

# Buzz Bits

No. 5

February 7, 2007

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 8	----	SIT/PTA Meeting – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
February 16 – 19	----	NO SCHOOL – Prof Dev/President’s Day
February 25	----	All School Social – 3:00 – 5:00 PM

## WELCOME

Please welcome the following new students to Community Montessori and add them to your Student Directories.

**Nefeli Hadjiyiannis** (Heather’s class)

Yu Yang & Simos Hadjiyiannis (parents)

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**Stephen Lantz** (Heather’s class)

Bill & Tina Lantz (parents)

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**Rodrigo Ordóñez** (Elizabeth’s class)

Rodrigo & Mercedes Ordóñez (parents)

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## FOR TAX PURPOSES

For those of you who need Community Montessori’s tax ID #'s for your income tax filings, they are:

**Fed Tax ID 84-6014683/Colorado 98-02383**

## DISTRICT NOTICE

We will soon be sending home a letter from the Colorado Department of Education informing you that the Boulder Valley School District did not make Adequate Yearly Progress as defined in No Child Left Behind. Though BVSD is very pleased that 138 out of the 150 subgroups of our students reached this achievement target, which equals achieving 92% of our goals, we are working with our schools to improve the achievement of the twelve subgroups that did not make AYP in 2005-06. We are submitting a Program Improvement Plan to CDE that reflects this work. Because our Program Improvement Plan will reflect the work that our schools have already done with the input from their parent communities, we are not planning any separate district-level activities regarding parent involvement. Please feel free to contact any of our schools to ask what they are doing.

The district has previously released information about specific schools that did not make AYP. However, please remember that our district and its schools operate under two additional accountability and accreditation systems, the State Accountability Report (SAR) and the District Accreditation Contract with the department of education. The district received the highest praise in its most recent accreditation report from the State of Colorado, all of the district’s schools are fully accredited, and 81% of our schools rated Excellent or High on the SAR. The letter that is being sent home continues to reinforce this excellent level of performance of the school district.

## UP – D A T E S

☞ Please see the attached News Release re: **BVSD Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee**.

☞ You may find the **approved 2007-2008 BVSD school calendar** attached.

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## PARA SEÑALAR EN SU CALENDARIO

Febrero 8	----	Reunión SIT/PTA – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Febrero 16 – 19	----	NO HAY CLASES – Desarrollo Profesional/Día de los Presidentes
Febrero 25	----	Reunión Social para toda la escuela – 3:00 – 5:00 PM

## BIENVENIDA

Favor de darles la bienvenida a los siguientes alumnos y agregarlos a sus Directorios de Alumnos.

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## PARA PROPÓSITO DE IMPUESTOS

Para las personas que necesiten el número de identificación de impuestos de Community Montessori para sus impuestos, es el siguiente: **Fed Tax ID 84-6014683/Colorado 98-02383**

## NOTICIA DEL DISTRITO

Pronto estaremos enviando a Uds. una carta del Departamento de Educación de Colorado informándoles que el Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder no logró el Progreso Anual Adecuado según se define por No Child Left Behind (Que Ningún Niño Se quede Atrás). Aunque el Distrito está muy complacido de que 138 de los 150 subgrupos de nuestros alumnos hayan alcanzado esta meta de aprovechamiento, que equivale a alcanzar un 92% de nuestras metas, estamos trabajando con nuestras escuelas para mejorar el aprovechamiento de los doce subgrupos que no lograron el PAA en 2005-06. Estamos enviando un Plan de Mejora de Programas al Departamento de Educación de Colorado que refleja este trabajo. Ya que nuestro Plan de Mejora de Programas reflejará el trabajo que ya han desempeñado nuestras escuelas con la participación de sus comunidades de padres, no estamos planeando ningunas actividades distintas a nivel de distrito en cuanto a participación de los padres. Por favor siéntanse libres de contactar a cualquiera de nuestras escuelas para preguntar qué están haciendo.

Anteriormente el distrito ha diseminado información sobre las escuelas que no lograron el PAA. Sin embargo, por favor recuerden Uds. que nuestro distrito y sus escuelas funcionan de acuerdo con dos sistemas adicionales de responsabilidad y acreditación, el Informe Estatal de Responsabilidad (State Accountability Report --SAR) y el Contrato de Acreditación del Distrito con el Departamento de Educación. El distrito recibió el elogio más elevado en su informe de acreditación más reciente del Estado de Colorado, todas las escuelas del distrito están plenamente acreditadas, y el 81% de nuestras escuelas recibieron grados Excelente or Alto en el SAR. La carta que se les está enviando a casa sigue reforzando este excelente nivel de aprovechamiento del distrito escolar.

## NOTAS DE ACTUALIDAD

- 👉 Favor de ver la noticia adjunta sobre el **Comité de Ciudadanos para Supervisión de Bonos del Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder.**
- 👉 Podrán encontrar el **calendario aprobado BVSD para 2007-2008.**

# News Release

## Boulder Valley School District

### **For Immediate Release**

January 23, 2007

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### **Boulder Valley Board of Education Approves Initial Membership of the New BVSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

*The panel, created by the passage of Ballot Initiative 3A in 2006, will oversee compliance with BVSD facilities master plan and budget for \$296.8 million bond issue.*

BOULDER – The Boulder Valley Board of Education tonight approved the initial members of the new Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. This oversight committee will exist through the final completion of projects resulting from the November 2006 voter approval of Ballot Initiative 3A – a \$296.8 million bond issue for capital improvements to BVSD's 54 school buildings. The creation of the oversight committee was required by the wording of the district ballot measure. An aggressive six-year completion schedule beginning this spring is currently being finalized. The oversight committee's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the library conference room at the district education center. It is open to the public.

