



Summit News

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The School Calendar	
May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 11th, Committee on Trustees Meeting, 8:00 a.m. Summit Library • Wednesday, 12th, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Summit Library • Thursday, 13th, Choir concert at 7 pm • Friday, 14th, ½ day Professional Day* • Saturday, 15th, Rec Nite, 7 – 11 pm • Wednesday, 19th, Art show, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., then Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 pm. • Wednesday, 26th, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Summit Library • Friday, 28th, 8th grade graduation • Friday, 28th, last day of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 2nd, Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Summit Library
July	August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 13th, New student registration, 7:30 a.m. • Friday, 13th, First day of school, new students, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Friday, 13th, Returning student registration, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Monday, 16th, First day of school – all students, full day
<p>* Conference and ½ Day Development Meetings Note: Summit students will be in class 8:00 – 12:15 pm.</p>	

Summit Budget Task Force

The Summit Board of Directors would like to thank the following members of the Summit Budget Task Force for their hard work in preparing a detailed and thoughtful recommendation on revenue-enhancing and cost-cutting measures for Fiscal Year 10-11 and beyond:

Teachers: Cheryle Kapsak, Stephen Goettsche, and Elizabeth Drozda-Freeman
Parents (current and incoming): Shelly Benford, Robert Campbell, Dwayne Nesmith,
Administration: Shelly Hendrick and David Finell
Board members (past and present): Becky Morley, Dita Hutchinson, Liz Snowden

Next year the state is cutting per-pupil funding by over 6%, so the work of this Task Force has been extremely helpful in budget planning for the school. The Task Force reviewed and prioritized a list of over 50 suggestions submitted by the community, and then formulated a recommendation with 17 specific actions for next year, as well as a prioritized list to consider in the following years if cuts in state funding continue. All were done with the goal of preserving the mission of the school and minimizing any classroom impact.

Their recommendation was presented to the Board on April 21. In all, 11 out of 17 were incorporated into the Fiscal Year 10-11 budget, three were fundraising related and will be pursued next year, and the remaining three are dependent on BVSD or will be considered in the following year.

Again, thank you to all who participated.

FYI

CHOIR CONCERT

Please join us on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of beautiful music! The concert will be at First Baptist Church 1237 Pine Street, Boulder (across from the Hotel Boulderado).

National History Day results are in...

Congratulations to all Summit students who competed in Colorado State History Day on Saturday, May 1, at CU-Denver. Those students were:

Anna Balaguer	Emily Engelhardt
Sam Alipour-Fard	Noah Mihelic
Laura Hutchinson	Kaetlyn Arant
Tessa Peterson	Jessica Piper
Chloe Pradeau	Caitlyn Lee
Vivian Wang	Clifford Lester
Jack Hunsaker	

Two of these students were among the top finishers in the Historical Paper Category: Laura Hutchinson took third place in the Junior Division, and Jessica Piper won first place in the Junior Division. Jessica will be representing the state of Colorado at the National Competition in College Park, Maryland in June. Congratulations to these outstanding young historians, and best wishes to Jessica Piper at National History Day!

Infinite Campus

Teachers are asked to update grades in Infinite Campus every 2-3 weeks. Parents and students are asked to be patient and not expect grades to be entered more frequently than this.

Bike Safety – it's important!

If your student rides a bike to Summit, please go over the "rules of the road." We are very concerned over the safety of our students as we have been getting reports of reckless riding. In particular, many of the students on bikes whiz through the stop sign at the intersection of 46th and Hanover without stopping at all. Please remind your child to stop and look both ways at every stop sign!

Tools for Learning Fundraising Campaign Update...

If you have not yet made your contribution to our Tools for Learning annual campaign this year, it's not too late! Please join all of the Summit families that have pledged to our campaign thus far and help us meet our annual goal of raising \$100,000. Every dollar we are able to fundraise offsets our state funding cuts and subsidizes our operating budget - so your contributions directly fund teacher salaries, small class sizes, technology upgrades and all of the other expenses that we incur in providing an excellent education for our students.

We are very grateful to all of you who have so generously supported our campaign in this financially challenging school year. The recent Celebrate Summit event raised approximately \$7,000 for our annual fund! We are so appreciative of all of the hard work and effort of so many parents that made this happen, especially the principal event organizers - Polly Dawkins and Maggie Yost.

Fairview High School Info for 8th graders

Please mark the date - Fairview will be holding Picture Day/Registration for incoming freshmen on June 1 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.

Coming Back Next Year?

If you know you will not be returning to Summit next year, and have not already let the school office know, please contact us as soon as possible, as we are in the process of finalizing our enrollment numbers for the coming school year.

Youth Football Clinic at Boulder High School

When: 2-4 PM, Saturday, May 8th

Where: Boulder H.S. Football Field

Who is invited: All athletes age 7-14 or grades 2nd- 7th

Cost: Free!

The clinic will focus on **Offensive** and **Defensive** Technique to improve your skills for this **fall!** Come and get better! Contact: Contact **Jeff Santee**, Football Coach at Boulder High School. (720) 323-2758, or jpsantee@hotmail.com
No pre-registration! Just show up!!!

Community Connections...

