

# Buzz Bits

No. 4

November 30, 2005

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 1	----	Parent Ed Night – Transitions – 5:30 – 6:30 PM
December 8	----	SIT/PTA Meeting – Library – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
December 21 –	----	No School – Winter Break
January 3		
January 5	----	Open House – 5:30 – 7:00 PM
January 12	----	SIT/PTA Meeting – Library – 5:30 -7:30 PM
January 16	----	No School – MLK Day
January 20	----	Open Enrollment Deadline – 4:00 PM
January 23	----	No School – Professional Dev Day

## RE-ENROLLMENT FORM

Please look for the blue Re-enrollment form in your child's folder (one per family). They are due to the office by next Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## TRAFFIC REPORT

SIT-PTA traffic follow-up by parent, Scott Koski

11-09 report of conversation with Bill Cowern, city transportation operations engineer, regarding traffic-safety issues around the school

1) *Issue: traffic coming down the hill on Gillaspie*

A brand new permanent speed indicator sign is operational 24/7 just uphill from the school.

2) *Issue: traffic coming up hill (southbound) on Gillaspie*

We are now in line for a portable speed trailer which will be placed just north (toward Table Mesa) of the flashing yellow light indicating the school zone (fyi: speed trailers aren't acceptable within school zones as they don't differentiate between changing speed limits based on school hours)

3) *Issue: current placement of crosswalk and traffic in front of school*

The crosswalk will be moved to front of school prior to the end of this year and because it will "stick out" into Gillaspie, it will also contribute to a general slowing of traffic in front of the school.

## THREE-YEAR-OLD OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

As we move into the Open Enrollment (OE) period, please help us to get the word out regarding the optimal entry-age at Community Montessori. **Every year** we have openings for children who will be three by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the coming year. Application happens during the open enrollment period (November through January) of the prior year. This open enrollment timeline is a difficult concept for families to understand as often their child is only two years of age during the OE period! The fact is, if families know to apply during the open enrollment period before the child's three-year-old school year there will be little problem getting in to the school. Entry at all other ages, however, is more difficult and more unpredictable as it totally depends on children leaving the school and then those few openings are first filled with siblings. We have so few openings at other ages because children start at age 3 and stay in the school until 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Thank you for your help in spreading the word. **Every three-year-old** on the waitlist for the 05-06 school year got in!

## Montessori opportunity--Montessori program proving successful

Thank you to Amy Bounds and the parents and teachers who contributed to the recent article entitled "Montessori program proving successful" published on November 22, 2005. If you did not get to see it, copies are available on line: Daily Camera; 11/22 [http://www.dailycamera.com/bdc/schools/article/0,1713,BDC\\_2488\\_4257932,00.html](http://www.dailycamera.com/bdc/schools/article/0,1713,BDC_2488_4257932,00.html)

Or upon request, we can make you a hard copy in the office.

## SHARE – A – GIFT

Our school will be participating in Share-a-Gift again this year. Share-a-Gift is an annual, all-volunteer toy collection and distribution holiday project encompassing the Boulder Valley schools area. Each year over 700 households (2000 boys and girls, ages birth to 14) receive these community donations. To be successful, Share-a-gift needs thousands of new and used toys, games, books, and puzzles. Share-a-Gift allows children to meaningfully participate in gift giving by sharing their own slightly used or new toys with less fortunate child in Boulder County. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please call 303-494-4258. Share-a-Gift is coordinated with the Holiday Giving Programs, including Holiday Food Basket sponsored by EFFA and Share-a-Coat sponsored by local area Rotary Clubs. Toys may be dropped off in the Share-a-Gift box in our school beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28th, through Wednesday, December 14th.

## COAT DRIVE

Tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to donate coats – the box will be picked-up on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to the parents in Becky's class for a most delightful luncheon provided for the staff on November 7<sup>th</sup>! As in the past, it was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. *Sandy Wilson-Barnes & Cassidi Hansen* were wonderful hostesses!

## WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

Please welcome the following new students and add them to your directory!

Esparza, Saraih Elida Corchado 3100 34 <sup>th</sup> St, Apt D59 Boulder 80301 303-247-1334	Elizabeth S/Jeanne	Pre-K4	14-Nov-00
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Ketellapper, Dominick Amy Wildgrube & Walraven Ketellapper 664 Sunshine Canyon Dr Boulder 80302 303-499-4381 <a href="mailto:amy@mugsandwit.com">amy@mugsandwit.com</a>	Elizabeth R	Pre-K3	19-Jun-02
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Murillo, Yamiley Cynthia Dorado & Miguel Murillo 3035 O'Neal Pkwy, Apt V17 Boulder 80301 303-447-2856	Heather	K	22-Feb-00
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## HELP!

The current open Food Service positions are: **Please note we have an opening at Community Montessori!**

Bear Creek Elementary	Cashier	12 hours/week	10:30 – 12:45
Centennial Middle	Cook Helper	2.5 hours/day	11:30 – 2:00
<b>Community Montessori</b>	<b>Cook Helper</b>	<b>3.0 hours/day</b>	<b>10:30 – 1:30</b>
Eldorado K-8	Cashier	2.5 hours/day	10:45 – 1:00
Flatirons Elementary	Cook Helper	2.0 hours/day	10:30 – 12:30
Manhattan Middle	Cook Helper	6.5 hours/day	7:15 – 1:45
Monarch High School	Cook Helper	3.5 hours/day	10:30 – 2:00
Platt Middle	Cook Helper	2.25 hours/day	11:00 – 1:15

All positions require that employees be able to lift 35 pounds unassisted, have a high school diploma or GED, enjoy children, and be able to work quickly and efficiently. Cook helper and Cashier positions start at **\$9.41/hour**. Positions over 20 hours/week receive full benefit package. **Interested??** Please fill out an application at the Boulder Valley School District – 6500 Arapahoe, call 303-447-5063, or check our web site at [www.bvdsd.org](http://www.bvdsd.org)