play competitively against other elementary schools around the district. The season consists of a number of matches against opponent schools. Roughly half the matches are home matches played at our school and half are away matches played at the opponent's site. A portion of the matches will be scheduled before the winter holidays and a portion after. Matches are scheduled 2 weeks apart on Thursday afternoon. The practices will be on Thursday (tentative) after school (starting in early October through February), with the specific schedule to be determined in the next few weeks. During practices, kids will play against each other (to determine ranking within the team) and we will have instructor to coach the kids on strategy and tactics. We anticipate 4-6 optional classes at a cost of \$10 per class per child.

4th and 5th graders are welcome to join the chess team! Please contact Charles Lin (720-319-8886 or [linchar@gmail.com](mailto:linchar@gmail.com)) if your child is interested or if you have any questions. Note that parents may be needed to chaperone and drive players to away games. DEADLINE: September 16th.