

SKYLINES

The Weekly Newsletter of Horizons K-8 School

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Please remember to lock up bikes & scooters. A pink scooter is currently in the Lost & Found to keep it safe.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Sept 5	Labor Day	No School
Wed, Sept 7	Liaison Meeting	Spanish Room at drop off
Thurs, Sept 8	20th Anniversary Meeting	Conference room at drop off

Monday, Sept 12—Fri, Sept 16 Outdoor Education Week

Announcement: At Back To School Night, many generous parents signed up to assist with Grant-Writing and to help with the 20th Anniversary Event.

These 2 sheets were lost. If you would like to volunteer for Grant-Writing, please send an email to Debbie Stewart at duurstewart6@me.com. If you can join us on the 20th Anniversary Steering Committee, please email me. Thanks everyone! hope.nelson-roohr@bvsd.org

Speaking of Back to School Night: We had 140 parents visiting on the first night— K/1 & MS, and about 50 parents on the second night—2/3 & 4/5. It was a pleasure to share information with all of our parents and to create a greater sense of community. Thanks to all the parents who signed up for volunteer tasks. We will be sending out an all-school survey in the near future requesting feedback about Back To School Night.

Advance Notice of Charter Amendment

We will be asking for approval of an amendment to our charter at the September 22 Council Meeting. The amendment has to do with the funding of the BEST grant. The language of the amendment will be sent to the community for review on September 9th.

A man in a tan trench coat is shown from the waist up, holding a brown hat in his left hand and a large white sign in front of him with his right hand. He is looking upwards and to the right. The background is a bright blue sky with some clouds and a blurred cityscape at the bottom. The sign contains text about advertising in the Horizons Directory.

Hello Horizons Parents!
Do you own a business? If so, you
could let the Horizons community
know by advertising in the
HORIZONS DIRECTORY

\$100 includes web
site listing also!

email
kelly@wawrzynek.com
for details

Active Recreation Schedule

9/6/11 – 9/8/11

Bring some friends out to the fields and play with us!

Everyone is welcome to join!!!

Tuesday: Star Wars & Clothespin Tag

Wednesday: Line Tag & Soccer

Thursday: Steal the Bacon & Ro-Sham-Bo Tag

Make sure if you want to play, you come find out the rules as soon as you can at the **beginning** of your recess.

Before & After-Care

Hey HORIZONS COMMUNITY- this year, the **After-School Program** has been fantastic. We are learning lots of new games, creating some awesome art, and having lots of fun. So come!

Monday Sep. 5th: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

Tuesday Sep. 6th:

Before School: Today we will play some indoor soccer.

After School: Today we will get out the clay and make some creatures.

Then we will go outside for some Balloon Tag. At 5:00 we will have some homework time.

Wednesday Sep. 7th:

Before School: Today we will have some Scooter Races.

After School: Today we will make some craft stick structures and see how they hold up. Then we will venture outside for some COMPASS. At 5:00 we will have some quiet/reading time.

Thursday Sep. 8th:

Before School: Today we will play Add-a-Draw, then do some hula hooping.

After School: Today we will cruise outside for some Jellyfish Tag. Then at 5:00 we will go to the computer lab.

Friday Sep. 9th:

Before School: Today we will go outside for some yoga and some Alaskan Kickball.

After School: Today we will eat lunch and then we will have a guess who tournament. Then we will go outside for a big game of AIR RAID.

“...so much better than P.E....”



Imagination Makers Theater Company

"Bringing Professional Theater to Young People in Schools..."

Young Imagination Makers After-School Acting Classes:

Is your child creative and expressive or could they use some skills in that area? In either case acting classes might be just the thing for them! Back by popular demand, an introduction Young Imagination Makers acting class will be offered for the 1st-3rd graders. We are also responding to a request for acting opportunities for older students, so we have added an intermediate acting class for 4th–5th graders who have had some acting experience. Classes are limited to 15 students. This is so your child gets lots of personal attention and plenty of acting time. Last year, the Young Imagination Makers classes filled up for the fall and spring sessions. Some children even had to be turned away. Don't let your child be disappointed. Get them in on the fun and sign up right away! (See below for how to sign up.)

Introduction To Acting for 1st – 3rd graders: (8 sessions – 60 min. each)

Give your child a chance to express their creativity! This class is about fun! The Young Imagination Makers' teaching artist will use theater games and exercises to teach your child the basics of acting. In our after-school acting classes, students develop skills in creativity, literacy, problem-solving and self-confidence. The last session will include an informal showcase for family and friends.

Dates: Fridays, September 16,23,30 and October 7,14,28 and November 4 & 18

Time: 1:05 – 2:05 PM *students eat lunch before class

Cost: \$99 per student

Teaching Artist: Meridith Grundei

Registration deadline: September 9th

Intermediate Acting for 4th – 5th graders:

This exciting class is for young actors that have some acting experience and are ready to start fine-tuning their skills. The Young Imagination Makers' teaching artist will work with students on character development, stage movement, confidence, and working together to create a cohesive ensemble. The last session will include an informal showcase for family and friends.

