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The Weekly Newsletter of Horizons K-8 School
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OUTDOOR EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Kindergarten—field trips/parent drivers

1st grade— field trips/parent drivers

2/3— Keystone Science School

Leave Monday 9:45 AM

Return Wednesday 2 PM (pick up at regular time)

4/5— 100 Elk Center

Leave Tuesday 9 AM

Return Friday 2 PM

M/S— Moab Leave Monday 7:30-8 AM

Return Friday 6:30 PM



Golden Gate Leave Monday 8:30-9 AM

Return Friday 3:15 PM

Alamosa Leave 8:30-9 AM

Return 3 PM

Parents: please do not call the school to check on return times. If the times are going to be different than scheduled, parents will be notified of the updated time one hour in advance both on the website and by activating the phone trees.

Hot Lunch During OE Week

Students that do not go to Outdoor Education, for any reason, are expected in school and are eligible for hot lunch. Students remaining at Horizons will be working with Julie.

Monday– 4/5, K Enr & 1

Tues– K Enr & 1

Wed- K Enr & 1

Thurs– K Enr & 2/3

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

## **Horizons Directory**

For \$100, your company information will be prominently placed in the directory, on different colored paper so as to stand out, and you will be listed on the Horizons website with your company logo. For the directory, you can write a company description of 50 words or less, and include your contact information.

If you are interested, please email it to Kelly in the office ([kelly@wawrzynek.com](mailto:kelly@wawrzynek.com)) no later than **Friday, September 16**, and bring Hope a check made out to Horizons for \$100.

Please include the following information in your email to Kelly:

Business name, phone number, email and web site.

Type of Business

Up to 50 words describing your business to our community

200x200 image for display on our website

# **ACTIVE RECREATION FOR ADVENTURE WEEK**

**We will not be having specific games this week due to Outdoor Ed.**

**~BUT~**

**if you are here during lunch recess,  
plan on playing with us anyway!**

**We are excited to hear that  
some of your kids have been including  
ways to participate in our games  
in their GOALS for the year!**

**Way to go!**

**We are ALSO really looking forward  
to playing with the  
Kindergarteners on Wednesday.**

**We love having everyone come see us  
and say “Hello”**

**Even if you don't participate,  
we are always willing to tell everyone  
the rules of how to play.**

# **HORIZONS STUDENT DIVERSITY STUDY & PLANNING**

*Greetings, Horizons community!*

*The discussion of a more diverse Horizons has been a topic of interest over the years. Our school has proudly welcomed students and families of varying socioeconomic strata, learning needs, sexual orientation, gender expression, and single and dual parent families. Though our efforts have been remarkable, Horizons remains a BVSD school in which there is a large disparity between its student body representation and the ethnic, cultural, linguistic and socioeconomic diversity in our immediate community as well as in the greater Boulder Valley School District.*

*Because of our charter status, we have never been compelled to de-stratify or implement comprehensive equity programs as other public schools have. Ironically, our school philosophy and culture is one of inclusion, acceptance, curiosity and validation. While other schools have recently changed policy to incorporate openness and equity, we have woven it into our founding principles. It seems only natural that Horizons should consider how we can further our work by pursuing a more diverse school community. The opportunities for our families in a community with increased ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic diversity is exciting to contemplate.*

*We would like to invite interested parents and staff to help us define and consider a long-term plan for a Diverse Horizons. It's important to note that this would not be a decision-making body - rather one to do some "groundwork" to bring ideas to faculty and Council to consider.*

*Welcome all to the following meetings, location TBD:*

*Tue, Sept. 27, 2011 4:00-5:00*

*Tue, Oct. 25, 2011 4:00-5:00*

*Tue, Nov. 29, 2011 4:00-5:00*

*Please contact Sonny Zinn or Carin Chow, [carinchow@msn.com](mailto:carinchow@msn.com) for more information.*

*Sonny & Carin*

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A short but important "parking message" from one of our parent/neighbors.

