



SCHOOL INFORMATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 10 – 20	-----	CELA (English Lang) Testing Window
January 17	-----	No School – MLK Day
February 10	-----	SAC/PTA Meeting – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
February 15 – 23	-----	3 rd Grade CSAP Reading Test Window
February 21	-----	No School – President's Day
February 24	-----	Parent Visiting Night (A-M 5:00-6:00 PM) (N-Z 6:00 – 7:00 PM)
February 25	-----	No School – Teacher Work Day
February 28 – Mar 18	-----	3 rd – 5 th CSAP Test Window
March 4	-----	Report Cards home
March 8, 10, 16 & 17	-----	Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:00 – 7:00 PM
March 10	-----	SAC/PTA Meeting – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
March 21 – 29	-----	No School – Spring Break

CHANGE IN DISTRICT POLICY ...

Volunteering in schools is a wonderful, beneficial experience that rewards not only the students and the teachers, but also the volunteers themselves. It provides an opportunity to create positive relationships and support schools in succeeding in their overall goal of student achievement.

The Boulder Valley School District understands it is the responsibility of each school to ensure the safety of the students. To promote a safe, nurturing, and supportive educational environment in which students can pursue their educational goals, each BVSD school will maintain a background screening program for regularly scheduled volunteers as part of the approval process for volunteering in school activities and events. Beginning Monday, January 3, 2011, regular volunteers who are new to the school district will be required to complete an online background screening. Volunteers who have previously been approved prior to January 3rd of this current school year will not be required to complete the background online screening. **Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all regular volunteers will be required to complete the background screening program each year prior to volunteering that year.**

The BVSD volunteer background screening program will be maintained by a company called TLogiQ. The information obtained from the background screening will be used for the sole purpose of determining eligibility of volunteering in Boulder Valley School District and will not be shared or given to any other agency. Any information obtained will remain confidential and will be viewed only by the BVSD Human Resource Department. Once a volunteer is approved through the online screening program, he/she will be approved to volunteer at any (non-charter) school within BVSD during that school year.

Adults requesting to be considered regular volunteers in BVSD must complete an online background screening at the following website: www.tlogiq.com/bvsdv. The cost of the background screen is \$16.00 (no driving)/\$22.50 (drivers) plus applicable state fees. The fee will be paid to TLogiQ by the volunteer at the time he/she goes online to initiate a background screen. TLogiQ will accept payment through the online payment service Authorized.Net - MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express are accepted. Other forms of payment are also accepted and can be arranged through TLogiQ.

Regular volunteers required to complete the background screening program include, but are not limited to, those who help in the following activities:

- Volunteers with a regular schedule in the school (classroom, health room, playground, cafeteria, library, greeters)
- Activity/Club mentor, volunteer or chaperone
- TAG (Talented and Gifted) mentor, volunteer or chaperone
- Overnight trip chaperone
- At-Home (Student Contact) (ex. host of team dinner, building parade float)
- Volunteer coach (interscholastic or intramural)
- Volunteer attending field trip off school site
- Crossing guard

Occasional volunteers will not be required to complete the online background screening program. The school staff will conduct a minimal background screening for those individuals as appropriate. This category includes, but is not limited to, those who help in the following activities:

- Occasional volunteer (ex. classroom event)
- School-sponsored events (ex. career fairs, book fairs, after-prom, science fairs, school dances, guest speakers, field day, registrations)
- Projects w/little or only incidental contact w/students (ex. fundraisers, boosters, concession stands, scorekeepers)
- School Accountability Committees/School Improvement Teams, the District Accountability Committee, District Parent Council, PTOs, PTAs, and PEN participants

We appreciate your cooperation and support of this new expanded background screening program. We share with you the priority to ensure the welfare and safety of our students. Please contact the school office or BVSD Human Resources with any questions you may have regarding this program.

BVSD Human Resources
720-561-5031



PERSONAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for reading the signs and taking action! We doubled our donations and tripled our family participation in just one month. We are now at \$10,900, or 36%, of our dollar goal; and at 24% of our family participation goal.

Our next milestone is to hit 60% of our dollar goal by the end of February. The PGC team will be reaching out again on a direct level for a friendly reminder. We ask that EVERY family do what they can.

Please remember:

- to ask your employer if they offer a company match or a straight company donation

- that we accept monthly donations

To donate, please drop off or send your check the office: Community Montessori, Attn: PGC, 805 Gillaspie, Boulder CO 80305. If you have any questions about the PGC or how to donate, please contact Denice Choka at denice.choka@leanintree.com, or Rosa Invernizzi 720 561-3721 (Bi-lingual liaison). Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following people for their help with the Open Enrollment Tours and Open House; Sarah Lee, Kirsten Anderson, Annette Nusser, Melanie Bates, Jess Hernandez, Jenny Burnsed, Deb Roby, Nikki Gorsuch, Lisa Gardner-Sweeney, Emily Tessar, Terri Vernon, Victoria Boydston, Margarita Anselmi-Neuman and Rachel Lum. A HUGE thank you to Rachel Lum for serving as our OE coordinator this year. We couldn't do this work without the tremendous support of parents

Also a BIG thank you to Jesus Leyva for arriving early to help Mac shovel after the weekend snow storm! Your thoughtfulness and hard work were appreciated by ALL!

UPDATES



- 👉 **Recycling cell phones** A Community Montessori parent is going to help our school by collecting used cell phones. All proceeds will go to CM fundraising efforts. Please drop them off in room 133, there will be a box for them. Thank you for your support and in keeping our environment green.
 - 👉 **Share-A-Coat** collected over 2,000 coats and many other items such as hats, gloves, sweaters, and boots. Most of these items were donated by children and parents at schools in Boulder County. **Art Cleaners, Inc.** of Boulder cleaned each clothing item prior to distribution. In addition, over 500 children story books have been collected and distributed. Thank you!
 - 👉 Thanks to the participation of our school and other Boulder Valley Schools, **Share-a-Gift**, a non-profit, non-denominational organization, collected many toys and bikes to share with less fortunate children within the Boulder Valley School District. This year **Share-a-Gift** was able to help over 500 families representing 1900 children during the holiday season. This would not be possible without the help of schools, which are the largest source of used toys for distribution. Thanks for again supporting this worthwhile program!
 - 👉 Attached is the **PEN**-sponsored parenting column. The article is provided in both English and Spanish. These parenting columns are also posted on the BVSD website at <http://bvsd.org/parents/Pages/articles.aspx>.
 - 👉 Please use the following link to access the **Thrive Newsletter**:
<http://bvsd.org/schools/communitymontessori/newsevents/Pages/ThriveParentCorps.aspx> or if you prefer, you can use the direct link from the BVSD site:
<http://bvsd.org/parents/Pages/ThriveNewsletter.aspx>
 - 👉 **BVSD Lifelong Learning Classes for Kids at Community Montessori**
No School: Art Play on February 25th In-service Day Ages 7-11
Friday February 25 8am-4 pm \$89
 - Spring Break: Art Camp Ages 6-8**
Mon-Thu Mar 21-24 9am-Noon \$135
 - Spring Break: Art Camp Ages 9-12**
Mon-Thu Mar 21-24 1:30-4:30 pm
- Please register and view complete class details at www.bvsd.org/LLL, or call 720-561-3768.*