



Summit News

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The School Calendar	
March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 23rd, Spring Break begins • Monday, 30th, School resumes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 6th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library • Tuesday, 7th, Parent Education Night, time and location TBD • Wednesday, 15th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library • Wednesday, 29th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library • Friday, 24th, Summit Day, NO SCHOOL
May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 13th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library • Friday, 15th, 1/2 Day, Professional Development Day • Monday, 25th, NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day • Wednesday, 27th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library • Friday, 29th, Last Day of school, 8th grade graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 3rd, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library
<p>* Conference and ½ Day Development Meetings Note: Summit students will be in class 8:00 – 12:15 p.m.</p>	

Celebrate Summit A Smashing Success

With more than 225 guests and proceeds of over \$15,000, Summit's first annual Summit Community Party was a huge success and as promised: super fun and a great community builder!

Many, many, many thanks to our generous sponsors: the New Foundry, the Shetter Family, Ford Construction, and Colorado Business Bank, and to the 125+ silent auction donors, all of whom are listed later in this newsletter.

A very special thanks to Summit's own Tom Leifer for the smooth jazz sounds of *Zero to the Bone*.

A big shout out and supreme kudos to the evening's awesome organizers Aline Christianian, Maggie Yost, and Eileen Howarth who worked brilliantly and tirelessly to put on an event to be remembered.

A great big thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you to the way hot *Celebrate Summit* committee members for their creativity, flair and esprit de corps.

Extra thanks to the New Foundry for delicious hors d'oeuvres and a fabulous facility. And the biggest thank you to those who attended! Your presence made all the difference.

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Parent Book Club

Our final meeting for the current school year will be on Tuesday, April 14 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Summit library. We'll be discussing *Yes, Your Teen is Crazy! Loving Your Kid Without Losing Your Mind* by Michael J. Bradley, Ed.D. Feel free to join us whether or not you've completed reading the book; the more people we have the livelier the discussion will be!

After the discussion at each meeting, we choose the title of our next book. If you have any suggestions, please bring books or reviews for the group to consider. If you have any questions, contact Kim Haines at hainesk@indra.com or 303-546-0900.

Excellent Work by our Chess Competitors

Summit won first place in the middle school division chess competition on March 5. We got a nice chess clock and will be receiving a trophy in a couple of weeks. Congratulations to the team: Jay Kranzdorf, Jesse Zhang, Albert Soh, and Caitlyn Lee!

Many thanks to coaches Mike Kranzdorf and Haydee Phelps.

Impact on Education Recognition

Congratulations to Mr. Thomas Seibel who was named an Impact on Education finalist. Now others in the district know what we've known all along – Mr. Seibel makes a difference in the lives of middle school students.

Staff Lunchroom Dishwasher

Thank you very much to Gary Rosen and Amy Latimer for donating a brand new dishwasher for the staff lunchroom. This will be a wonderful timesaver for Summit staff and teachers.

If you are handy and know how to install a dishwasher, please contact Bigi Schanz at 303-541-9028. We already have a place for it ready to go.

FYI

National History Day Success

Congratulations to all Summit students who participated in Regional History Day on Saturday! The following students were recognized for outstanding achievement in Historical research and will be advancing to the State History Day competition on May 2:

Individual Performance:

Audrey Hearn: 3rd place

Olivia Feeney: 2nd place

Group Performance:

Noel Leifer and Gabby Vermeire: 1st place

Individual Exhibit:

Hannah Gould: 2nd place

Group Documentary:

Rohith Chintalapally and Richie Easton: 2nd place

Eli Bradley, Tania Elmore, Elise Keston-Smith: 1st place

Individual Documentary:

Jonathan Tari: 4th place

Dylan Schlager: 1st place

Website:

Vivi Gregorich: 2nd place

Torin McDonald, Seth Blum, Larry Zhang: 1st place

Historical Paper:

Caroline McKee: 3rd place

David Ritzwoller: 1st place

In addition, Jackie Reed was awarded the prize in African-American History.

Congratulations again!

The Campaign for Summit

Strong Bodies, Strong Minds

Thank you so much to the following donors for their generous donations this month to the Capital Campaign.

Wayne and Jackie Seltzer

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***Celebrate Summit
A Smashing Success, continued***

Thank You To Celebrate Summit's Generous Auction Donors:

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Boulder County Farmer's Market	Boulder Back Pain Clinic
Boulder Parks and Recreation	Boulder Indoor Soccer
Boulder Swimming Academy	Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra
Boulder Wine Merchant	Jordan Cahn
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Moe's Bagel	Marina Nash
The New Foundry	Pasta Jay's
Pastures of Plenty	Julie Perkins
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Tessa Peterson	Pettyjohns Liquor and Wine
Haydee Phelps Ayi-Bonte	Jasmine Poole
The Pykkonen Family	Radda Trattoria
Renaissance Suites Hotel at Flatiron	Rocky Mountain Soccer
Rubio' Fresh Mexican Grill	Sally Ruccuglia
Savory Spice Shop	Bigi Schanz
Alan Scheuermann	Catherine Scott
Thomas Seibel	Seth Ellis Chocolatier
Shamane's Bake Shoppe	Alison and Jim Shetter
Anne and Mark Shusterman	SOBO American bistro
Southern Sun Pub and Brewery	Still Mountain & Dr Jia Gottlieb
Struttin Pup	Studio 770 and Julie Johns'
Summit International Parents Group	Nancy Triplett
Turcotte Stickhandling Hockey School	Twig Salon and Spa
Upslope Brewing	Dana & Mikael Van Loon
Vic's Coffee	Louis Viggio
Wallaroo Hat Company	Walnut Café'
Walters and Hogsett Fine Jewelers	The Westin Riverfront Avon
Whole Foods Market	Lauren Winchester
YMCA of Boulder Valley	Maggie and Mark Yost
Victoria Zhen	Whittier Garden Tour

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MISSION OF SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- To provide a rigorous, academic curriculum that promotes high levels of student effort and academic achievement
- To foster high self-esteem through stimulating intellectual challenge and meaningful academic accomplishment
- To inspire in students a lifelong love of learning and a desire for self-development
- To create a community of peers who value scholarship, academic achievement, and creativity
- To serve as an excellent preparation for students intending to study in the International Baccalaureate program and other college-preparatory high school programs

ENROLLMENT IN SUMMIT

Summit Middle School is a tuition-free, public charter school in the Boulder Valley School District, serving grades 6, 7 and 8 through mixed-age classes grouped by ability, interest, motivation, developmental level, and mastery of previous material - taught by teachers who are specialists in their subject areas. Prospective students register through the District's open-enrollment process at the beginning of the calendar year. Please go to BVSD's Open Enrollment link for more information: <http://bvsd.org/openenrollment/Pages/default.aspx>

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