Dates: Fridays, September 23,30 and October 7,14,28 & November 4, & 18 (7 sessions – 70 min each)

Time: 1:05 – 2:15 PM *students eat lunch before class

Cost: \$99 per student

Teaching Artist: Karen LaMoureaux

Registration deadline: September 16th

TO REGISTER:

Fill out a registration form available in the main office and return it with your payment to Hope with your payment.

To contact Imagination Makers:

hillary@imaginationmakers.org Or 720-565-1055

Visit us on-line at www.imaginationmakers.org

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**Teaching Artist -
Introduction to Acting**
Meridith Grundei holds an M.F.A. in contemporary performance from Naropa University. Meridith worked as associate faculty for The Second City Training Center in Chicago. She currently acts professionally and teaches theater to youth and adults for many local theaters including Red Ball, Denver University, Narpoa, and The Arvada Center.

**Teaching Artist -
Intermediate Acting**
Karen LaMoureaux is a professional actor, singer, and teacher. Holding a BFA in drama from NYU, Karen has acted in regional theaters across the country and in New York. She has taught theater to young people all over the Denver Metro area.



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Let us challenge your child's creativity and expression through the wonderful world of theater!

BVSD Superintendent Bruce Messinger Issues Statement Concerning District Safe Student Practices (2 1/2 pages)

New BVSD superintendent outlines his approach to ensuring all necessary procedures and practices are in place to support BVSD students' physical and emotional well being.

BOULDER, CO – Dr. Bruce Messinger, superintendent of the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) since July 1, 2011, today issued his first statement addressing his approach to making sure that BVSD is doing everything possible to maintain a physically and emotionally safe and positive learning environment for each of the district's more than 29,000 students.

“In more than 30 years in public education as a classroom teacher, a principal, an administrator and, for the past 14 years, a district superintendent, I have seen changes in curriculum and in operations. What has never changed for me is my constant awareness that regardless of my job title, I always had as my primary responsibility doing everything possible to guarantee the physical and emotional safety of my students. This is not simply a legal or administrative responsibility. It is, at its core, a moral public responsibility for me and for every BVSD employee and parent in our community. As the administrative, instructional and operational leader of our district, I am announcing the following initial new steps that I am directing BVSD staff to take:

- A complete review of who BVSD allows to have access to our students, including staff, substitute teachers, student teachers, and volunteers and their supervision;
- Continued implementation of the requirement of a background check for all volunteers during the school day and during activities;
- A complete review of existing procedures used for supervision of students by staff and volunteers on or off campus to assure their safety;
- A complete review of building security and building access; and

A complete review of staff and parent volunteer supervision with BVSD athletic directors and coaching staffs.

“The challenges to student well being constantly evolve for reasons of technology, social culture, and economics to name just a few factors. For this reason, school districts can never become complacent about security. Also for this reason, the best security is based in a partnership of administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students.

“Based in part upon a recent report to the school board by representatives of the Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition, I believe that BVSD must explore fully innovative training programs that engage students and parents as well as staff in what types of at-risk behaviors to be aware of and how to safely report them to an adult in the school. An example of a local program mentioned by the safe schools coalition for adaptation by BVSD is a current program for University of Colorado freshmen known as ‘Upstander’ that helps students know how to be an engaged bystander when they observe unsafe behaviors.

“It is also important to note that, while we can always improve safety and security, BVSD is currently a leader in student safety and school security among Colorado’s 178 school districts. A few examples of that leadership include:

Internet Safety: Working in partnership with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Denver, BVSD’s Information Technology Division brought together district officials, law enforcement representatives, teachers and students in 2007 to jointly host a statewide conference on Internet Safety for students – specifically focused upon online predatory behavior. This program, which has been presented throughout BVSD to parent organizations, was the first of its kind in Colorado.

Bullying Prevention: BVSD has, since 2005, participated in the Colorado Trust’s \$8.6 million Bullying Prevention & Intervention (BPI) initiative. According to the Trust’s 2007 evaluation team, ‘Bullying can be prevented by changing the climate and culture of the school.’

In November 2007, the Boulder Valley Board of Education set three five-year goals – one of which was aimed at improving school climate by focusing upon students’ perception of their ability to trust that the adults that they came in contact with at school respected them, cared about them and protected them. BVSD has seen great strides in school climate through the internal training and leadership of teachers and principals as well as successful participation in valued community partnerships such as the Anti-Defamation League’s ‘No Place for Hate’ training already conducted in numerous BVSD schools.

