



Douglass Elementary

January 6, 2012

From the Principal's Desk...

Happy New Year to you all!

I know many of our skiing, snowboarding, and sledding kids are looking forward to more snow this winter. My family spent several afternoons on the hills after the great snow we received. But I'd like to encourage you all to make sure that you have one accessory while you're out having winter fun – a helmet.



One of our students showed me her helmet that she was wearing when she fell – and please notice the 6-inch long crack in the helmet. I'm so glad that her helmet broke and not her skull. In my family, we will all wear helmets every time we're on the slopes.

With the new year, we have new staff members to introduce. Our new head custodian is Pete Bendzel, who was formerly at Platt Middle School. Our new night custodian is Christine Wells, new to BVSD. I've been so pleased with the hard work both Pete and Chris have given to our school since they joined us, and I know that you'll see a marked improvement in our school thanks to

their efforts. Welcome Pete and Chris!

We are nearing the completion of the first phase of construction – our new entrance and administrative area. We are scheduled to be packed up and moved there on January 13. This will create changes to our school's routines, such as where to sign in to volunteer and/or pick up, where the buses will pick up and drop off students, and how kids will move throughout the building. Look for a note from me late next week describing these changes that are coming. It's exciting to see projects come to completion!

The new elevator in the north wing of the building should be completed over spring break in late-March. The new preschool addition is slated for completion at the end of January. Landscape and other improvements to the exterior of the building will begin when weather permits in the springtime.

The deadline for Open Enrollment applications is next Friday, January 13, at 4:00 p.m. If you have a three or four year old that you are considering enrolling into Kindergarten or into our new preschool, please enroll as soon as possible! Enrollment links are available at <http://bvsd.org>. The more information I have on our neighborhood enrollees, the more accurate decision I can make as I admit students through Open Enrollment. It's a priority of our community to keep class sizes as low as possible, and accurate neighborhood enrollment information helps make that happen. If you know of families in our neighborhood with Kindergarten-aged students, encourage them to enroll today!

We have a Kindergarten Registration and Information Night scheduled for Monday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. I look forward to greeting our new families then!

Your principal,
Jon Wolfer

School Calendar

Tues. Jan. 10th	Choir-7:25 am <u>Open Enrollment Tour-1:00 pm</u>
Wed. Jan. 11th	Class Pictures PTO Meeting-2:45 pm
Thurs. Jan. 12th	Choir-7:25 am Class Pictures for Tues/Thurs Kdg. Geography Bee - 8:30 am
Fri. Jan. 13th	<u>Open Enrollment Window Closes-4:00 pm</u>
Mon. Jan 16th	Martin Luther King Day - No School
Tues. Jan. 17th	Choir-7:25 am
Thurs. Jan. 18th	Choir-7:25 am
Fri. Jan. 20th	Mon./Wed. Kdg. Attends All Day
Mon. Jan. 23rd	Kindergarten Registration and Information Night 6:30 pm in the Library
Tues. Jan. 24th	Choir -7:25 am Acting 1 for 3rd-5th Graders-2:35 pm
Thurs. Jan. 26th	Choir -7:25 am Acting 1 for 1st-2nd Graders-2:35 pm
Tues. Jan. 31st	Choir -7:25 am Acting 1 for 3rd-5th Graders-2:35 pm
Wed. Feb. 1st	PTO Meeting-6:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 2nd	Choir -7:25 am Recognition Pictures Acting 1 for 1st-2nd Graders-2:35 pm
Sat. Feb. 4th	BVSD Regional Spelling Bee (time TBD)
Mon. Feb. 6th	Science Fair Project Due Today
Tues. Feb. 7th	Choir -7:25 am Tues/Thurs Kdg. Science Fair Projects Due Today Acting 1 for 3rd-5th Graders-2:35 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9th	Choir -7:25 am Acting 1 for 1st-2nd Graders-2:35 pm Science Fair 6:30 pm
Fri. Feb. 10th	Family Fun Night-6:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 14th	Choir -7:25 am Acting 1 for 3rd-5th Graders-2:35 pm
Wed. Feb. 15th	5th Grade Ellis Island Program-12:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 16th	Choir -7:25 am Acting 1 for 1st-2nd Graders-2:35 pm

Don't Forget



Wed. Jan. 11th

Class Pictures



Thurs. Jan. 12th

Class Pictures for
Tues/Thurs Kdg.



