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THE BUZZ
HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Arapahoe Campus Parents:

I would like to review our 2008-2009 School Improvement Goals with you and give a report of our progress. Our goals are in four areas.

Achievement: Develop an organized reading program for the campus that meets the needs of our students and exposes students to quality literature and reading materials.

To be measured by:

An increase on DIRECTED reading time.

An increase (10 percent of ILP student's scores) as shown on grade test or QRI's.

Equity: Train teachers in differentiated instruction and the SIOP methodologies and models, along with other research based strategies for assuring equal access to the curriculum.

As measured by:

Compile a notebook of staff generated application that teachers can utilize for reference to specific differentiated learning styles.

Create a Zoomerang (pre and post) survey to transform staff growth in their knowledge and incorporation of those instructional strategies that they have implemented.

Increase climate survey by 3-5 percent regarding equity questions.

Climate: Continue the Visioning work for Arapahoe Campus, given the confines of our physical plant and financial resources, to unite the campus in a common goal, common vision/mission and common identify by giving opportunities to crosswalk in curriculum and create common operational policies.

Attaining goal will be measured by:

Increase enrollment at Arapahoe Campus of 5-7 percent by October Count 2009-2010.

Increase positive climate survey results in all arenas, students, parents and teachers, by 5-7 percent

School Organization: Develop and adapt a uniform procedure which supports our attendance policy. Through our RtI tier of interventions, we will provide support for those students identified with attendance concerns, in order to increase their attendance rate and limit educational gaps due to educational struggles.

To be measured by:

Increase in yearly attendance rate for 2008-2009, by 3 percent.

Decrease in dropout rate by 3 percent

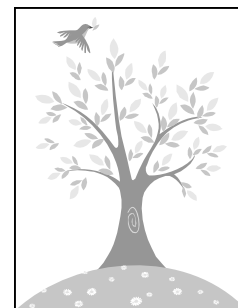
The progresses we have seen thus far are as follows:

- A PLC (professional learning committee) has been formed by teachers to address

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NEWS

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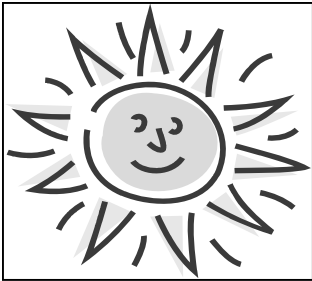
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“STUDENTS AND ESPECIALLY SENIORS, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO SLACK OFF. WE NEED YOU TO FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG.”

We hope that all staff and students had a wonderful Spring Break and have come back to school rested and ready for the final quarter of school. With this in mind, we know that spring time (sunny warm days) can be a temptation for our students to skip school or be absent from classes on a selected period basis. Students and especially seniors, now is not the time to slack off. We need you to finish the school year strong. We strongly encourage parents to also talk with their students about the importance of attendance; getting good grades; and getting full credit for all of their classes. Lets all work together to make this the most successful 4th quarter ever!

Reminder: The State ACT

will be given to all juniors April 22, 2009. Juniors, it is not too late to start preparing for this test. Please go online to www.act.org or sign-up for an ACT Prep Course offered through Boulder Valley School District's Lifelong Learning. This course covers the English, Math, Science and Reading sections, providing students with practice tests, instruction and test-taking strategies. If you would like more information about these classes or to register, please go online to www.bvssd.org/LLL or contact: Julie Kurzawa, BVSD Lifelong Learning Registrar, 303-499-1125 x222

In addition to the State ACT being given to all juniors on Wednesday, April 22, juniors will be completing the Non-

Test Portions of the ACT the morning of Wednesday, April 15, 2009. It is very important that all juniors be present for both of the days, this test is used by most 2 and 4 year colleges/universities for admissions. Also, many technical colleges, trade schools and the military use the scores made on the State ACT for placement into classes, programs, and/or specialized schools. Juniors, now is the time to show what you can do academically. Lets show everyone that you are ready for the academic challenges ahead!

CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD-WINNING CTE STUDENTS!



By Peggy Slater

Congratulations to Boulder CTE Center Graphic Communications student Taylor Walker. His design won the competition for this year's Destination Imagination t-shirts for BVSD. He will receive the prize of a \$100.00 Savings Bond as well as a t-shirt with his design on it.

Additionally, the results of the Colorado SkillsUSA Pin De-

sign contest came in this month – Boulder CTE students swept the awards with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!

