



Summit News

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Boulder Valley's First Charter School

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The School Calendar	
February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 23rd, ½ Day, Professional Development Wednesday, 25th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, 4th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Wednesday, 11th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Thursday, 12th, Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Friday, 13th, 3rd quarter ends. Sunday, 15th, Celebrate Summit, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, 18th, New Student Registration Eve, 6:30 p.m. Monday, 23rd, Spring Break Begins Monday, 30th, School resumes.
April	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, 1st, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Wednesday, 8th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Wednesday, 22nd, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library Friday, 24th, Summit Day, NO SCHOOL 	<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.
<p>* Conference and ½ Day Development Meetings Note: Summit students will be in class 8:00 – 12:15 p.m.</p>	

Celebrate Summit!

What do you do when your middle school has achieved over a decade of excellence?

Celebrate! You know—make merry, rejoice, jubilate.

So what are we waiting for? **Let's party!**

Join the adult Summit community for fun with friends new and old, and an opportunity to foster community and raise funds for the school we value so—Summit Middle School.

Celebrate Summit is the first annual Summit Community Party for parents of current, former and new students, and Summit staff and faculty.

Hosted at the New Foundry, *Celebrate Summit* promises to be a top-notch event—or in middle school lingo—super fun! You can eat great food, play pool, win a Fat Tire Bike, and if you're so inclined, bid on fabulous items in the silent but ever-so-spirited auction. All proceeds go to Summit Middle School. Many thanks to Summit's Shetter family for donating the New Foundry space for the evening.

It's all happening 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, the perfect time for a night out. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, inclusive of ample hors d'oeuvres, one glass of wine, beer or soda, pool for the sharks, auction for the shoppers and fun for all!

It's *the* adult Summit party of the year. So, don't miss it—or you'll be OOL. (out of luck)

It's Easy to Sign Up.

Please return the RSVP card by mail, send in the form below, or drop it in the *Celebrate Summit* box in the school office.

Please make reservations by March 6.

Silent Auction Opportunities

Below are some of the fun and useful items available in the silent auction:

Dinner by Amanda Avallone & Valerie Koch

Principal for the Day

Digital Camera

Wicked Tickets

Fat Tire Bike

Organic Produce Basket

Case of Colorado Wines

Case of Italian Wines

Farmers Market - \$60 Gift Certificate

Shamane's Bake Shoppe Gift Certificate

Two Baskets from It's Only Natural Gifts.com

Zumo Salon - Consultation and Haircut

Innerbalance - 1 Hour Massage

Boulder Back Pain Clinic - Initial Consultation and Treatment

Colorado Mountain Ranch - One Week of Day Camp

Turcotte Stickhandling Hockey School - One Week of Camp

Steamboat Summer Weekend Getaway

Rally Sport - Two Personal Training Sessions plus Initial Consultation

Silent Auction Donations Needed

Gifts Benefit All

Your donation to *Celebrate Summit* will make it a huge success.

For businesses, it's a wonderful way to promote your product or service to over 300 families and their guests. Best of all, supporting our school is one of the best investments you can make.

For individuals, it's a feel-good way to share your resources and creativity.

By making a gift, you join us in making a commanding statement that a quality education is a fundamental building block for the future. We, and the children who benefit from the wonderful education Summit provides, thank you for your generous support.

To donate please contact summit.connections@bvsd.org

Summit Middle School and Supporters of Summit is a 501c3 charitable organization. Our tax ID number is 98-02383. Donations may be tax deductible.

Did you know?

A strong sense of community is one of the hallmarks of excellent educational institutions.

In fact, studies show three of the essential factors that impact educational excellence and academic achievement are:

-Parent involvement

-Strong sense of connectedness for students, parents, faculty & staff

-Adequate financial support for key programs

Celebrate Summit nurtures these essential elements of excellence. So join us for an evening of fun, community, and support!

We'll be there!