"This district is very fortunate indeed that a group of individuals of this caliber from throughout our district and possessing their exceptional talents is willing to make this commitment to serve our taxpayers and, ultimately our students," said Dr. Helayne Jones, Board president.

Dr. Jones noted that the Board will be staffed through the BVSD Planning, Engineering and Construction Department. She also noted that the initial terms were staggered for either two or three years in order that all seats will not be up for reappointment at the same time. Dr. Jones thanked those who applied but were not named to the oversight committee this time and urged them to reapply as vacancies occur or terms end. Oversight committee members will be allowed to reapply for their position when their term expires. The chair of the Student Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) will appoint the student member in the near future. With that appointment, oversight committee membership will stand at 17.

Those 16 district residents formally appointed by the Board tonight are:

#### **Teachers**

Melissa J. Tingley, Emerald Elementary School – Broomfield; 3-year term. Ms. Tingley also serves as Vice-President of BVEA.

Belinda D. Harp-Schrag, Broomfield Heights Middle School – Broomfield; 2-year term.

Amy E. Paa-Rogers, Fairview High School – Boulder; 3-year term.

#### **School Principals**

Karen Daly, Creekside Elementary School – Boulder; 2-year term.

Adam Fels, Louisville Middle School – Louisville; 3-year term.  
Ginger Ramsey, Broomfield High School – Broomfield; 3-year term.

**District Accountability Committee**

Juana M. Gómez – Boulder resident; 2-year term. Ms. Gómez is the Architect and Principal of Lawrence+Gómez Architects.

**District Parent Council**

Tron D. Welch – Louisville resident; 2-year term. Mr. Welch is a Financial Planning Advisor for AIG Valic.

**Student Accountability Advisory Committee**

At this time the chair of this committee is in the process of appointing a representative to serve on this committee.

**Former Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

Elisabeth A. Patterson – Boulder resident; 3-year term. Ms. Patterson oversees The Printed Page/Page Two.

**Community Representatives/Citizen at Large**

Mark A. Bauer – Lafayette; 2-year term. Mr. Bauer is a teacher from Crest View Elementary.

Virginia A. Belval – Broomfield; 3-year term. Ms. Belval is a TAG Education Advisor at Aspen Creek K-8.

Kent G. Crawford – Superior; 3-year term. Mr. Crawford is a Broker Associate for Mock Realty.

Benita A. Duran – Boulder; 2-year term-Citizen at Large. Ms. Duran is Director of State and Local Governmental Affairs for the Southwest Region for CH2M HILL; she also was the former Assistant City Manger for the City of Boulder.

Susan M. Graf – Boulder; 3-year term. Ms. Graf is the President and CEO of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer A. O'Brien – Nederland; 3-year term. Ms. O'Brien is the Manager, CRM Solution Offerings.

Dee J. Perry – Boulder; 2-year term. Ms. Perry is the retired CFO for McDATA Corporation and currently President of the Board for HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield.

James J. Reed – Erie; 2-year term. Mr. Reed is IT Manager for the Office of Jared Polis.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members represent the areas of general business, real estate, information technology, development/construction, architectural/engineering, financial/banking/accounting and educational backgrounds. The oversight committee must meet no less than quarterly and no more than once per month. If necessary, the committee may call a special meeting with public notice.

Location and agenda of the February oversight committee meeting will be available on the district web site ([www.bvsd.org](http://www.bvsd.org)).

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# BVSD School Calendar

# 2007 – 2008

August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
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Aug. 16	*Transition day for 6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>
Aug. 16-17	K-5 Assessment Days
Aug. 17	First day of school for 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
Aug. 20	First day of school for elementary students
Aug. 20-21	*Staggered start for K
Sept. 3	Labor Day
Sept. 21	Professional Development Day
Sept. 24-Oct. 8	October Count Days
Oct. 12	Professional Development Day
Nov. 9	Professional Development Day
Nov. 12	Veterans Day
Nov. 19-20	Fall Conference Exchange Days – No School
Nov. 21	Vacation Day
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Winter Holidays
Jan. 7-8	Semester teacher prep &/or Prof. Development
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 18	Presidents' Day
Feb. 19	Trimester teacher prep or Prof. Development
Mar. 24-28	Spring Break
Apr. 25 & 28	Spring Conference Exchange Days – No School
Apr. 29	Professional Development Day
May 26	Memorial Day
May 29	Last Day of school for students (full day)
May 30	Last Day for teachers

\*Schools will inform parents of their schedules including any kindergarten assessment days.

**District Offices are closed on the following holidays:**

- September 3 - Labor Day
- November 12 - Veterans Day
- November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving
- December 24 & 25 - Winter Holiday
- January 1 – New Year's Day
- January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 18 - Presidents' Day
- May 26 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day

- “Q” designates end of quarter
- “T” designates end of trimester
- ] designates end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- [ designates beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

**No classes for students:**

- Professional Development – P-12
- / Holidays
- Parent Conference Exchange Days