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Martin Luther King Day
No School



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2012-2013 School Year

The 2012-2013 school year will be here before you know it. Please let the office know as soon as possible if there will be any change in your attendance for next year, either moving or adding another sibling for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year

Kindergarten enrollment has begun for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have an incoming kindergartner we ask that you enroll your kindergartner ASAP. We are also asking your help in encouraging neighborhood families with children entering kindergarten this coming fall to please get their students enrolled as well. We have begun our staffing process for the 2012-2013 school year so it is important to have as many children registered as possible. Please visit our school website at <http://bvsd.org/schools/douglass/registration/Pages/default.aspx> to enroll.

Please note that after you submit the online forms your application is NOT complete. To complete your application please follow the steps below.

1. Fill out the online enrollment application
2. Print out a PDF copy of your enrollment receipt.
3. Come into the Douglass office with your PDF enrollment receipt, child's birth certificate or passport, immunization records and proof of address. (acceptable proof of address is an Excel, water or garbage bill)

For any questions please contact:

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Open Enrollment for 2012-2013

Boulder Valley School District's Open Enrollment application will be ending January 13, 2012 at 4:00. If you have moved out of our attendance area your child may complete this year but will not be permitted to return next year if they have not been accepted through Open Enrollment. If you would like your child to attend a school other than the one he or she is currently enrolled in, you must submit an application online at <http://bvsd.org/openenrollment> or visit the Open Enrollment Office no later than 4:00 p.m., January 13, 2012. Applications received after that date result in your student being added to the bottom of any existing waitlist for that school and grade.

Kindergarten Registration/Information Night

Douglass will be hosting a kindergarten registration and information night on Mon. January 23rd at 6:30 pm. This is for families in our attendance area only. Please join us in the library to meet the kindergarten team and to drop off your registration papers. Reservations are not needed.

Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken Wed. Jan. 11 and Thurs. Jan 12 for Tues/Thurs. Please complete the attached form and return it with your child on photo day.



Douglass Students Know What It Takes

To "Bee" Great Spellers!

Will Chiang a 3rd Grader in Mrs. Gibson's class, took the top honors and will represent Douglass Elementary at the district bee next month. The winner of the district spelling bee moves on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. We are very proud of Will and wish him well as he moves on in the competition. All our spelling bee participants did such a great job with some very tough words.

3rd Grade Spellers

Finn Friday, Justin Hein, Will Chiang, Hayden Knauss, Lexi, Sarah Patnam, Jake Sanders, Kyle Varra and Molly Dever

4th Grade Spellers

Alex Mercier, Jackson Ginsberg, Jocie Wille, Daniel Rui, Holly Mills, Rachel Lee Smith, Dylanie Herbstreit, Mackenzie Goldstein and Payton Rosenfels

5th Grade Spellers

Logan Opie, Savannah Abram, Tara Burtness, Aaron Yang, Jackson Hammond, Niko Linder, Brooke Curry, Faith Brendefur and Sarah Huang

Everyone is invited to attend the district spelling bee at Monarch High School, 329 Campus Dr. Louisville, CO on Feb. 4th. The time is TBD. Good luck Will!



SHARE A COAT UPDATE

Thank you for your participation in this year's Share A Coat program. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated. With your help, the Boulder Valley Rotary Club collected 3488 coats and many other winter garments such as sweaters, snowsuits, hats, gloves, scarves and boots from Boulder and Broomfield County schools and businesses.

In the category of schools with 350—500 students, Douglass came in 2nd Place with 121 coats. And won \$100.00.

On Saturday, December 17, many of these garments were given to the less fortunate people of Boulder County as part of the Holiday Giving Program. Other garments were given to various charitable organizations for distribution throughout the winter. Storybooks were also collected and distributed by Share-A-Gift as part of the Holiday Giving Program. Approximately 1,000 books were collected and distributed.

It is because of the participation of schools like yours that we did so well. On behalf of the Boulder Valley Rotary Club, we extend a heart-felt THANK YOU! Without your help it would not have been possible. We look forward to working with you again next year.

