



Summit News

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Boulder Valley's First Charter School

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The School Calendar	
December	January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 21st, Winter Break begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 5th, School resumes • Wednesday, 13th, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library • Friday, 15th, End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester • Monday, 18th, Martin Luther King Day, NO School • Tuesday, 19th, Dedication of the New Gymnasium 8:00 – 8:40 a.m. • Thursday, 21st, Community Connections meeting, 8:30 a.m. • Thursday, 21st, Summit Science Fair, first round • Wednesday, 27th, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library
February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, 4th, Science Fair, Round 2 • Wednesday, 10th, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library • Monday, 15th, NO School, Presidents' Day • Friday, 19th, Community Connections meeting, 8:30 a.m. • Wednesday, 24th, Parent Teacher Conferences* (L - Z), 1:30 – 6:00 pm • Wednesday, 24th, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library • Thursday, 25th, Parent Teacher Conferences* (A - K), 1:30 – 6:00 pm • Friday, 26th, Professional Development Day, ½ day for students* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 10th, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library • Thursday, 11th, Annual Community Meeting, 6:30 p.m. • Friday, 19th, 3rd Quarter ends. • Monday, 22nd, Spring Break begins. • Monday, 29th, School resumes • Wednesday, 31st, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library
<p>* Conference and ½ Day Development Meetings Note: Summit students will be in class 8:00 – 12:15 p.m.</p>	

The Principal's Corner

New in Fall 2009 from the Colorado Department of Education:

When it comes to reporting on school performance, BVSD has gone entirely electronic! And the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has, too.

In past years, the CDE produced printed School Accountability Reports (SARs) for each school in Colorado. Those reports were sent to the schools which passed them on to parents. In Boulder Valley School District, they also produced printed Customized School Reports for each of our schools which they sent to parents along with the SAR.

Beginning this fall, CDE has discontinued the SAR format altogether and developed an interactive website at www.schoolview.org. This new site provides CSAP information in various formats, including what they call the new "Growth Model," which is a different way of looking at the assessment results. For instance, rather than simply comparing the scores of this year's third graders to last year's third graders, the Growth Model compares the scores of

this year's fourth graders to last year's third graders. The interactive charts at SchoolView.org are so robust, it would be impossible to replicate them in a print format. This realization led CDE to develop a new web-based format for the BVSD School Reports, one part of which provides links to the new CDE site for CSAP results. This website also contains all of the information required for the district's "No Child Left Behind" Annual Report, including CSAP scores, Adequate Yearly Progress, qualifications of teachers, graduation and dropout rates, and ACT scores.

Please take a moment to explore the new online report for Summit and to see how Boulder Valley School District as a whole is doing, by going to: <http://www.schoolview.org/SchoolPerformance/DistInfo.asp?DistCode=0480> Printed copies of the reports are available upon request from either your school or BVSD Communications at communications@bvsd.org.

Mr. Finell,
Principal

FYI

Special thanks to:

Silver Rain and Dr. Tarasewicz for a wonderful performance,
Ms. Baruch and the Advanced Ceramic Class for the fabulous art show,

Connie Travers, Swati Deshpande, and Michele Leifer for the incredible henna tattoos,

and
Maggie Yost, Polly Dawkins and Michelle Harvey for their wonderful energy and generous time.

And one more Book Fair thank you...

to Lisa Searchinger who makes this book fair happen. The Summit community appreciates your hard work.

Fun With Math—Introducing an After School Program for Spring 2010

Have you ever wondered how you can learn math while having fun? Or how math can be taught in a "user friendly" way? Or may be you have long since given up any desire to learn more math than what is absolutely and minimally necessary? If your answer to these questions is Yes, then please come and check out *Fun With Math*, an after school program to be offered next spring (spring 2010) here at Summit. The program will be led by Dr. Aaron Bradley, Professor of the Department of Electrical, Computer & Energy Engineering at CU Boulder. Students will learn and apply mathematical concepts through hands-on exploratory activities that maximize engagement and fun. Because the activities stress mathematical thinking rather than mathematical knowledge, the program is suitable for students at every level. Activities include drawing, observing nature, surveying peers and analyzing the resulting data, playing active mathematical games, and programming. If you are interested or want to find out more please contact Dr. Bradley at bradleya@colorado.edu. We expect to

