

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