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Superior Elementary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year to all of our SES families! We hope that the New Year brings joy and continued happiness to you all. I want to thank all of our families who donated the overwhelming number of gifts, bikes, food and books in December to help other families in need. These donated items filled the hallway! Your generosity and the willingness you demonstrate to reach out to others is truly a testament to this community.

It's that time of year when we reflect on the blessings and events of 2011 and look forward to the promise of 2012. One of our greatest accolades came in December when we were notified that the Colorado Department of Education was honoring Superior Elementary with the 2011 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award and the 2011 John Irwin Award. The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award is awarded to schools for "exceeding" expectations related to academic growth and "exceeding or meeting" expectations related to academic growth gaps. The John Irwin Award is awarded to schools that "exceed" expectations related to academic achievement. Superior Elementary demonstrated the highest levels of growth and achievement not just for some students but "exceeded" performance across all student groups. These are both outstanding awards and show the commitment and dedication that the entire Superior Elementary School community has for providing high quality education to all students. I want to congratulate all of our staff, students, parents and families for making Superior Elementary one of the top performing schools in Boulder County and the state of Colorado. Congratulations!

As all of you know, adequate parking space continues to be an ongoing challenge for us when we have special events that parents and families are invited to attend during the school day. In December, we graciously invited our local fire fighters and emergency responders to attend one of our special events; unfortunately, they were not able to get all of the emergency vehicles into and safely parked in our parking lot. This was a great reminder for me and the importance of ensuring that our emergency lanes in front of the building and space in front of the fire hydrants are always kept open in the event of an actual emergency. For the safety of our students, staff, families and visitors to our building, it is imperative that you do not park in or block the emergency vehicle lanes and fire hydrants. I greatly appreciate your support and understanding with this ongoing challenge.

We currently have several racks of "found" articles of clothing and other miscellaneous items that are currently hanging in the Kiva. Please stop by and take a look at these items if your child is missing a jacket, sweat shirt, hat, gloves or lunch box. On January 13, we will be boxing up all of the remaining items and donating them to the Sister Carmen Community Center. When items do show up in our lost and found the first thing we do is look for identification and deliver them to the child's classroom. Please make sure to put your child's name on their clothing and lunch boxes.

Again, I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support in helping us accomplish one of the most important jobs in the world: educating our youth!

Jenn Ikenouye

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 9-12	Open enrollment visitation week	9 a.m. - 1p.m.
Jan. 10	PTA meeting in Library	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Spirit Day: Dress Alike	
Jan. 13	End of Open Enrollment period	
Jan. 17-Feb. 3	Adventure Course in gym	
Jan. 18	Kindergarten Roundup	3-4:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Spirit Day: Crazy Clothes	
Jan. 27	Spirit Day: Hat Day	
Jan. 27- Feb. 3	Read-A-Thon	
Jan. 31	5 th grade (Kearl, Kisskalt, Lehman) field trip	
Feb. 3	1 st day 100 th day	

Got Yearbook? It's that time to place your order for the Superior Elementary School Yearbook. That's right, you can get the full color, totally awesome, "gotta-have-it" yearbook for just **\$22.00** if ordered by Jan. 27th. **Orders received after Jan. 27th will cost \$25.00 with limited copies available.**

Don't be left out. **ORDER EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR BOOK!**

Make checks payable to SES and return your check and order form to your child's teacher or the office. Please contact Pam Sanders or Jen Lehman if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



MUSICAL NOTES

From Peggy Austin

Variety Show--the variety show is an opportunity for all students in 1st-5th grades who wish to perform a piece of music, dance, or short act for their peers. All well-prepared, appropriate acts will be accepted. More information will follow.

Variety Show Dates: 1st-4th grades will perform on April 16, 17, and 18 (exact date and time to be announced). These shows will be in the Kiva and will be for each grade level only. These are open to parents, family and guests.

5th Grade Variety Show (all school assembly) will be April 18th at 1:00 in the gym. All guests are invited to attend.

Auditions will be held in the music rooms on March 22nd and 23rd. Auditions are to check that acts are prepared, meet time constraints, and are appropriate for elementary school.

Watch Friday folders, the Creekside and our website for more information and exact dates.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
at
SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 18th
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

(Followed by a short neighborhood school bus ride.)

Kindergarten Enrichment Open House will occur at 4:30.

* *Students may attend and will do projects in a supervised classroom.*

* *Parents will join their children after a brief orientation in the Kiva.*

* *This is for students in our attendance area only.*

* *Children must be 5 years old by September 30th.*

*** *Enrollment for 2012-2013 is online at www.bvsd.org*

Call if you have questions: 720-561-4100



Superior Art Club

“Competitions and Clay”

After School in the Art Room, 2:30 - 3:30pm

The same group goes all three days:

4th grade group: Mon., Tues., Wed. - Jan. 23, 24, 25.

5th grade group: Mon., Tues., & Wed. – Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1.

3rd grade group: Mon., Tues., & Wed. - Feb. 6, 7, 8.



Club Members will practice art skills and work with ceramic clay. Students can enter art competitions if they choose to.

Join by bringing money and signed permission slip to the art room. All students accepted unless otherwise notified. (If there are more than 30 sign-ups, there will be a lottery.)

Deadline: Friday, Jan. 20th.

Cost for materials: \$5.00 per student

Please make checks payable to Superior Elementary School (SES). Scholarships are available.



Bricks for Kidz is a hands-on class in which students design and build machines, catapults, pyramids, derby cars and other constructions out of LEGO® bricks. While exploring engineering, architecture and physics, student will develop problem solving and critical thinking skills.

This six-week session begins on Jan. 9 and runs through Feb. 13 (no class on Jan. 16) from 2:35-3:35 p.m. For more information visit www.bricks4kidz.com