Well-the year started out great with very few parking issues but alas... It has gotten quite bad with many people parking in the entrance to cul-de-sac and blocking me in. I now have to park my car on the street on the days that I really have to be somewhere quick.

**Before & After Care**, - from Neil:

Hello everyone, don't forget it's outdoor ED week.

Monday Sep. 12th:

Before School: Today we will play some indoor soccer.

After School: Today we will go out to the pond for some outdoor exploring. Then back inside at 4:45 for some quiet time.

Tuesday Sep. 13:

Before School: Today we will do some morning yoga.

After School: Today we will play some card games and then go outside for some BIRDS of PREY. Then at 4:45 we will go in for some homework time.

Wednesday Sep. 14th:

Before School: Today we will have some scooter races.

After School: Today we will make some play-doh sculptures. Then we will cruise outside for some Fire in the Jungle. At 4:45 we will come inside for some quiet/reading time.

Thursday Sep. 15th:

Before School: Today we will do the Loopty Loop Race.

After School: Today we will have a battleship tournament. Then we will go outside for some relay races.

Then at 4:45 we will cruise to the computer lab.

Friday Sep. 16th: Welcome back students!! Today we will have lunch and then have some down/relaxing time. We will reflect on all that we learned during outdoor ED. We will also create some artwork that centers around our outdoor ED experiences.

Join the *Singing Holsteins!*

**Who** is teaching? Ellen Moeller, DMA. Ted, Sam & Mae's mom (and a professional singer & choir director!)

**What** will we do? 50 minutes of warming up, singing songs and playing musical games

**Where** will we meet? In the Spanish portable.

**When** will we meet? Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:20.

**Why** are we having a choir at Horizons? Because so many kids want to sing! Join us!

**Singers from all grades are welcome! No experience necessary.**

Cost: \$17 per class per student

Fall Session: 11 sessions (\$187)

Spring Session: 17 sessions (\$289)

Both Sessions: 28 sessions (\$476)

Pay for Fall & Spring sessions together and save \$50! Pay only \$426. Payment due on or before the first class (9/21/10).

**Sibling Discounts!**

1<sup>st</sup> child - regular price - \$17 per session

2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$2 off - \$15 per session

3<sup>rd</sup> child - \$4 off - \$13 per session

4<sup>th</sup> child - \$6 off - \$11 per session!

Payment is welcome by check, money order, cash or Paypal.

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Payment is due **on or before** the first class of each session.

**Meeting Dates:**

**Fall Session:**

September 21, 28

October 5, 12, 26 (No choir on 10/19)

November 2, 9, 16, 30

December 7, 14

**Spring Session:**

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

March 7, 14, 21

April 4, 11, 18 (No choir on 4/25)

May 2, 9

**Performances:**

Fall: Thursday, December 15 @ 6pm

Spring: Tuesday, May 8 @ 6pm

See next page for registration....

Please register my child(ren) for:

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Fall Session  Spring Session

Both Sessions (save \$50 if you pay for both sessions together!)

I will make my payment via:

Check/Money Order

Cash

Paypal (ellenmoeller@gmail.com)

Get ready to hear your child(ren) singing around the house all day, every day! Enjoy!

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Greetings Parents and Caregivers!

I wanted to welcome you back to a new school year and let you know about the new menu items we have this year. Please click on the link below for descriptions:

<http://www.bvsd.org/food/Pages/LunchMenu.aspx>

Allergen, Gluten Free, and Nutrition Information is updated and posted on our website. Click on the link below for details:

<http://bvsd.org/food/Pages/default.aspx>

I will use this Allergen Alert Email group to keep you informed of any menu or product changes. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your continued support of our program!

Deb Trevor, RD

District Manager, BVSD Food Services

[deb.trevor@bvsd.org](mailto:deb.trevor@bvsd.org)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Hello and welcome back to a new school year!

