

Buzz Bits

No. 7

April 11, 2007

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 11	-----	Read-a-thon (through 4/25)
April 12	-----	SIT/PTA Meeting – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
April 13	-----	Literacy Bingo – 5:30 – 7:00 PM
April 20	-----	No School for Students – Prof Dev Day
April 25	-----	Upper El Music Program – 6:30 PM
April 27	-----	Volunteer Appreciation Tea – 8:00 AM

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the delicious luncheon provided for the staff by Elizabeth's & Jenny's classes on Tuesday, March 20th. Your yummy food and hard work are greatly appreciated!

NEW VACCINES – NEXT SCHOOL YEAR (07-08)

2nd dose Varicella (chickenpox) REQUIRED FOR ALL KINDERGARTNERS

Varicella or chickenpox is a disease that is very contagious, and there continue to be outbreaks of the disease in Colorado as well as other states around the country. As a result of continued outbreaks, even in children who have had one injection of Varicella vaccine, Colorado will now be requiring a second dose of Varicella vaccine beginning at kindergarten entry.

Beginning in the new school year (07-08), if a child has had chickenpox disease, a laboratory test showing immunity or a documented disease history from a **health care provider** is acceptable. In Colorado, children will need to have the appropriate documentation or two doses of Varicella vaccine at kindergarten entry.

Tdap REQUIRED FOR 6TH AND 10TH GRADERS

Pertussis or whooping cough can be a very serious disease in infants and small children. It has been found that frequently, siblings who have Pertussis disease can expose other children in the household. Colorado ranks fifth of all states in the country with this disease. Per Colorado state law, Tdap vaccine will be required for all 6th and 10th graders this upcoming school year (07-08). If you do not wish your child to have this vaccine for personal or religious reasons, please sign a waiver that is available in the Health Room. A medical exemption must be signed by a physician.

UPDATES

- **CONGRATULATIONS!**- *Lilia Meyers* (4th grader in Patti's class) won a \$150 merit scholarship with the Boulder Arts Academy for her piano performance on Saturday, March 10th. Way to go, *Lilia*!
- Please read the attached:
 1. News Release re: New Superintendent
 2. News Release re: Health-Related Presentations

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Abril 11, 2007

PARA SEÑALAR EN SU CALENDARIO

Abril 11	----	Maratón de Lectura (hasta 4/25)
Abril 12	----	Reunión SIT/PTA – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Abril 13	----	Bingo de Lectoescritura – 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Abril 20	----	No hay clases para alumnos – Día de Desarrollo Profesional
Abril 25	----	Programa de música de Elemental 6:30 PM
Abril 27	----	Té de Agradecimiento a Voluntarios – 8:00 AM

GRACIAS GRACIAS GRACIAS

Muchísimas gracias por el delicioso almuerzo para el personal, ofrecido por las clases de Elizabeth y Jenny el martes 20 de marzo. Agradecemos muchísimo todo el trabajo y la comida exquisita!

VACUNAS NUEVAS -- PRÓXIMO AÑO ESCOLAR (07-08)

2ª dosis de varisela) EXIGIDA PARA TODOS LOS ALUMNOS DE KINDERGARTEN

La varisela es una enfermedad muy contagiosa, y sigue habiendo brotes en Colorado así como en otros estados del país. Como resultado de estos brotes continuos, aún en niños que ya hayan recibido una inyección de vacuna de varisela, ahora Colorado estará exigiendo una segunda dosis de vacuna de varisela al entrar al kindergarten.

A partir del nuevo año escolar, (07-08), si un niño ya ha tenido varisela, se aceptará una prueba de laboratorio demostrando inmunidad, o una historia documentada de la enfermedad de parte de un **proveedor de salud**. En Colorado, los niños necesitarán tener la documentación apropiada o dos dosis de vacuna de varisela al entrar al kindergarten.

Tdap EXIGIDA PARA ALUMNOS DE 6° Y 10° GRADOS

La Pertussis o tos ferina puede ser una enfermedad muy peligrosa para los bebés o niños recién nacidos. Se ha demostrado que frecuentemente, los hermanos que tienen Pertussis exponen a otros niños en el hogar. Colorado es el quinto estado del país con frecuencia de esta enfermedad. De acuerdo con la ley estatal de Colorado, se exigirá la vacuna Tdap para todos los niños de 6° y 10° grados durante el próximo año escolar (07-08). Si por motivos personales o religiosos Ud. no desea que su hijo/a reciba esta vacuna, favor de firmar la forma de exención que está disponible en el Salón de Salud. Una exención médica deberá estar firmada por un médico.

