Greetings and Happy Friday! It has been another busy week at Coal Creek Elementary! We wrapped up a successful Open Enrollment tour for future Pumas before Thanksgiving break with another tour scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, December 10th! As I reflect back, what always strikes me with happiness is when we get to share all the terrific things that our students and staff do on a daily basis. I am thankful for the privilege of seeing it everyday as I walk through the building and cherish the times when the community can see for themselves the magic that happens here on campus.

Thank you very much to all of our tremendous volunteers who help out, in and outside of the classroom setting. You all help our students and staff in ways you may never realize. If you aren’t currently volunteering but would like to, please consider signing up...our Kindergarten team specifically wanted to put in a plug and let our community know how much they appreciate and value the support! Volunteers now have the option to fill out BVSD volunteer forms through the BVSD Webstore & obtain a background check through TC LogiQ Background Screening. All new and returning volunteers must fill this out, BVSD Volunteer Application, on an annual basis, free of charge.

This month our Habits of Mind focus is on “managing impulsivity”. The Habits of Mind site defines managing impulses in the following way:

“A person who is able to manage their impulsivity well will take the time to consider alternatives, gather information and come to a considered conclusion. They are able to set goals, prioritize and keep their plans on track. They tend to be thoughtful and considerate in their actions, rather than rash and hurried.”

Our teachers and staff do an amazing job of blending these characteristics and learning opportunities naturally into their everyday lessons. We also bring focus on the morning announcements about trends that we are both proud of and others that need some corrections. One area I recently spoke to the school about is to resist the urge to pick up and throw/kick snow. We would also appreciate our parents supporting that conversation at home of how Coal Creek is absolutely not the place to be playing with snow in this way.

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Looking ahead in the month of December, I am really looking forward to tonight’s Parade of Lights on Main Street. Mrs. Cauley, choir teacher extraordinaire, will be leading our choir at 5:30 for a special performance. Our Fifth Grade Instrumental Music students will be putting on a performance for parents and all students on December 11th at 1:30 in the Gym. The Spelling Bee will be held on December 13th. Please look within this Newsletter for the participants as well as some special instructions if you plan on attending. We then have a special combination of a Coal Creek Holiday Market and Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 17th. The Holiday Market will run from 5-8pm with the concert starting at 6pm. Please join us in celebrating our students and what will be outstanding performances!

Thank you very much for the continued focus on safety both before and after school at the Hug and Go. Some reminders and focus points as near the half-way mark for the school year: students need to cross at our designated crosswalk, students need to enter their cars in the Hug and Go lane from the right side of the vehicle. You all have done an amazing job with helping us to keep our community safe :)

~One Proud Puma, Brian Muñoz

### Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee will be held on December 13th at 8:30AM in the Gym. To avoid distractions for the participants, the doors will close promptly at 8:30 and only be opened for parents to enter or leave between rounds. We must be respectful of the participants so please plan on staying until the end of a round, even if your student is eliminated.

Congratulations to the Spelling Bee participants......

- Evelyn Knapp
- Celia Jones
- Seoyool Lee
- Mattias Martin
- Otis Vega-Villacorta
- Sam Engelmann
- Kolton Van Liere
- Levi Nelson
- Nicco Zuccaro
- Toby Ellis
- Ethan Montoya
- Thomas Olinger
- Sahara Perry
- Paige Duff
- Everett Weiss
- Tyler Knapp
- Allison Bruinsma
- Elsa Scherer
- JB Hafer
- Evie Martens
- Amelia Clasby
- Sadie Kassis
- Sonya Racz
- Danny Sullivan
- Wynn Melby
- Maya Herbruck
- Grace Xue
- Sampson Hanel
- Elise Redding
- Alden Bradley
- Sabrina Cassano
- Maya Silverman
- Sagarika Balaji
Science Fair

It's time to think Science! This year's Science fair will be held January 29th, 2020 from 6-7:30.

If your child would like to participate in the science fair, please fill out the registration form. You need to add the hypothesis to the form so there is no deadline for registration. Students can work together and there is a spot on the registration where they can put down partners names. The 5th grade students are required to participate in the science fair. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lepine at juliette.lepine@bvsd.org

Do you have a Kindergartener for the 2020/21 School Year?

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten at Coal Creek beginning August 2020, please attend our Kindergarten Evening on January 21st, 2020 at 6pm.

If you are aware of any neighborhood children who will be attending the incoming kindergarten class, please ask their parents to attend the meeting or call Coal Creek office prior to the end of January.

Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2020-21 school year is: November 1, 2019 - January 8, 2020

It is a lottery process, not first-come first-serve. The online application will be available November 1, 2019.

https://www.bvsd.org/parents-students/enrollment/open-enrollment
Art Studio News

If you haven’t picked up your Original Works Orders then they have been sent home with your child. Please open your order and check to make sure everything is accurate and complete.

If something in your order needs to be fixed, please let me know no later than **Wednesday 11th December**. If your order is incomplete and/or damaged, I need the following information:

1. **Problem.** Please briefly describe the problem with the product (missing, incorrect, damaged, etc).

2. **Product.** Please list what product is missing, incorrect and/or damaged.

3. **Order Number.** This is located on the order form, which is taped to the back of the artwork.

4. **Student info.** List the student name, grade and teacher.

5. **Description.** Provide a brief description of your child's artwork, including orientation (horizontal or vertical). Here is an example: “The artwork is horizontal, it's an ocean with a red boat. Timmy signed his name in the lower right hand corner.”