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$20 each

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Method of payment

Check (enclosed) _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____

CC # _____ exp _____

____ I will not be able to attend but I would like to Celebrate Summit with the enclosed donation.

Please RSVP by March 6th

High School On-Line Course Selection Day - Summit 8th Graders

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, students will select and register for their high school courses at Summit during their World Geography classes. High school counselors from Boulder High and Fairview High will be visiting Summit to assist students in completing on-line course selection in Summit's computer lab.

Students received course placement recommendations from their current Summit core subject teachers on Friday, Feb. 20.

Parents and students need to review these recommendations, and finalize course choices, including the elective courses the student wishes to take. Then, students need to remember to bring their signed course placement recommendation sheets to school on Wednesday, Feb. 25 for the course registration process.

Students who will not be attending Boulder or Fairview high school should contact the counselor at the high school where they plan to attend to register and make course selections.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please come to the school's annual meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 in the Summit library. This is an important chance for you to learn more about the state of the school and plans for the coming

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year. It is also your chance to meet the candidates for open board seats. We hope to see many of you!

BOARD MEMBER OPENINGS

In March, the Summit community will elect four new board members to serve 2-year terms beginning in June of 2009. We hope that you will consider serving Summit in this important capacity.

Our board members bring a variety of skills and experiences to governing Summit and we welcome all backgrounds. We encourage any of you who are interested to learn more about the board through talking with current members or attending an upcoming board meeting.

Election process – At the beginning of March, we will mail home to each Summit family a ballot listing the candidates for the board and providing their responses to questions about their interest in serving on Summit's board. In March, we will also hold a candidate forum where faculty and staff can meet the candidates as well as hosting all candidates at the Annual Meeting on March 12th.

Please contact Dave Kopel at d.kopel@summitmiddleschool.org or Becky Morley at becky.morley@summitmiddleschool.org with any questions, to get more information about serving on the

board, to obtain the board candidate questions, and to let us know you might be interested.

High IQ Kids Wins Legacy Book Award

A book which includes an essay by Summit Assistant Principal and English Teacher Amanda Avallone has won the 2008 Legacy Book™ Award in the Parent/Family category. *High IQ Kids: Collected Insights, Information, and Personal Stories from the Experts*, edited by Kiesa Kay, Deborah Robson, and Judy Fort Brennehan, was chosen for recognition by the nonprofit Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT).

The Legacy Book Awards are the only American book awards focused on meeting the unique and too-often overlooked needs of gifted children. It is awarded annually to one book in each of three categories (Educator, Parent/Family, and Scholar).

High IQ Kids is a blend of personal stories and practical strategies, scholarly articles, and entertaining essays from a community of voices—parents, educators such as Ms. Avallone, authors, researchers, and other experts—addressing the joys and challenges of raising, teaching, and understanding exceptionally gifted kids of all ages.

Way to Go NJHS Students

The 17 members of Summit's National Junior Honor Society have donated an astonishing 466.5 hours of

community and school service during our first and second quarters this year. Co-President Jonah Kim led the way with most hours donated both quarters.

Boulder County Healthy Kids – CHP+ Insurance

Did you know you might be eligible for Low-Cost Health Insurance? In this tough economy, there are some options that are available.

Governor Bill Ritter and the US Congress are working to increase benefits and enrollment in the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and Medicaid. You may qualify for either service and be able to obtain health care coverage for your family. For example, a family of 4 (including parents) would be eligible for CHP+ insurance if they earn less than \$3622 a month. Some deductions are allowed for childcare, child support and medical costs.

The following are just a few of the health services CHP+ covers: regular checkups, immunizations, prescriptions, hospital services, eyeglasses, and hearing aids. In addition, dental care services for children, up to \$600 a year, may cover exams and cleanings, fillings, routine extractions, and some root canal therapies.

For more information and questions, please contact Boulder County Healthy Kids at 303-441-1589 or www.CHPplus.org.