NOTICIAS DE ACTUALIDAD

- **¡FELICIDADES!**- *Lilia Meyers* (alumna de 4° año en la clase de Patti) recibió una beca de \$150 al mérito al Boulder Arts Academy por su recital de piano el sábado 10 de marzo. ¡Así se hace, *Lilia*!
- Favor de leer las noticias adjuntas acerca de:
 1. Nuevo Superintendente
 2. Presentaciones sobre Salud

News Release

Boulder Valley School District

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Boulder Valley Board of Education Chooses New Superintendent

Dr. Christopher King to assume BVSD leadership July 1, 2007

BOULDER – Meeting in a special public session tonight, the Boulder Valley Board of Education officially appointed Dr. Christopher King, the district's current deputy superintendent, to be its new superintendent as of July 1, 2007. Dr. King, 45, will succeed Dr. George F. García, who has led the 28,000 student district since the summer of 2000.

"The Board is delighted that Chris King has accepted our offer to lead our already high-performing school district to even higher levels of academic achievement and equity of educational opportunity for each of our students," declared Dr. Helayne Jones, president of the seven-member board. The vote was unanimous to appoint Dr. King and approve his contract as superintendent.

Dr. Jones and several Board members noted that this superintendent selection process was the most publicly transparent in district history and that it greatly benefited from the public involvement of more than 300 community members throughout the selection process.

Last November, more than 225 individuals participated in the development of the BVSD Leadership Characteristic Profile. The Board and its national consultant, Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Illinois, used this leadership profile as the primary yardstick to evaluate its candidates at each step of the selection process. After the Board approved the leadership profile in January, it conducted the first round of interviews in late February. Two weeks ago, 92 parents, community members, business people, teachers, support staff, principals and administrators making up three different input panels interviewed each semi-finalist and then provided written assessments to the Board for each candidate.

"These individuals, selected by their organizations or colleagues, brought an important dimension to our internal deliberations," said Dr. Jones. "Many times, I found myself reading a response form after participating in a Board interview of a candidate and I would be impressed by an observation of a community member who had picked up on a quality that I had not previously noticed," she said.

Board members were also generous in their praise of Dr. García, who last summer announced his intention to retire this summer after seven years at the helm of Colorado's eighth largest district. He is the second longest serving superintendent in BVSD history.

“Over the past seven years George García has provided the knowledge, wisdom, and experience needed to achieve a strong record of academic achievement, fiscal stability, and equitable educational opportunity,” stated Board Member Ken Roberge.

The Board acknowledged and thanked its other two exceptional semi-finalists, Dr. Sandra Smyser and Dr. James Hammond. The Board then expressed their consensus that Dr. King, a 14-year BVSD veteran teacher, high school principal and district administrator intimately familiar with the 500-square-mile district and its many distinct communities had emerged as “the right leader at the right time.”

“The Board is confident that Chris King, with his combination of experience, intellect and vision will take our district to even higher levels of success while increasing community awareness and engagement in the education of our children,” Dr. Jones stated.

“These are exciting times to be involved with the Boulder Valley School District. I very much appreciate the vote of confidence in my leadership abilities, and I am eager to help take the District to the next level of excellence,” said Dr. King.

Dr. King, a native of Montrose, Colorado, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado in 1984. In 1990, he earned his masters degree in Journalism from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was awarded a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Colorado at Denver in 1996. He was licensed in Educational Leadership in 2005 by the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Dr. King began his educational career in 1985 as an English and journalism teacher at Broomfield High School. In 1989, he taught English and coached wrestling at the Brookstone Day School in Columbus, Georgia. He moved back to Colorado in 1989 and was a graduate teaching assistant in journalism while earning his masters degree. From 1990 until 1992, Dr. King worked as a teacher and dean of students in the Cherry Creek Schools.

In 1992, Dr. King returned to Colorado’s Western Slope to become assistant principal of Montrose High School. In 1994, he served as an assistant principal and as an interim principal in the Jefferson County School District. Dr. King rejoined BVSD in 1997 when he was hired as principal of Boulder High School. In 2001, he was appointed assistant superintendent where he oversaw the reconfiguration of the BVSD Division of School Leadership to achieve greater administrative service to district schools while also cutting costs. In 2005, Dr. King was named BVSD’s deputy superintendent and has led BVSD destratification efforts, developed a set of counseling standards and oversaw state-recognized strategies to reduce the achievement gap between majority and minority students.

Dr. King and his wife, Douglass Elementary School Principal Kelley King, live with their two children in Superior.

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