Celebrate Summit:

Many thanks to the following parents for making Celebrate Summit such a success! Siga Andrew, Amy Beringer, Amy Britton, Aline Christianian, Polly Dawkins, Annie Fox, Michelle Harvey, Dita Hutchinson, Sharon Kocina, Michele Leifer, Peyton Lester, Beth McClellan, Lisa Searchinger, Anne Shusterman & Maggie Yost

Welcome Events for New Families:

Thanks to Karen Pyle for overseeing the Summer Socials! We are also looking for parents to help with our mentoring of new families and the Welcome Event on Sunday, August 15th. Please contact Polly Dawkins at polly.dawkins@gmail.com or Maggie Yost at maggie.yost@mac.com if you are interested!



Finally, we would like to acknowledge those families that have contributed to Tools for Learning since our last newsletter:

Jennifer McComb and Daniel Drolet
Sherry and Richard Franz
Yoshie and Stephen Koester
Oscar G. & Elsa S. Mayer Family Foundation

Richard McDonald
Trina and Jess Peterson
Lisa and Brian Searchinger

Thank you from the Summit Board of Directors

Capital Campaign:

Thanks to all our recent donors to the Capital Campaign. The kids are enjoying the beautiful gym and locker rooms. Next time you are at Summit come take a peek at the new facility!

Amy Beringer & John Grubb
The Searchingers
Rich & Rosalie Vermeire
John C. and Sally S. Morley Family Foundation
Kaufman Family

Jim & Tricia Fitzpatrick
Voicu & Andrea Popescu
Jon & Caroline McClurg
Richard & Eileen Howarth

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, just let me know and we will be happy to do that.

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Final exam schedule, 2010

Date	Subject
Thursday, May 20	English
Friday, May 21	History
Monday, May 24	World Language
Tuesday, May 25	Math
Wednesday, May 26	Science

*Note: Some activities may take longer than one class period, so some “spillover” is inevitable. The goal, however, is that no additional studying or preparation should have to take place after the official “final” date.

Please note: textbooks are due to the teacher on the day of the final in that class. Please help your child remember!

NJHS Selection Process:

1. Summit is a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society and abides by the national chapter's charter.
2. At the end of the first semester of seventh grade a list of students with a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher will be presented to the faculty for review. Any student who has failed an elective will not be eligible.
3. Students who are academically qualified but have not demonstrated consistent respect for Summit's behavioral expectations will be asked to meet with the Dean of Student Life and/or teachers. Parents will also be notified. This process will provide the student an opportunity to improve his or her behavior before the selection process begins in April.
4. The NJHS Faculty Sponsor will invite eligible students to attend one or more informational meetings. Parents are also welcome to attend. Second semester seventh graders will be eligible if they have:
 - maintained at least a cumulative 3.5 grade point average in core classes, every semester of attendance at Summit (scholarship)
 - passed all their elective classes (scholarship)
 - demonstrated respect for behavioral expectations (character and citizenship)
 - participated in service and leadership activities in and out of school (service and leadership)
5. Eligible students may then submit the NJHS Candidate Form if they are interested in participating.
6. All teachers will be given the opportunity to review and discuss the NJHS candidates at a faculty meeting. Teachers will evaluate students with a rubric based on the NJHS criteria of "scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship and service." The faculty discussion will identify student's contributions and achievements both in the classroom and larger school community.
7. The Faculty Sponsor will tally the faculty input rubric and compile a list of the students, from highest to lowest. The faculty will then review the student's ratings and offer membership to up to the top twenty students, in accordance with the NJHS requirements.
8. Here is the projected timeline:
 1. Notified eligible 7th grade students the week of April 19th
 2. Held student/ parent 30 minute informational meetings in room 23 the last week of April as follows:
 - a. Before school, 7:30 A.M., Tuesday April 27th
 - b. At lunch, 11:55, Wednesday April 28th
 - c. After school, 3:15, Thursday April 29th
 3. Information sheets and short essays were due back to Mrs. Kapsak no later than lunch May 3rd.
 4. Voting at the faculty meeting May 4th
 5. Notifications to students by May 19th
 6. Rehearsal for induction ceremony after school next fall
 7. Induction and reception next fall at Summit

Community Service Opportunities through Boulder Parks and Recreation

1. **Help BEAUTIFY Boulder on Community Cleanup Day: May 15!** Join us in cleaning up Boulder by removing trash and recyclables, planting flowers and pulling weeds from parks and greenways. You pick the location and on-site project leaders will provide direction and supplies. Details + sign up: <http://bit.ly/bGYrfG>
2. **Celebrate Arbor Day season with us!** Boulder has been named "Tree City USA" for the 26th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation in honor of the city's commitment to community forestry. Join us for a children's artwork display, tree planting events and more from April 21 through May 30. Activity schedule + details:
<http://bit.ly/b5MvRv>
3. **Youth Services Initiative (YSI) Art Show May 5:** Close to 100 youth ages 7 to 18 from low-income families have been creating art under the direction of Paula Kehoe, a local artist. Watch them unveil their work and enjoy light refreshments from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5 at the North Boulder Rec Center. More information:
<http://bit.ly/6DYTYq>

More Boulder Parks and Recreation news and information is available at www.BoulderParks-Rec.org. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please use our [contact us online form](#).

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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://bvsd.org/openenrollment/Pages/default.aspx>

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