



# Summit News

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## The School Calendar

### December

- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>, First semester ends
- Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Winter Break begins.

### January

- Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, School resumes
- Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>, Science Fair, Judging Day only.
- Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library
- Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>, Science Fair, Round 2, 8 a.m.-noon, Judging only. Noon – 3 p.m. open to the public
- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>, Open Enrollment period ends
- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library

### February

- Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library
- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>, Presidents' Day, NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library

### March

- Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library
- Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library
- Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>, Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Spring Break begins
- Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>, School resumes

\* Conference and ½ Day Development Meetings Note: Summit students will be in class 8:00 – 12:15 p.m.

## FYI

### Summit Hours Reminder

The Summit school building officially opens at 7:45 a.m. and there is no supervision before that time on the campus. The school day ends at 3:05 and we provide supervision until 3:20 p.m. We ask that students not involved in a specific after-school activity (such as a club, sport or tutoring) be off campus by 3:20. Thanks!

### For 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

*Is Your Child Returning to Summit for the 09-10 School Year?*

As we are planning our enrollment numbers for next year at this time, we would appreciate it if you could please notify the Summit office if your child (other than 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will NOT be returning to Summit for any reason next year. Thank you!

## Community Connections

### Parent Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Summit library. We'll be discussing *Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age* by Dan Kindlon. 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!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Haines at [hainesk@indra.com](mailto:hainesk@indra.com) or 303-546-0900.



Thank you to all of you that have supported Tools for Learning in 2008! We have raised \$45,601 in donations and are almost half way to our goal! IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT FOR A DONATION IN 2008, it's still not too late. Please return your pledge card and check dated before December 31st, 2008.

Thank you to all the new families that have recently joined our Tools for Learning Campaign!

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Cynthia and Mark McCreery

### **National History Day in Review**

This year's History Day at Summit featured student research projects on the theme *The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies*. The judging results are in; we are pleased to announce that the following students will be taking their History Day projects to the regional competition in March:

(Student names are followed by the name of the individual each student or group of students researched.)

#### **Exhibit category:**

Jackie Reed (Little Rock Nine)  
Emma Vigers (Harriet Tubman)  
Austin Metz (Louis Melone)  
Hannah Gould (Jonas Salk)

#### **Historical Papers category:**

Sarah Kaufman (Babe Didrikson Zaharias)  
Caroline McKee (Nicolaus Copernicus)  
Robin Reifsnnyder (Phil Zimmerman)  
David Ritzwoller (George Norlin)  
Honorable Mention goes to Dylan Bialek (Jackie Robinson)

#### **Individual Documentaries category:**

Dylan Schlager (Walt Disney)  
Josh Anderson (Leonardo da Vinci)  
Lily Goldner (Milton Hershey)  
Jonathan Tari (The Wright Brothers)  
Honorable Mentions go to: Blake Kitayama (Dr. Suzuki) and Izzy Nathanson (Coco Chanel)

**Group Documentaries Category:**

Tania Elmore, Eli Bradley and Elise Keston Smith (Upton Sinclair)  
Tonya Ingerson and Tara Wadhvani (Rachel Carson)  
Richie Easton and Rohith Chintalapally (Genghis Khan)  
Calvin Lietz and Adam Kee (Alfred Nobel)  
Honorable Mention goes to Alex Brussell and Brandon Jacobs (Dr. Seuss)

**Performance Category:**

Noel Leifer and Gabby Vermeire (Josephine Shaw Lowell)  
Livvy Feeney (Lynn Margulis)  
Audrey Hearn (Clara Barton)  
Nikki Weber (Elizabeth I)

**Website Category:**

Torin McDonald, Seth Blum, and Larry Zhang (John Wesley Powell)  
Vivi Gregorich (Nikola Tesla)  
Honorable Mentions to: Jacob Bowers (George Washington Carver) and Logan Garbarini (Richard Feynman)

***Congratulations to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders for their research efforts and final History Day projects!***

## **Summit News**

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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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