Community Connections

Parent Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Summit library. We'll be discussing *The Roller Coaster Years: Raising Your Child Through the Maddening Yet Magical Middle School Years* by Charlene C. Giannetti and Margaret Sagarese. 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 or 303-546-0900.

Monthly Staff Breakfasts. Thanks to our February hosts Michele Leifer and Nancy Davis. If you are interested in helping with these breakfasts, let us know at summit.connections@bvsd.org.

New Families Committee

Help us welcome our new Summit students and their families by joining the New Families Committee! This Committee handles mentoring, summer events, the Back to School Social and more. Join the fun! We've had great response so far and a planning meeting is in the works. Contact summit.connections@bvsd.org if you can help too.

International Club News

Presentations

International Club truly enjoyed Dr. Ingrid Fotino's presentation on Romania and Monsieur Francois Pradeau's presentation on France. We feel so inspired by these casual chats that we want to immerse ourselves in each place...right away! Many thanks to our esteemed presenters.

If any of you in our Summit community would like **to share your knowledge about a particular country**, or if you know someone who would, please contact one of our officers: Amber Richey, sparks2013@gmail.com, Sarah

Walters, kiwisarah96@gmail.com or Lauren Kempton, 5k.laurenk@gmail.com. You may also contact Mrs. Blakemore, wblakemore2@gmail.com.

Bake Sale

Gracias, merci and danke to all of you who supported the Unlucky in Love Valentine's Bake Sale and Throw a Dart at the Heart game. Many club members made delicious and beautiful treats!

Conferences

Thank you Summit parents/families/friends who supported our causes during Spring Conferences this week. We appreciate that you are invested in learning about your children's progress and that you assist International Club to help others throughout the world by purchasing snacks and beverages.

World Flag

We have decided to purchase the new World Flag. It is a symbol of unity that transcends borders, race and religion. The World Flag inspires people to work together toward a common good. This message is very similar to our International Club mission. We hope it will be hung in the new gym along with the many flags collected over the years by Spanish Club and International Club. This is what it looks like!



Upcoming Events:

- Mr. Chris Kilgore speaking on Columbia**
- Lucky Lollypop Sale, week of St. Patrick's Day**
- Stream Team Clean Up, March – April**
- Adopt a Road Clean Up, April – May**
- Carnival – May**

Many, Many Thanks

We appreciate the incredible food provided during parent-teacher conferences by our amazing volunteers – thanks to all of you, and especially to Birgit Schanz for coordinating.

6th Grade Honor Roll Fall 2008

<p>Jennifer Aguilera Samuel Alipour-Fard Michelle Anderson Sidney Andrew Kaetlyn Arant Cassandra Baca Anna Balaguer Liam Barstad Emily Bloechle Benjamin Bright Jena Brooks Katherine Burns Ignatius Castelino Quinn Conroy Samuel Crist Casey Davis Shivani Dixit Rachel Dreher Emily Engelhardt Lukas Ericksen-Deriso Alexander Fontillas Paris Franz Benjamin Gips</p>	<p>John Glynn Emily Grubb Nicholas Gunther Lindsey Hoskins Annie Huang Jack Hunsaker Will Hunsaker Laura Hutchinson Trace Hybertson Antonia Janda Solina Kennedy So Yun Kim Tai Koester Jong Rak Koh Caitlyn Lee Gwendolyn Leifer Clifford Lester Grant Lurie John Maruyama Xenia Mathys Aleah Matthews-Runner Pierce McCrerey Julia McCue</p>	<p>Noah Mihelic Joshua Park Rachel Perley Tessa Peterson Thu Pham Jessica Piper Stefan Popescu Chloe Pradeau Sydney Richardson Kira Scott Jina Signorelli Eulalia Singh Madeline Stachniak Colton Stevens Cassandra Sukiennicki Audrey Vivas Amy Wang Stephanie Wong Evan Young Kaylie Young Jesse Zhang</p>
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7th Grade Honor Roll Fall 2008

