



RYAN READER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Below the rumble of the lunchroom objects are being sorted and sifted into different categories in preparation for the assembly line. The first stop is the trash can where things like milk tops or plastic lined paper wrappers are thrown away. Next in line is the recycling bin which captures our milk bottles or other plastic / aluminum containers.

From here, students move on to the compost bin where any kind of food or non-plastic lined paper is deposited. This may sound like a complicated process, but our students have quickly caught on. So far, our efforts have reduced the volume of trash created by the school and have increased our recycling output. We are incredibly proud of everyone's efforts to help our school become more environmentally responsible. If anyone would like to help with this effort, we are still looking for some volunteers to support students in the lunch room while we are learning the new lunchroom procedures. Please let the front office know if you are interested.

Report cards will be coming home on March 3, followed by a two week conference window from March 9-20. Sibling / ESL conferences will be held on March 10 & 17th (we limit sibling / ESL conferences to these two days in an effort to simplify things for those parents who have more than one child). This will be the fourth direct communication home surrounding the progress of your child this year (e.g. assessment days, 1st trimester report card, November conference, and now 2nd trimester report card). After reviewing your child's report card, please come to conferences with any questions you may have about the progress of your child or how to better support them at home.

At this point we have adopted a new writing program Being a Writer for next year. We are excited about having this resource to support writing instruction K-5. Having the same program school-wide will add an additional layer of consistency in terms of approach and vocabulary as students move from one grade level to the next. We also adopted a new K-5 spelling program Words Their Way. We have heard nothing but raving reviews from other schools that are already using both of these programs. Materials are in the process of being ordered, so teachers will get a chance to familiarize themselves with the different components of each program before next year. We will also be offering specific training sessions to support teachers with any questions they may have.

Don't forget about Math & Science Rocks Night this Saturday from 6-8. It is sure to be a ton of fun for the whole family. I hope to see you there!

Please let me know if you need anything or have any suggestions. Thank you for continuing to complete our Ryan Appreciation Certificates (available at the front office or email maureen.keeney@bvsd.org) and for so generously supporting our school with your efforts.

Best wishes,
Cyrus Weinberger

February

28 Saturday Math and Science Rocks Night & Sock Hop 6-8 pm

March

10 Tuesday PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
10-20 Tues-Fri Parent-Teacher Conferences
11-13 Wed-Fri Spring Book Fair
23-27 Mon-Fri Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

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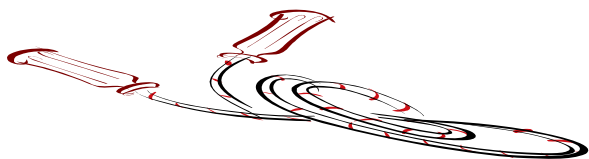
~ Barbara Gstalder, Co-editor
~ Michelle Licata, Co-editor



BVSD's school calendars for the next two years were approved by the Board of Education on Jan. 27. Electronic copies of both calendars are available on the website at

<http://bvsd.org/calendar/Pages/default.aspx> (links are in the left index). Schools will be provided with copies of next year's calendar printed on cardstock for all of their student households and staff members in mid-March.

El Consejo Directivo Escolar de BVSD aprobó los calendarios escolares para 2009-10 y 2010-11 el 27 de enero. Hay copias electrónicas de ambos calendarios en la página electrónica del distrito <http://bvsd.org/calendar/Pages/default.aspx> (los enlaces se encuentran en el índice a la izquierda. A mediados de marzo repartiremos copias del calendario para el próximo año escolar en papel cartulina a todas las escuelas para sus estudiantes y personal.



Fitbits

The students are winding down from tennis and we are moving to jump rope. Jump for Heart envelopes should be finding their way home this week. Please

know this is an optional fund raiser. Envelopes are due on event day which is March 5th and March 6th, depending when your child has PE. This is a fund raiser that I believe strongly in because it compliments what I teach as a physical educator and supports the number one killer in our country, Heart Disease. When I sponsor an event, I receive educational materials on teaching children the importance of "eating healthy stuff, moving around enough and living tobacco free" so that they, as adults, will have the tools to live an active healthy lifestyle. I also receive a percentage of what we raise to spend on physical education equipment. The rest goes to research that support heart disease and stroke. Students who raise 50+ dollars will bring their lunch in the gym and join me for lunch and play. Students who raise 150+ dollars will dine at the "Ryan Dine + play" where I will be the waitress and the gym is the restaurant. Jump rope club will be starting in 2 weeks on Monday after school. It is open to 2nd through 5th grade. Permission slips will be sent home in a few days. Tennis club is off to great start on Thursday mornings for 4t and 5th graders.

Stay Healthy

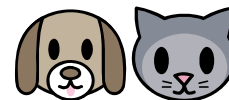
Suzan Metz-physical educator



LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING!! It is full of coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and mittens. If your child is missing something, please come check our Lost and Found (located in the Kindergarten hall, outside of the Library)! Any unclaimed items will be donated to the Sister Carmen Center over Spring Break.