If your children are in elementary or middle school, you should have received our 2011-12 lunch calendar menu showcasing original Broomfield student artwork of seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables – a big shout out is due to all of the students and art teachers who participated in this unique and exciting project! The calendar is also available online at: <http://www.bvsd.org/food/Pages/LunchMenu.aspx>

You will notice a few new items in the calendar this year:

- Based on persuasive student efforts, a “Meatless Monday” menu is now featured monthly, prominently highlighted in green.
- Whole Foods is sponsoring monthly “Health Starts Here” tips to help families make easy healthy eating choices.
- We have also added a “Local Vendor” box thanking our vendors for their dedication in supplying our program with the best local products at affordable prices. For example, we were able to purchase organic chicken this year from Troyer Poultry of Grand Junction and “Never-Never” Beef from Callicrate Farms here in Colorado!

We are working hard to make our website a valuable resource for you, including:

- [Allergen Information](#) for all of our menu items
- [Board Wellness Policies](#)
- [FAQs](#) for the Food Services
- [Free and Reduced Meal information](#)
- [Nutrient Information](#) for all menu items
- [Pay for It](#), a free service that allows you to put money on your child’s account with either a credit card or a check

As part of our ongoing improvement efforts, we put in many hours testing new recipes for our menu – please encourage your students to look for these new entrees and give them a try.

We will continue to feature farm-fresh produce on our always-popular salad bars, including as many local and organic products as possible. We continue our quest to eliminate all highly processed foods, partially hydrogenated oils, high fructose corn syrup, refined sugar and flour, chemicals, dyes and food additives from our menu. Once again we are serving regional, organic milk and whole-grain baked products. Procurement of local products remains high on our priority list.

Another “thank you” is due to our dedicated kitchen staff, who work tirelessly to provide your students the best possible dining experience in all district cafeterias – well done everyone!

We greatly appreciate your continued support. Please don’t hesitate to call or email if there’s anything we can do to help – we are always open to suggestions. If you are interested in helping out with healthy food initiatives in your child’s school, please see the attached message from our volunteer coordinator Lindsey Vaughan.

I continue to enjoy working in partnership with you in providing all the children of BVSD daily access to fresh, flavorful and nutritious food made with wholesome and, when possible, local ingredients, so that every child may thrive.

Ann Cooper, Director of BVSD Nutrition Services

# Imagination Makers Theater Co.

presents

## After-School Acting Classes at Horizons



### Introduction To Acting for 1st - 3rd graders:

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 Grundle

Registration deadline: September 9<sup>th</sup>

NEW!

### 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

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

Cost: \$99 per student

Teaching Artist: Karen LaMoureaux

Registration deadline: September 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Teaching Artist - Introduction to Acting

*Meridith Grundle 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.*



### TO REGISTER:

Fill out the registration form on the reverse side and RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO HOPE IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

### To contact

#### Imagination Makers:

info@imaginationmakers.org

Or 720-565-1055

Visit us on-line at

www.imaginationmakers.org



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



## Young Imagination Makers Acting Class Registration Form

Please review the following information with your child. Then, check (X) beside each policy, indicating that it has been read, understood, and agreed upon by both of you.

The form below must be **RETURNED TO HOPE IN THE MAIN OFFICE.**  
Your registration is not complete until Horizons has received payment and this completed form.

### POLICIES and GENERAL INFORMATION:

**\*All Students are Welcome!** - Whether your child is outgoing or reserved, he/she will love our acting classes. Quiet children find a place where it is safe to be heard and more outgoing children find an outlet for their creativity. Students are expected to be respectful of each other and be ready to work together as we explore our creativity.  
Parent \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

**\*Class Content and Last Day Showcase** - Our acting classes are process-oriented, with a focus on giving students a positive experience of creating and performing theater -- not on rehearsing elaborate plays or musicals. Students will still have a chance to perform for an audience when parents, family members, and friends are invited to attend the final class for a showcase of the exercises and activities that the students have been learning. Sometimes, to prepare for the showcase, students may need to practice or review exercises at home in-between workshops. This is intended to be a fun and non-stressful activity for your child and the family. Parent \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

