



Summit News

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The School Calendar	
November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 24th – Friday, 28th, Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 1st, BVSD Open Enrollment period begins Wednesday, 3rd, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Friday, 5th, Professional Development Day, ½ day for students. Tuesday, 9th, Art Show, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. then Band/Orchestra concert, 7:00 p.m., MPR Wednesday, 10th, Musical Theater performance Thursday, 11th, Choir Concert Monday, 15th, History Day Wednesday, 17th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Friday, 19th, First semester ends Monday, 22nd, Winter Break begins.
January	February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, 6th, School resumes Thursday, 8th, Science Fair Wednesday, 14th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library. Friday, 16th, Open Enrollment period ends Monday, 19th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL Wednesday, 28th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, 11th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Monday, 16th, Presidents' Day, NO SCHOOL Wednesday, 25th, 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>	

We are proud to report that Summit has received **\$29,265** in donations from 88 families toward the Tools for Learning goal of \$100,000!! If you have not already done so, please join other families in our community to give what you can. Thank you in advance for supporting Summit! If you have any questions about this year's campaign, please contact Aline Christianian, Tools for Learning Chairperson, at annualgiving@summitmiddleschool.org or 303-494-5571.



Thank you to the families that supported Tools for Learning in November!

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 Pamela and Conrad Andringa
 Amy Beringer and John Grubb
 Wendy and Brian Bloechle
 Cheryl Cavanaugh and Todd Crist
 Maura and James Christoph
 Paula and Mike Conroy

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 Tony Dreher and Linda Krauze
 John and Nanci Feeney
 Dale Gaar and Rayma Skeen
 Ali Gidfar and Maryam Zirakzadeh
 Dale and Kim Hartzell

J. Houston Kempton
 David and Deirdre Kopel
 Mary Lippi
 Karen McCarthy and Dan Kowal
 Paul McCue and Holly Sprenkle
 Andrea and George McKee

Chang and Won Park
Mark and Julie Perkins
Joel and So Rosenblum
Jorge Rufat-Latre

Birgit Schanz and Joel Swisher
John and Kristine Schlager
Chris and Lisa Shearer Cooper
Mary and Paul Smith

Maggie and Mark Yost
Kathy and Jim Young
Diane Schwemm and Eliot Young
Guy and Alison Vigers

The Campaign for Summit **Strong Bodies, Strong Minds**

Thank you to the following families for their recent donations to our Capital Campaign.

Robert and Sigute Andrew
Conrad and Pamela Andringa
Fei Chen and Pui Tai Kwan
James and Maura Christoph
Polly Dawkins and Nico Brooks
David Finell and Dorey Brandt-Finell
Amy Howard and Scott Hunsaker

Stephen and Yoshie Koester
Michelle MacDonald
Elizabeth and David Reed
Sharon and Art Rowley
The Webb Family
Linda Williams
Xiaoli and Yimin Zhang

We really appreciate their generous and timely gifts toward the building of Summit's new gym.

Barbara Kostanick
Campaign Chairwoman

FYI

Holiday Book Fair at Barnes and Noble Supports Summit!!!

Please visit Barnes & Noble on Pearl Street in Boulder Saturday, November 29th through Sunday, November 30th from 9am – 10pm!

Present your voucher and Summit will receive a percentage of all purchases (except gift cards). Make your list now and do your book, movie and music shopping on these days. It's easy! Just print the vouchers on page 4 of this newsletter to take with you when you shop. It's good in the Café too, so be sure to have a cup of coffee while you shop. Extra vouchers will be available at the store. AND, on Saturday from 11-4, Summit parents and students will be in the store promoting the school and holding a drawing to win Whole Foods and Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Contact Lisa Searchinger at l.searchinger@comcast.net or 303-442-4498 with questions.

Our Winter Choir Concert is just around the corner!

Please join us for a beautiful and varied program of music that spans the ages on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in downtown Boulder. The church is at 1237 Pine Street across from the Hotel Boulderado. The entrance is actually behind the church, up a wheelchair ramp. There's a parking garage relatively close by--the church has virtually no parking spaces of its own.

Choir students/parents: review your syllabus (can be found on new school notes) for details about clothing and the dress rehearsal.

Guys and Dolls

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 7pm, Musical Theatre class presentation of GUYS & DOLLS JUNIOR at NEW VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Recycle Your Towels/Old Sweatshirts

Are you thinking about discarding those old towels or worn out sweatshirts that can no longer possibly serve any purpose? PLEASE DON'T!

They can be reborn/recycled as premier erasers for the small white boards your students use in class. Please ask your child to drop them off at school in the white boxes labeled "TOWELS/SWEATSHIRTS". These boxes are located on the shelves of the large blue cabinet in the old library (now used as a computer lab, across the hall from the office). Thank you!

Come See the Artists of Summit!!!

On Tuesday Dec. 9th we will be having an art show featuring a collection of artwork from the first semester art classes at Summit. You are invited to view the art exhibit from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Multipurpose Room. Then there will be a music program featuring Summit's Instrumental music classes from 7:00 – 8:00. Please come see and listen to the talented and creative Summit community.

History Day is Dec. 15th at Summit Middle School

Do you know of anyone who is interested in judging? No experience required! Please contact Shelly Benford with names of parents or community members you think would enjoy speaking with our 7th graders about the process of research and their topic.

Students have been conducting authentic research for 1 ½ months related to the national theme: The

Individual in History: Actions and Legacy. Students will present their work through a historical paper, website, dramatic performance, exhibit, or documentary. **The Exhibit Hall in the MPR will be open for public viewing from 12:30pm—3pm on Monday Dec. 15.** Parents and friends may view other categories the morning of Dec. 15 with student permission.

Community Connections

Parent Book Club

Please join us for our next meeting of the Summit Parent Book Club when we discuss Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising children of character in an indulgent age by Dan Kindlon. We will meet on Tuesday, December 2nd in the Summit library from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please contact Kim Haines if you have any questions. (hainesk@indra.com or 303-546-0900)

Summit Mom's Monday Morning Mingle *Walk/Hike*

If you can make one or more of the walks or hikes, please contact Michele Fishman to get on the email list for directions, updates or cancellations: michelefishman@hotmail.com

Shop at Summit

Summit now offers its families a way to buy gift cards through the school and a percentage of proceeds from those purchases will go directly to Summit. There is no additional cost to you! You simply buy the gift card that you would have purchased anyway, and the retailer returns a portion to Summit. Gift card orders can be turned into the Summit office and are due on December 3rd.

If you deleted the previous email from Summit Community Connections containing the order form, contact Joy McMillan at sauzaman@aol.com or 303-356-3047.

The Unicycle Club Needs You

The Boulder Unicycle Club will be traveling to the Tennyson Center Children's Home in Denver on Monday, December 22. This is an annual holiday trip we make to perform and share with the kids. We donate a unicycle to the Center each year and our kids teach the Center kids how to ride it.

This year the Center has requested movie passes for use during their down time through the holidays. All the opportunities they have are through donations only. The Unicycle Club is planning to buy as many gift cards for United Theatres as we can for the Center. Since Summit is selling gift cards as a fundraiser this year, we plan to buy the cards at Summit. If you are interested, you can contribute to this effort in one of these ways:

- 1) Donate money toward the purchase of a card
- 2) Buy United Theatres cards from Summit to donate

The Summit office will collect the cards for the Center (please indicate that the purchase is for the Center). This will serve two purposes with one purchase – both helping Summit and the Tennyson Center Children's Home!

Thanks and Happy Holidays to All
Mary Rios
Summit Parent
Boulder Unicycle Founder

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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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