Save the Date!
Celebrate Summit:
A Social Event for Parents
Sunday, April 18th
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art
(BMoCA)

MathCounts School Competition Results

Twenty three students participated in the MathCounts school competition held in the library on December 15. The school competition round determines the team of four students who will represent Summit at the Chapter competition to be held in February. The school competition is also used to select four additional students to compete as individuals.

The results are nearly final. Due to the illness of one of the participants the official eight-member team is not yet final. The seven students who will be representing Summit at the chapter competition are as follows:

Albert Soh
Larry Zhang
Jay Kranzdorf
Christine Soh
Yun Yu Lin
Rose Wang

David Ritzwoller
The 8th position will be determined after the final student completes the test.
Congratulations to all of the MathCounts participants.

Our Book Fair Thank yous

Thanks to everyone who helped make the annual Summit Book Fair at Barnes & Noble a success—final numbers are not yet in, but fun was had by all!!!!

announce the date and time for the first meeting shortly after the beginning of the spring semester.

Tools for Learning Update...

We wish to thank the following current and alumni families that have contributed to **Tools for Learning** in the past two weeks of the campaign:

Larysa and Craig Beyer
Aline and Jirair Christianian
Joe and Kerry Glynn
Craig Fournier and Elizabeth Knapp
Thomas and Jeannine Harrington
Doug Kennedy and Karen Levine
Clarissa and Paul King
Christy and David Lapp
Marlys and Christopher Lietz
Jinna and Brad Lincoln
Suzanne Neuman and Steve Outing
Duer and Lisa Reeves

Frank and Katherine Richardson
Jane Schrag
Mark and Anne Shusterman
Janice Staynings



Your Child's Education:
PRICELESS

We greatly appreciate all of the Summit families that have pledged their generous support to our annual campaign thus far. Since we launched **Tools for Learning** in September, 114 families have made donations to help us reach the halfway point to our annual goal of \$100,000. In January, we will have a better idea of the impact of Governor Ritter's budget cuts, however we are fairly certain that there will be a rescission for education funding in the current school year. As a result, your TFL donations are more critical than ever this year, because they will help us to cover this anticipated funding shortfall in our operating budget.

If you have not already done so, please make your donation to **Tools for Learning** today. Over the holidays, you can still mail your pledge card and payment to the Summit Office. We will continue to promote this campaign throughout the school year, so if you are not able to make a donation in 2009, you will certainly have the opportunity to do so in the new year. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your pledge, please contact our board representative at dhutchinson.at.summit@gmail.com or call Dita Hutchinson directly at (303) 499-9467.

Thank you for supporting our school!

A Big Thank You...

Thank you to the following people for donating so many delicious cookies to the December Staff Appreciation:

Amy Britton	Peyton Lester
Lisa Brussell	Jinna Lincoln
Garam Choi	Ashley Matthews
Polly Dawkins	Molly Nasky
Jeannine Harrington	So Rosenblum
Anne Hearn	Kristine Schlager
Dita Hutchinson	Gretchen Schultz
Julie Johns	Vicki Stubbs
Sharon Kocina	Elizabeth Stiles
Sue Krantzdorf	Michelle Wieber
Tricia Kuhn	Summit Office Staff and Business Office
Anne Lang	Summit Librarian

And another big thanks to the following people who helped pack all the delicious goodies in tins: Amy Britton, Garam Choi, Polly Dawkins, So Rosenblum, and Gretchen Schultz. Last, but not least, thanks to Michelle Harvey for coordinating this lovely treat!