**\*Getting to the Class** - All classes are held within the school building unless otherwise noted. Parents of younger or forgetful children may wish to send a reminder with the child. We are not responsible for getting your child to class. Students should bring a sack lunch to eat before class in the Spanish room. The teaching artists will pick-up students for class in the Spanish room. Parent \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

**\*Late Pick-ups** - Please be on time to pick-up your child. Meet him/her in the room at the end of class. Our teaching artists are professional actors or certified teachers who often have other classes/rehearsals after the Young Imagination Makers classes. If you are more than five minutes late your student will be taken to aftercare in the Spanish room. Parent \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

**\*Class Conduct** - Great actors are patient, kind, and follow directions. We are protective of the class environment and the experience of each student and will un-enroll students who are repeatedly disruptive. The first time a student seriously disrupts class, a warning will be issued. The second time, you will be notified and your student will be un-enrolled without a refund. If your student has difficulty following directions or focusing, he/she may not be ready yet for our theater class. Call our office if you have questions or concerns. Parent \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

**\*Parent Observation** - Although we discourage "observers" (it can create performance anxiety in some students), our door is always open and we invite you to arrive 10 minutes before class ends. You may observe your student during that time. Parent \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_

**\*What to Bring to Class** - Students should wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

**\*Scholarships** - Imagination Makers works hard to keep its education program affordable for families, but the company is unable to offer scholarships at this time. Partial scholarships may be available through Horizons. Please see Hope in the school office for further information.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: Horizons

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate/Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Picking Up Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Photo Release- During class we may take photos. Please check (X) "Yes" below if you are giving us permission to use your image and/or your child's image for public promotional use. YES \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for \$99 \_\_\_\_\_ Made out to: Horizons K-8

Please bring this form and your payment to Hope in the main office.

Once the class is paid for, there are no refunds. There are no discounts for missed classes.

We have read the policies above and agree to the terms.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent Engagement Network presents:**

Thriving During the Elementary Years

Reading and School Success

By Dr. Jan Hittelman

Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Whether it's intellectual abilities, visual and auditory processing skills, or physical abilities, we all have areas of strength and areas of challenge. For elementary-age children, this is also the case in terms of academic skills. While some children excel in mathematics, others may exhibit strengths in writing. The most important academic skill, however, is reading. Reading is central to all subjects and by third grade reading level has been shown to correlate with a variety of outcomes including academic success, vocational opportunities, and college attendance. It is always sad to see a young child with reading problems who enjoys and excels in math, be robbed of that success with the introduction of math word problems that require reading ability.

We also know that parental involvement correlates with school success. A meta-analysis of 77 studies found that parents who were highly involved in their child's education, positively impacted overall education outcomes, grades, and academic achievement (Harvard Family Research Project, 2005). Furthermore, when they looked at specific components of parental involvement, reading with your child emerged as one of the most important factors. Given that parents are usually not trained in reading instruction, what is the best approach in helping your child to learn how to be a strong reader, particularly if they are already having reading challenges?

To learn more about effective parenting strategies to help your child become a strong reader, bring your elementary-age child, a fun book, and participate in the next Pathways to Parenting Success workshop:

**What: Strengthening Reading Confidence and Skills**

**When:** Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm

**Where:** Meadows Branch Library (4800 Baseline Road, Boulder)

**Facilitator:** Iris Lee, Director, Dreamcatcher Direct Instruction Centers

**Cost:** FREE

**More info:** [www.BPSBoulder.com](http://www.BPSBoulder.com)

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**UPCOMING PEN EVENT:**

The Bully, the Bullied, & the Bystander

Breaking the Cycles of Violence and Creating Circles of Caring

Barbara Coloroso, Nat'l Speaker/Author

[www.kidsareworthit.com](http://www.kidsareworthit.com)

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm

Monarch High School (263 Campus Drive, Louisville)