Johanne Albrigtsen Joshua Anderson Matan Bilavsky Seth Blum Jyoti Campbell Maxx Chance Lena Christianian Michael Dessau Richard Easton Olivia Feeney Bailey Flanagan Monika Franaszczuk Logan Garbarini Lily Goldner Hannah Gould Genevieve Gregorich Meghan Haines	Ryan Hartzell Audrey Hearn Ella Jenak Sarah Kaufman Elise Keston-Smith Blake Kitayama James Kranzdorf Calvin Lietz Jack McClellan Torin McDonald Caroline McKee Mallory Metzler Erin Mooz Tyler Morley Isabelle Nathanson Veronica Pagawski Jacqueline Reed	Shannon Rosenblum Dylan Schlager Emma Schwartz Maddy Searchinger Albert Soh Pyrenee Steiner Jonathan Tari Kayla Tawa Gabrielle Vermeire Emma Vigers Rose Wang Rayanne Weigel Lauren Winchester Ilana Wurman Lawrence Zhang Victoria Zheng
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8 th Grade Honor Roll Fall 2008		
Samuel Black Kristin Breakell Andrea Brent Benjamin Brown Sarah Burns Hannah Cangilla Claire Chen Janet Chen Kevin Chen Kyle Christensen Rachel Conway Scott Davids Nicolas Ericksen-Deriso Amanda Fenwick-Smith Elena Filatova	Selina Foster Camron Gidfar Kathleen Glynn Jhana Gottlieb Christian Gregorich Meaghan James Jonah Kim Benjamin King Katherine Kowal Alex Newhouse Belinda Pak Lee Pappas Aaron Perley Anne Pinkham Sarah Pykkonen	Cierra Russ Klaus Sade Michael Seltzer Anna Simon Anna Smith Lacey Smith Isabella Soehn Meera Tawa Melinda Vickers Michelle Vonick Sarah Walters Amelia Waltman Claire Wiener Mary Yost Joshua Young



Dear Families,

We have raised \$62,665 for Tools for Learning to-date! If you have not already done so, PLEASE take a moment to consider making a donation. We are striving for 100% participation so that Summit will qualify for additional grant funds. We can't get there without your help. Please return the pledge card you recently received in the mail, or send donations directly to:

Supporters of Summit
 Tools for Learning
 c/o Summit Middle School
 4655 Hanover Ave
 Boulder, CO 80305

Thank you to families, alumni and businesses that have so generously given to Tools for Learning thus far:

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[The Spirit of the Outdoors Film Festival](#)

REI and Boulder Digital Arts announce the 2nd Annual Spirit of the Outdoors Film Festival premiering on April 25, 2009.

We want to share YOUR outdoors story! Young filmmakers are encouraged to submit videos - up to 5 minutes long - showing why they love their life in Boulder's outdoor environment - and there's NO entry fee! Are they adventurous? Do they love the outdoors? Are they ecology-minded? This is all about the community!

Submissions will be accepted from March 25 to April 8, 2009. Students of all ages may work with their peers, their teachers, their families to bring their exciting story to life. Everyone is invited to submit videos about their outdoor adventures. **FREE entry for all video submissions.**

The judges for the film festival are: James Balog, award-winning photographer and filmmaker
David D'Angelo, owner of Serac Adventure Films
Meryem Orsez, owner of Red Pine Films.

We reward people with a zest for the outdoors. Let's see your story on the big screen!

Details at www.spiritoftheoutdoorsfilmfestival.com. Check it out.

Celebrate Summit

Please join past, present and future Summit parents,
staff and faculty at the

1st Annual Summit Community Party

Sunday, March 15th from 5:30 - 8:00 in the evening

The New Foundry

1109 Walnut Street
Boulder

Appetizers, Billiards & Silent Auction

All proceeds to benefit
Summit Middle School

\$20 Per Person

Includes appetizers and one glass of beer, wine or soda. Cash Bar available.

Colorado Casual Attire



*Meet new people,
chat with old friends,
have a good time &
support Summit!*

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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