

Buzz Bits

No. 5

January 11, 2006

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
January 27	----	Bingo – 5:30 – 7:00 PM
February 9	----	SIT/PTA Meeting – Library – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
February 9-	----	CSAP Testing Window for 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Graders
March 22		
February 17 – 20	----	No School – Prof Dev Day/President’s Day
February 23	----	Parent Visiting Night(A-M 5:00-6:00 N-Z 6:00-7:00)

ART AND HEART

Each year Boulder Arts & Crafts Cooperative Gallery (1421 Pearl Street) sponsors “Art and Heart” – a Valentine’s Day card extravaganza. Lower Elementary art class will be participating by creating and donating their cards. The cards will go on sale February 1st – 14th and money will go to EFAA, Emergency Family Assistance Association.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Children’s Hospital and BVSD Sponsors Parent Talk on Childhood Obesity

The Boulder Chapter of The Children’s Hospital and BVSD will present a talk by Philip Zeitler, M.D. entitled, “Obesity: the First Childhood Lifestyle Disorder” on February 9, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 426 of Fairview High School. Dr. Zeitler will discuss the causes of childhood obesity, prevention, health risks, associated illnesses, epidemiology, and intervention. Time will be included at the end of the talk for audience Q & A. For more information, please contact Katy Fleming at 303-618-9246.

SARS

In this week’s Wednesday Folder, you will find a copy of the state’s School Accountability Report (SAR) which was prepared by the Colorado Department of Education. Note that the CSAP scores for Community Montessori are listed as unreportable due to a CDE guideline that requires a minimum sample size for all groups in order for any to be reported. Because we had a small number of 6th graders during the ’04-’05 school year, none of the scores are listed on the SAR even though all scores were used to calculate our **Excellent** Rating. You will also find a copy of the district customized school report card which provides additional information in all areas. We are proud to report that Community Montessori has earned Excellent School Status, Improvement Status and has received the John Irwin School of Excellence Award, given to schools scoring in the top 8% statewide. Congratulations to our students and staff and thank you to our parents for helping to nurture our excellent school.

TARDY STUDENTS

Reminder to please have your children to school so that they are ready to begin class at 8:10 each morning. Late students not only take up a large portion of time in the office getting late slips, it is also very disruptive to the classroom. We appreciate your making every effort to have your student to school on time! Thank you!

PLEASE PUT THESE CSAP DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

In this day of high stakes testing it is critical that all children take and perform their best on the CSAP tests. Schools are punished on their overall ratings if all children do not take these tests. Simply, we need all children at school during CSAP tests, rested, nourished and on time.

3rd graders will have 6 total testing sessions, one session per day. Reading and Writing sessions are 50 minutes while Math sessions are 55 minutes. Testing occurs in the morning.

3 rd Reading	February 15-16
3 rd Writing	March 20-21
3 rd test window	February 13 th – March 22

4 th Math, Reading & Writing	March 6-21
5 th Math, Reading, Writing & Science	March 6-21
4 th & 5 th testing window	March 6- March 22

If you have a conflict or any questions contact Marlene immediately.

TAX I D N U M B E R S

F Y I – In case you need our State & Federal Tax numbers for your files...

98-02383 (COLORADO)

84-6014683 (FEDERAL)

T H A N K Y O U T H A N K Y O U T H A N K Y O U

Thank you to Heather's classroom parents for the delicious luncheon served to the staff on December 9th. It was SO appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you to **Julia Brodsky & Margaret Graham** for being such gracious hostesses!

H E L P !

We're still in need of a Cook Helper here @ Community Montessori. 3 hrs/day 10:30 – 1:30. It is required 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 positions start at **\$9.41/hour. Interested??** Please fill out an application at the Boulder Valley School District – 6500 Arapahoe, call 303-447-5063, or check the web site at www.bvsd.org

D I R E C T O R Y C H A N G E S

Please make to following changes to your 2005/2006 Student Directory:

Noel Household new address:	1437 Cassin Ct Boulder, CO 80303
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Schrag Household new address & phone number	338 Matchless Street Louisville, CO 80027 303-926-6769
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