THANK YOU!

- A very heartfelt thank you from the office for all of the delicious home baked goodies and holiday gifts. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community and we appreciate all that you do for us.
- Thank you to all of the wonderful bakers who once again treated us to very special treats during such a busy time of year. We really appreciate it.
- Emergency Family Assistance Association would like to thank everyone for their in-kind contribution of food collected at Douglass. EFAA continues its focus on providing basic needs, such as food and shelter to families while encouraging self-sufficiency. If you would like to learn more about EFAA please visit www.efaa.org.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas.

Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the number one cause among non-smokers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that radon causes more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths in the country each year; only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths.

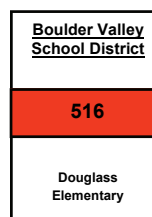
Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil, and water from the natural decay of uranium. While levels of radon outdoors pose a relatively low health risk, radon can build up to dangerous levels inside buildings. Even though you can't see, smell, or taste radon, a high level in your home can have serious consequences. It is especially important to test your home since that is where you spend most of your time.

High levels of radon in homes usually come from the surrounding soil. The gas enters through cracks and openings on the lower levels of the home, but radon can be found anywhere in your house.

Test for radon to protect your family.

The U.S. Surgeon General recommends that all homes in the U.S. be tested for radon. Testing your house for radon is easy to do, and the winter is an ideal time to test. If your house has a radon problem, you can take simple steps to fix it.

Find out more about radon, including where to get a test kit and how to fix the problem if you have one, at: www.BoulderCountyRadon.org

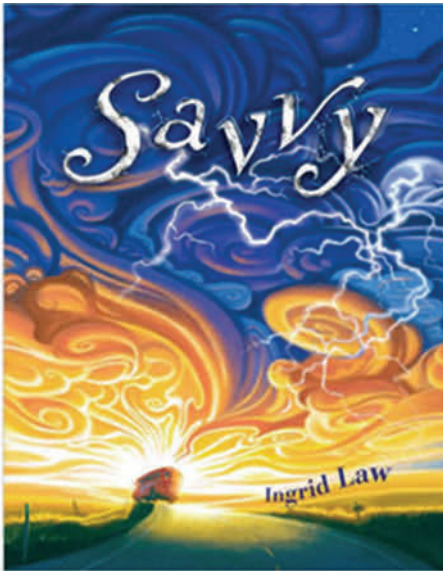


Please Remember to Return Your Badges

Please look around your houses, cars, purses and jackets to see if you can find any badges. Many badges were mistakenly not returned to the office and we are now running very low on badges. All visitors at Douglass are required to wear a badge. Thank-you for your help.

Book and a Bagel Club

Title: Savvy
Author: Ingrid Law
Publisher: Puffin, 2008



Mibs Beaumont is about to become a teenager. As if that weren't scary enough, thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy strikes--and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, it promises to be outrageous... and positively thrilling. But just before her big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident. Suddenly, Mibs's dreams of X-ray vision disappear like a flash of her brother's lightning: All she wants now is a savvy that will save Poppa. In fact, Mibs is so sure she'll get that powerful savvy that she sneaks a ride to the hospital on a rickety bus, with her siblings and the preacher's kids in tow. But when the bus starts heading in the wrong direction only one thing is certain: After this extraordinary adventure, not a soul on board will ever be the same.

Who?

Douglass Parents and Students, 3rd Grade and up.

When? **Wednesday, January 25, 7:15-8:00 A.M.**

Where? **Douglass Library**

What to expect...

Read the novel by January 25. Copies are available in the library. Attend the club and discuss your reaction. Snacks and discussion will be served.

RVSP to Mrs. Chynoweth by January 20, 2012



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Douglass Class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, January 11th for all regular classes. Pictures for Kindergarten T/Th classes will be on Thursday, January 12th. 8x10 Class photos are available for \$12 each and have the year, school and classmate names.

To order your child's class photo, please send the following info & \$12 payment to the school on or before picture day:

Child's Name:

Teacher:

Grade: K: MWF or T/TH

Quantity: (\$12 each)

Please make checks payable to Steven Hoffer Photography.
Photo orders received after picture day could incur late fees.