Pets at



School

Recently we have had several dogs tag along at drop-off and pick-up time. While we completely understand and appreciate bringing the family pooch along on these beautiful days, we must enforce our Pets at School Policy which states: "Cats and dogs are not allowed in the school or on school property. Animals of educational interest are allowed in the classroom with prior permission of the classroom teacher and when accompanied by the owner. Animals may not be transported on the school bus. Unsupervised animals seen on school grounds will be reported to the Animal Control Officer for removal." The first sentence of the policy includes the playground and common areas outside the building, before and after school. This policy ensures the safety of all children and adults with consideration to allergies and any fears concerning any type of animal. Thank you for your help!

Library Homework Center Open

The Lafayette Public Library's Homework Center is now open for the 2008-2009 school year.

The center provides free homework help for 3rd - 12th graders. Volunteer tutors are available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Lafayette
Public Library

We are your community connection
to reading and learning.

**When**

Saturday, February 28
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where

Ryan Elementary
School

Admission

\$1.00 per person

Game Tickets

50¢ each

Ryan Elementary School

Math & Science Rock!

A Night of Family Fun to Support Our School*

Formerly known as the "Sock Hop"

Bring the family and come dressed in the style of your favorite decade — the 50s, 60s, 70s or 80s — or dress in your Ryan spirit gear! There will be games, prizes, a silent auction, music, dancing and free root beer floats!

Donations Needed

Here's quick and easy way to help Ryan's PTA for this event:

- root beer
- vanilla ice cream
- baked goods (NO NUTS) for the cake walk — packaged in individual servings

Please drop off these items at the school on Saturday, February 28 between 9-11 am or 1-3 pm. Thank you!

6:00 - 7:00 pm

- Fabulous 50s Hour — Gym
- Free Math & Science Activities — Library
- Free Rootbeer Floats (*while supplies last*) — Cafeteria
- Cake Walk (*ticket needed to participate*) — Art Room
- Cockroach races (*ticket needed to participate*) — Science Lab
- Games (*tickets needed to participate*) — Hallways

6:00 - 7:30 pm**Silent Auction — Music Room and Hallway**

Auction items this year will feature offerings from Ryan's own fabulous staff as well as offerings from many local businesses and themed gift baskets.

New this year, specifically marked auction items will have a "Grab-n-Go" option, allowing a bidder to purchase the item for a specified amount and take it immediately.

**7:00 - 8:00 pm****Ryan Dance Hour — Gym**

- Games, Math & Science Activities and Cake Walk close at 7pm
- Dance to music from other decades including *The Macarena*, *The Hustle*, *The Electric Slide*, *Cotton Eyed Joe* and more. Special "celebrity" appearances throughout the hour.
- Auction items can be picked up in the Music Room at 8:00 pm, on your way out if you did not opt for the "Grab-n-Go" option

* 100% of the proceeds from the silent auction go to fulfilling the PTA's commitment to funding the field trips scheduled for this school year. All field trips and curriculum-enhancing experiences are made possible by Ryan Elementary School's PTA.



READING MAKES YOU A STAR

at the Spring Book Fair!

It's that time of year again! Ryan's spring book fair, **Lights! Camera! Book Fair!**, will appear in the **library** on the following dates and times:

| DATE | TIMES | SPECIAL EVENTS |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Wednesday, March 11 th | 8:00-8:30 a.m. 2:15-7:00 p.m. | Staff Preview Breakfast 7:30-8:00 a.m. Red Carpet Premiere (Student Wish List Day) 8:00-2:40 p.m. Art Show 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 12 th | 7:30-8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 2:15-6:00 p.m. | |
| Friday, March 13 th | 7:30-8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | The Book Fair will NOT be open afterschool today! Break down will begin at 2 p.m. |

The **Student Wish List day** will be **Wednesday, March 11th**. We will be **open during the Art Show on Wednesday, March 11th** and open till 6 p.m. for conferences and SAC parents on **Thursday, March 12th**.

We depend upon our volunteers to help make our Book Fairs successful and enjoyable for everyone. While our spring book fairs are lower key than our fall ones, we do still need help with **setting up the book fair, cashiering, donating food items for the Staff Preview Breakfast, helping out with the Student Wish List Day, and breaking down the book fair.** So if you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Erika Arias (303.665.3345 or erika.arias@bvsd.org)**.

So, be sure to "pop" in for a great new book or give the gift of literacy to your child's classroom through the *One for Books* program and the *Classroom Wish Lists*.

To District Parent Council Members:

Attached is a list of currently scheduled meetings with various SIT's, PTO's, and school staff that Briggs has made to discuss the current state budget crisis as it relates to BVSD. If you were unable to find an appropriate date/time for your group to meet with Briggs, perhaps you would consider attending a meeting at one of the schools listed on the attached schedule. I'm sure they would not mind having a few extra people in the audience. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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February/March Legislative update Schedule

Wednesday, March 4 7:00 p.m.
 Eldorado K-8

Thursday, March 5 8:00 a.m.
 Centaurus
 Coffee with the Principal
 PTO/SIT with Jonathan

Thursday, March 5 11:40 a.m.
 Monarch K-8
 PTA