Our Gymnasium News

Capital Campaign

We appreciate the generosity of our most recent donors to the capital campaign.
Thank you for your support of our soon-to-open gym

Sam & Elizabeth Benz
Eric and Hillary Johnson
Jim Wilczak & Antonietta Capotondi
Sun Microsystems
Joel & So Rosenblum
Dan & Kathy Dessau
Anonymous
Sanjay Dixit & Swati Deshpande
David & Deirdre Kopel

Scharmin Dorostkar & Christopher Walker
Sony Electronics
Lisa & Duer Reeves
Valentina & Sergey Makarevich
Zhongming Chen & Peiqi He
Liz Knapp & Craig Fournier
Michelle & Ronald Harvey
B & J Schrag
Mark & Aimee Schlander

We apologize if any names were missed. Please let us know and we will correct that omission before the next list.
Also, if you would prefer to have your name listed differently, please let me know.

Julie Scott
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**Summit Families...
You're Invited to the
DEDICATION OF OUR NEW
GYMNASIUM ON
JANUARY 19, 2010,
8:00 - 8:40 A.M.**

All children of Boulder Valley School District will have daily access to **fresh, flavorful** and **nutritious** food made with **wholesome** and, when possible, **local** ingredients so that every child may thrive.

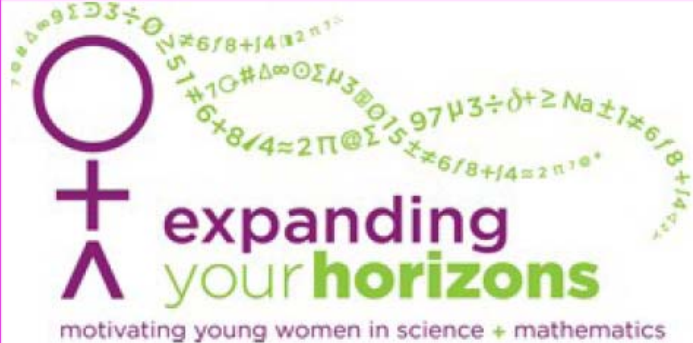


For more information, to find out how to volunteer and/or donate to the project, go to:
www.bvdsd.org/schoolfoodproject

a taste of
CHANGE
to come.

10 Reasons to buy School Lunch in BVSD

- 1 Fresh fruits and vegetables will be served every day and are regionally sourced when possible.
- 2 Bulk hormone, antibiotic-free and organic Colorado milk is served in all schools.
- 3 Full salad bars are available in every school including vegetable and animal-based proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 4 All locally produced whole grain bread and bakery products are served.
- 5 Highly processed ingredients like high fructose corn syrup and added trans-fats have been eliminated.
- 6 Highly processed foods will be eliminated as much as possible (for example: roast chicken has replaced chicken nuggets).
- 7 Breakfast will be offered in every school.
- 8 It's easy! We make lunch for you; no more sack lunches to pack.
- 9 You can monitor and fund your student's meal account online at www.PayForIt.net.
- 10 It's nutritious and delicious!



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the Boulder Branch
of the American
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Women

**15th Annual Conference for girls in the 6th, 7th, and
8th grades**

**Learn about careers involving engineering, math, science
and technology through a day of hands-on workshops.
Find out what it's like to be a veterinarian, a crime scene
investigator or even an astronaut.**

**At the University of Colorado, Boulder Engineering
Center**

Saturday, February 27, 2010

10 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$15 including lunch*

**Adult program on strategies for supporting girls'
academic success and paying for college
Adult program cost: \$20 including lunch**

Seating is limited, so register today at:

<http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org/conferences/Boulder>

*** Scholarships are available**

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SUMMIT MISSION STATEMENT

- 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, a desire for self-development and good citizenship.
- 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 rigorous college preparatory high school programs, including International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement.

ENROLLMENT IN SUMMIT

Summit Middle School is a tuition-free, public charter school in the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD), serving grades 6, 7 and 8 through mixed-age classes grouped by ability, interest, motivation, developmental level, and mastery of previous material, and taught by teachers who are specialists in their subject areas.

Prospective students register through the District's open-enrollment process. Please go to BVSD's Open Enrollment link for more information: <http://bvsvd.org/openenrollment/Pages/default.aspx>

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