

# Buzz Bits

No. 7

March 8, 2006

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 7,8,15,16	----	Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 9	----	SIT/PTA Meeting – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
March 23	----	Lower El Music Program – 6:30 PM
March 27 – April 4	----	No School – Spring Break
April 6	----	Mozz (Poet) to present in our Library - AM
April 11	----	SIT/PTA – 5:30 – 7:30 – PM (note Tuesday date)
April 21	----	No School – Professional Development Day

## CSAP REMINDER

Remember to have you child to school on time on the following dates:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Math	March 20-21
3 <sup>rd</sup> test window	February 13 <sup>th</sup> – March 22
4 <sup>th</sup> Math, Reading & Writing	March 6-21
5 <sup>th</sup> Math, Reading, Writing & Science	March 6-21
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> testing window	March 6- March 22

The CSAP tests for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading have been completed.

All CSAP testing will resume on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. March CSAP testing for grade 3 includes two sessions each of Math and Writing. 4<sup>th</sup> graders have three sessions each of Reading, Math and Writing. 5<sup>th</sup> graders have three sessions each of Reading, Writing, Math and Science. Parents of students in CSAP grades will receive more information from the school's principal about the Reading, Writing, Math and Science tests. The district expects to receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Reading results in early May. CSAP results from all March testing will arrive in late August. Parents will receive the CSAP reading results in May directly from the school while the August results will be sent via US mail from the BVSD Education Center. Please make sure that an accurate mailing address is on file at the school to ensure delivery of CSAP results.

All CSAP results are a part of the school accountability report that will be published in the fall. While these tests are very important, they are only one way in which to measure our students' achievement and the success of our school. Teachers' daily observations tell us more about the progress that each child is making. CSAP tests and other external tests are an additional way of measuring achievement that can offer information about our progress and areas to improve.

## FACILITY NEWS

**--Important for ALL Community Montessori parents and staff—Facility input to district needed!**

Those who attend the facility meetings (charrettes) will have a chance to respond to a number of questions. Another way to give feedback is to respond to the survey that can be found on line <http://www.bvds.org/CapitalNeedsSurvey>. Our school, like many others, is in need of some significant facility repairs and remodel. For Community Montessori this includes general upkeep, as well as preschool and expansion needs. We ask that everyone take time to fill out the survey and send it in. While there are many general needs, our priority need is to have rooms 116, 117 and 115 refurbished so that two of our primary classes can relocate to the east hall with the other two primary classes. This will provide access to bathrooms in all the primary classrooms as well as beautiful and spacious Montessori environments. Rooms 116 and 117 were actually the original kindergarten rooms of Paddock Elementary. Most recently they were used by New Vista high school as science labs. While we have gradually been transforming back to an elementary school, there were not enough relocation dollars to complete this section of the building. When we can reclaim these spaces, rooms in the west hall will be freed up for the elementary expansion. Thank you for taking time to attend the facility meetings and for responding to the survey. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the office and we will send a hard copy home with your child. THANK YOU

## TAMALE FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tamale Making, Saturday, March 11th, 8:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m.

No experience is necessary and you can bring your kids if you feel they are of the age to help; we welcome the additional hands! If you cannot come for the whole time we could still use your help, just please let me know the approximate time for planning purposes.

The address is 1300 30th Street at the Smiley Court Apartments in the community room, just north of Colorado Boulevard on 30th street in Boulder.

If you are coming to the Tamale making on Saturday and have large coolers, please bring those along with cold packs or frozen plastic juice containers or milk containers as we need to keep the tamales cold until distribution on Monday. If you do not have coolers but can freeze juice containers or milk containers please bring those on Saturday. A parent will be at the front entrance of school on Friday morning drop-off, March 10th for collection of coolers and frozen plastic containers for those of you that cannot come Saturday but have a cooler to loan us for the weekend. She will also be at the school pickup, Monday, March 13th for cooler returns. Please label your coolers so we know who to return them to.

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered! It will be fun! Any new volunteers, please reply via email at [cnjava@pol.net](mailto:cnjava@pol.net). Any questions, please call Annette Nusser's cell phone at (719) 963-7530.

## MESSAGE FROM SIT/PTA PRESIDENT

You will soon receive a survey in the mail from BVSD asking you to comment on your experience at Community Montessori. It is *very* important that you read, respond, AND MAIL in the enclosed envelope before the **deadline of APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is our school's assessment that will be used in the end of the school year report and it is important to have a critical mass response. Thank you so much for taking the time to return. Your comments count and it is an opportunity for us to have direct feedback from our community. See Facility News above. You might also want to include your facility input on your snapshot survey

## SOCK HOP

Wow VOLUNTEERS GALORE!!! Thanks for making the sock hop sooo much fun!!! Thanks to everyone for pitching in on clean up... We got out of there in record time. A big round of CONGRATULATIONS on a Smashing event to the Sock Hop committee: Stacey Thompson, Nancy and Ed Ahlstrand, Lisa Gardner-Sweeney, and Gloria Vera.

Special thanks to our set up crews...IT LOOKED BEAUTIFUL, Thanks to you: Alyssa, Noah, and Rich Finer, Katherine and Andrew Morss, Anita, Matthew and Mara Miller, Peter, Vienna, Larkin, and Hayley D'Jay, Joanie Carew, Clarissa and Ben King, Lesley Smith, Aanton, Micheal, Jocelyn Trainor, Betina, Cristopher, and Kyle Koski, Rosa, Andrea, and Enzo Invernizze, Ali, Camron, and Cyrus Gidfar, Delaney and Corbin Gardner-Sweeney, Rosie and Peter Ahlstrand, Joel and Mackenzie Thompson, Katie Fitzpatrick, Dee, Emma, and Grace Andrews, Julia, Andrew, and Laurel Brodsky, Jayne, Bonnie, Samuel, and Jesse Schrag, Jim and Kali Barnes, Kieya, Cassidi, and Aisha Hansen, Ann King, Georgina and Anna Morrissey, Sarah, Noah, Christian, and Jackson Desouza, Marcia and Natalie Platt, Helen Caraballo, Lynn, Mark, Ayden, Eli, and Maxx Chance, Hope, Ethan, Jason, Summit, and Asia Byrne, Birdie Reznicek, Nancy and Mia McKay and Kelli and their friend Bergen, and Elizabeth Ross, for letting us steal and refill her school supplies. Thank you Leslie Rudowski for getting & returning all the soda.

Thanks room parents for making calls on the fly...it sure worked nicely THANKS.

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to Jeanne's classroom families that prepared food for the staff luncheon on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a delightful meal enjoyed by all! Staff members so often spend lunch time in meetings, making phone calls or e-mailing – having a delicious, healthy, warm lunch is an extraordinary treat. Thank you to Kathryn Morss for your gracious presence in the staff lounge.