1st Place: Liz Lytle – Multimedia student

2nd Place: Zak Starr – Graphic Communications student

3rd Place: Taylor Walker – Graphic Communications student

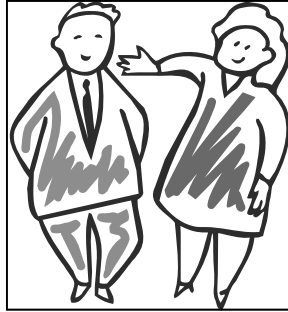
The checks for the winners

(1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, and 3rd Place - \$50) will be awarded at the state SkillsUSA conference at Warren TEC in April.

The pins are created for each state and are collected and traded at the state and national conferences.

ARAPAHOE CAMPUS WELCOMES NEW COUNSELOR

Hi everyone! My name is Amy Buss and I am the new counselor on campus. I just completed an internship at Monarch High School and am thrilled to be here! I will be working primarily with the 10th graders here at Arapahoe Ridge on their Career and Academic Plans. Starting in early



April, I intend to meet with all sophomores in the computer lab to research careers and begin coming up with a plan of study for each student. I can be reached at 303-447-5592 or amy.buss@bvsd.org. Please feel free to stop by and say hello, I look forward to meeting everyone!

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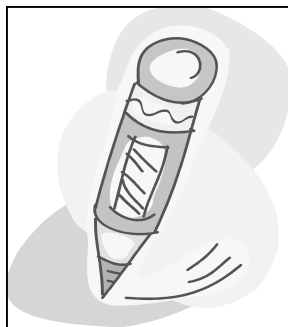
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monitor methodologies that can be implemented in ESL classrooms.

- Implementation of Options Academy which will allow students to do credit retrieval and credit acceleration.
- An attendance policy has been implemented that has assisted our students that need more supports around attendance. We are currently finalizing an attendance policy for TEC that will interface with the high schools that have students on our campus.
- Naming of our school through voting of the entire

campus. We are continuing work on the vision and mission statement along with colors, a mascot, and a school song.

- Out reach has been enhanced by inviting potential students to Open Houses scheduled on Saturday's thought out the school year.
- The program High Schools That Work is being considered



as an accountability method for Career and Technical Education programs.

Professional development files are being compiled to reference for classroom activities by teachers.

Staff and students are diligently working to continually improve our school for all. We celebrate these accomplishments and look forward to seeing successes in our students' lives. Have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,
Joan Bludorn
Principal/Director
Arapahoe Campus

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT NETWORK PRESENTS:

THRIVING DURING THE TEENAGE YEARS

FREE ONLINE RESOURCE FOR TEENS AND PARENTS

By Jan Hittelman

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to assist Rosen Publishing with the development of their Teen Health and Wellness web site. It provides useful information on a wealth of physical and mental health issues to empower teens to make healthier informed choices. While developed specifically for teens, it is also a great resource for parents. Topics include: Drugs and alcohol, diversity, eating disorders, nutrition, friendship and dating, grief and loss, family life, body basics, diseases, green living, getting a job and more. In addition, contact information for a variety of hotline numbers and resources are also listed. Topics of interest can be printed and/or emailed to a friend.

In addition to providing expert review, I have also had the great pleasure of writing an online column called "Dr. Jan's Corner" that responds to questions submitted by teens.

Some questions are silly and some are heart wrenching. The site already includes answers to over 30 questions like: "I'm having trouble balancing my school life and my home life. What should I do?" and "How do you control depression? Like if you are so sad that you can't hold it in and it shows in your behavior. How do you manage that?" In addition to the answer, readers are also directed to additional related content on the site to learn more.

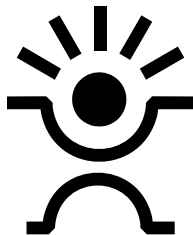
Access to the Teen Health and Wellness site is restricted as libraries, school systems and other institutions must first subscribe and only then can their members utilize it. However, through a recent agreement between Rosen Publishing and the Boulder Public Library, anyone in our community can access the site by simply going to: www.BoulderTeen.org and clicking on the Rosen Teen Health and Wellness banner below.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of this great resource. Visit the site and explore the valuable material available there. In addition to providing easy-to-understand and accurate information on hundreds of important topics, it can be a great family conversation starter on topics that are otherwise challenging to discuss. Consider taking a moment to sit down at the computer with your adolescent and explore this unique website together.