Child Abuse Awareness and Reporting Training: Working in cooperation with local public health and social services officials, non-profit agencies concerned with child welfare, local law enforcement and BVSD administration, the district is, in the fall of 2011, launching a BVSD child abuse awareness and reporting training video that every BVSD employee will be required to confirm that he or she has viewed. After viewing this video, each BVSD employee must attest that she or he is aware of her or his legal requirement to report immediately an observation of or suspicion of a possible case of child abuse. Every employee is legally required to report any suspicion to either a local child protection agency or local law enforcement. This training video makes it very clear that employees’ legal reporting responsibility is the same whether the person suspected of the abuse is outside the school or a fellow staff member. This video will also be made available to BVSD volunteers to view although the legal reporting requirement does not apply to volunteers.

Emergency Readiness and Management Planning and Training: In July 2009, BVSD received the federal Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant. Key BVSD goals in the execution of this two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools included the development of crisis management plans for each BVSD school within the federal National Incident Management System (NIMS) framework, requirement of multiple online training courses for school-based and central office administrators as delivered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and training for a representative BVSD administrative team at a federal training center.

Colorado Safe2Tell Participation: BVSD has, for several years, participated in the Colorado Safe2Tell® anonymous hotline, established in Colorado law with funding from the Colorado Trust that guarantees anonymity to anyone (young people are targeted by Safe2Tell® outreach efforts) who wants to report what she or he suspects or knows to be a crime by either emailing a tip to <http://safe2tell.org/what-can-you-do/submit-a-tip-online/> or calling 1-877-542-7233.

Community Partnerships: Through partnerships with the BVSD Parent Engagement Network (PEN), the Thrive Coalition, The HOPE Coalition, the Boulder County Gang Intervention Task Force, Impact on Education, the YMCA, the Boulder County Healthy Youth Alliance, the University of Colorado, local law enforcement, public health agencies, the YWCA, the Community Foundation of Boulder County, the Multi-Ethnic Action Community Committee (MEACC), municipal recreation centers, public libraries, PTAs, PTOs, and many other organizations, agencies and individuals, BVSD works in numerous ways to engage, inform and keep our students safe.

“In summary, I will do my best to make sure that the entire BVSD community is aware that nothing matters more to me than the physical and emotional well being of each of our students.”

Horizons Community Corner

Outdoor Ed Clothing Swap

Do you have rain gear, shoes, fleeces, and long underwear your kids have grown out of? Do the hiking boots your kid wore last year (once) not fit anymore and he is saying you need to go buy a new pair? Bring in your old gear and swap it for someone else's old gear. Here is how it works. Bring in any gear your kids have grown out of and you are willing to donate on Tuesday or Wednesday (sorry we don't have tax exempt status). Put it in the box near the entrance. Shop Wednesday after school on the lawn near the entrance. I will set up tarps and sort by size, we will not be charging for anything. If you would like to have anything back if it doesn't "go", mark your name with masking tape. I will deliver any leftover clothing to Goodwill. The more people who take part in it the better it works. Please keep donations to outdoor gear. So, get your kids to try on their gear this weekend! Let me know if you would like to help out.

Kateriyoga@comcast.net



Free Kitten to a Good Home!

We have been fostering a family of 4 (Stray Mom and 3 kittens) for a while and unfortunately for us we cannot keep them all. There is one kitten still needing a home and he is very friendly and acclimated to adults and children. He is fully litter trained and eating solid food.

We are really starting to be concerned, we do not want to have to take this little guy to the Humane Society but we just can't keep him. We appreciate any help we can get finding them a great home!!

Contact Jason or Patty at 303-499-9190

Taste of Orthodoxy - Boulder's Greek Festival "Not your typical Greek Festival"

Friday, Sep 9 5:00p to 10:00p

Saturday, Sep 10, 11:00a to 10:00p

Sunday, Sep 11:00a to 6:00p

at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Boulder, CO

Sts. Peter and Paul celebrates the 8th Annual "Taste of Orthodoxy" Greek Festival on the grounds of the Church On JAY RD. BETWEEN DIAGONAL and N. 63rd St. Come and enjoy our celebration of food, dance, faith, culture and history.

Highlights:

- Live music from Jesse Manno's band Sherefé
- Fantastic foods such as lamb shank and baklava
- Dance performances
- Church tours
- Gift shopping
- Bouncy castles and face painting!

more info: www.tasteoforthodoxy.com (brought to you by 2nd grade parent Jesse Manno)

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For sale: 4 tickets. CU/CSU football game at Mile High Stadium. Saturday, September 17, 11:30am. Section 103. Contact Tracy Clement, [jtclement@gmail.com](mailto:jtclement@gmail.com).



Featuring  
Caroline McLean,  
Horizons parent



Nate Langdon in Aubrey's class thinks that some one took his blue Costco lunchbox by mistake. It had his name on the top in sharpie. It has two zip compartments. Thx. If found please bring to Aubrey's class.

*Horizons in Motion*



**Kindergarten Royalty**