Learn more about PEN by visiting their website at: www.parentengagementnetwork.org or by contacting Betsy Fox with the Boulder County Healthy Youth Alliance at 303-441-3981.

Dr. Jan Hittelman, a licensed psychologist, is Director of Boulder Psychological Services and the Founder of the Boulder Counseling Cooperative. Questions or comments for this monthly column can be sent via email to: jan.hittelman@gmail.com, or by phone: 720-217-3270.

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Upcoming PEN Event:

The Adolescent Brain New Brain Research & What Parents Need to Know

Dr. Cynthia Divino
Psychologist, Clinical Supervisor, CU

April 8th, 9:00am - 11:00am
BVSD Conference Center
(6500 Arapahoe, Boulder)

April 21st, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Peak to Peak School
(800 Merlin, Lafayette)

NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: THRIVE UPDATE INCLUDED

Dear Parents ~

Attached is your March issue of the Thrive Update newsletter. Articles include tips for keeping your teens safe during Spring Break, advice on how to handle underage drinking, and immunization facts from Boulder County Public Health.

On Wednesday, March 11, you are invited to a Parent Engagement Network (PEN) Community Conversation about **Building Bridges - Effective Ways to Communicate and Connect with Your Kids**. This event takes place 9-11 a.m. at the Lafayette Library, 775 West Baseline, Lafayette. The guest speaker will be Michael Vladeck.

I hope you and your children enjoy some extra quality time together during spring break later this month.

Many thanks,

Chris King, Superintendent
Boulder Valley School District



STUDENTS CAN SAVE \$\$ FOR DRIVER'S ED

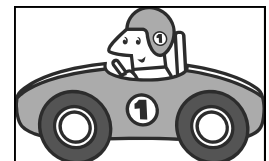
Need to take Driver's Ed? Refer a Friend and Save \$20 (that's 10% off)!

Here's how it works: 1. Choose one of the class dates listed below; 2. Call 303-499-1125 x222 to register. 3. Refer a friend to register for one of the classes listed below. 4. If one of your friends calls to register for a class and mentions your name, both of you will receive \$20 off of the registration fee.

*One friend referral discount per student. Regular registration cost is \$195.

Eligible classes dates for Refer a Friend discount

Sat-Tues	Mar 21-24	Boulder Driving Academy	8:30-4:30 PM
Thu-Sun	Mar 26-29	Boulder Driving Academy	8:30-4:30 PM
Mon & Wed	Mar 30-May 4	Fairview High School	3:30-6:30 PM
Tue & Thu	Mar 31-May 5	Monarch High School	3:30-6:30 PM
Sun	Apr 5-26	Boulder Driving Academy	8:30-4:30 PM
Wed, Fri, Mon	May 6-29	Boulder High School	3:30-6:30 PM
Sat & Sun	May 16-24	Boulder Driving Academy	8:30-4:30 PM



In this high-quality class, students will learn rules of the road in preparation of obtaining their permit. Thirty hours of classroom instruction will be held in Boulder Valley High School classrooms or at the Boulder Driving Academy. Students must be 14 ½ years old at the first day of class. Sample written exams will be taken during class. Also, students will take the Colorado written permit test (if student is 15 or older).

CALL 303-499-1125 x222 to register!

Julie Kurzawa



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IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES APRIL-MAY 2009

April 13

S.I.T. Meeting
3:00-4:00

April 7

Parent/ Teacher Conferences
3:15-6:30

April 8

Career Experience Workshop
ARHS Café, 12:00-3:00

April 16

Career Experience Workshop
Multicultural Center, 12:00-3:00

April 24-27

No School for Students;
Teacher Exchange Days

April 28

No School for Students;
Professional Development Day

May 20

TEC Certification Ceremony
Chautauqua Auditorium, 7:00

May 23

HS Graduation Ceremony
Monarch High School, 10:00

May 28

Last Day of School for Students

A REMINDER FROM THE ARAPAHOE CAMPUS ATTENDANCE OFFICE:

Students will not be excused for tardies in the morning or throughout the day. Tardies due to physician appointments will be excused only with a note from that physician. The date must match the date of the tardy or absence.

Absences due to illness are excused, however, after 3 days of illness; a physician's note must be presented to the attendance office. Please feel free to contact the attendance office if you have any questions at 303.447.5036. Please press 1 for Boulder TEC and ARHS attendance.