We will submit this to Original Works on **Thursday December 12th** and will get the fixed item back to you ASAP.

Thank you all for your support of this program and special thanks to Sandy Sundberg for helping from beginning to end getting all the artwork organized and mailed, receiving the merchandise and organizing distribution.

Michelle Zuccaro
michelle.zuccaro@bvsd.org

Update:

All: Noticing how art connects to other disciplines and areas of our lives
K: Exploring thankfulness, families and community, working with color mixing
1: Focus is on art about and for our communities
2: Focus is on art about and for our communities using a variety of studios
3-5: Digital Arts studio opens, sewing opens, 5th grade Yearbook art contest

**Question to ask your child:** Tell me about your art. If you continue with this idea or way of making what might you do next?

**CC Artist Quotes:** “This represents ideas going through my brain.” “This is ideas shooting up.”

Check this out: [World's darkest material is “blackest black” ever created](#)
Music Notes

Winter in the Music Room can be a little tough. We LOVE to move in Music class! We dance, skip, jump, twirl, and hop all the time. Snow boots make it super hard to move well. Please have your student bring good sneakers in their backpack to switch into for Music, PE and JAM!

Treblemakers Choir Dates to Note:

Friday, December 6th  Louisville Parade of Lights 5:30 in front of Chase Bank on Main St.

Tuesday, December 17th  Winter Concert 6:00pm in the Coal Creek Gym

Friday, January 31st  National Anthem 6:30pm at Centaurus High School

PE News from Mr. M

CCE families. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends. Two more weeks and we get to do it again. We are continuing to engage in great movement learning and exploring in PE. Before the break, we were able to build our obstacle course with all of our mats. This time of year, and this activity, is always a favorite of the students. During the last couple of weeks, we have and will continue, to work on some cooperative activities and small group problem solving. Here are a couple of resources that have great content regarding youth sports and activities. Take a peek if you get a chance.

Changing the game project
I love to watch you play

~Mr. M
What’s Happening in the Library!

Computer science is coming to Coal Creek Elementary in December. Starting with an Hour of Code!

With technology changing every industry on the planet, computing knowledge has become part of a well-rounded skill set. But fewer than half of all schools teach computer science! Good news is, we’re on our way to change this. If you heard about the Hour of Code last year, you might know it made history. 100 million students have now discovered how accessible and fun computer science can be by doing just one Hour of Code.

The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Learn more at http://HourOfCode.com, try an hour yourself by clicking on the Activities tab on the HOC website. The students of CCE will be participating in Hour of Code the weeks of December 9th-December 20th!

Author of the Month

Each month we feature a new Children's book author. Ask your child what they have learned about these previous authors of the month.

October: Kevin Henkes
November: Jane Yolen
December: Jan Brett

CCE Makers Kit

Thanks to BVSD and Mackin, CCE has a new Makers Kit. The kit includes: Spheros, Dashes, Makey Makeys, Cubelets, Bloxels, Little Bits Circuits, Kynex, Contraptions and Extraordinaires Design studio. 3rd-5th graders have been using library time to explore these learning tools and we are coming up with exciting ways to use them in the classroom.

Happy Reading from the Librarians,
Sarah Kirby and Lynn Montoya

CMAS Testing Window

The testing window is April 6 - 24.
We will provide additional information in March as to a specific schedule.
Please make every effort to have your children in school during this timeframe.
THANK YOU Parents for our yummy pies!

Lost & Found

Please check the lost & found for any of your kids’ belongings. Anything left unclaimed will be donated to charity on December 20th at 2:30pm.

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Attendance Line

Please remember to call 720-561-4502 by 8am in order to excuse your child’s tardy or absence. If we do not have confirmation of where your child is by 9am, we will have to dispatch Louisville Police to your home. Thanks for helping us keep your child safe.

Preschool at Fireside Elementary

At Boulder Valley School District (BVSD), we believe learning is a life-long journey, and we’re passionate about making sure each child gets off to the very best start to reach their full potential. Our high-quality preschool program for 3 and 4-year olds helps spark their learning with the right combination of play and learning. We inspire those who are inquisitive, support those who need a little extra boost, encourage each child’s social and emotional development, and make everyone feel welcome. We get kids excited about school and about what they can achieve – now and for all the years to come!

There are three ways to enroll at a BVSD Integrated Preschool:
1. Tuition (currently $400/month for 4 half-days per week)
2. Colorado Preschool Program (free preschool, based on financial need and other risk factors)
3. Special Education (based on student need)

To learn more about these options and about the BVSD Integrated Preschool curriculum, visit https://ece.bvsd.org/about/Pages/start.aspx

Please read through the BVSD Early Childhood Education FAQs (https://ece.bvsd.org/about/Pages/faq.aspx) to find answers to common preschool parent questions related to potty training, transportation, CPP qualifications, Special Education services, and more.

Additional questions? If you read through the website resources listed above and have additional questions, please contact Fireside’s Community Liaison, Nicole Duster, at nicole.duster@bvsd.org or 720-561-7960.
**Don’t Give “Stuff”**

Instead of buying new products, give meaningful gifts like experiences to concerts, restaurants, or spas. Or gift something edible like a homemade dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars. Consider donating to a charity important to your loved one by making a gift in their name.

**Zero Waste Gift Wrapping**

While Eco-Cycle will accept wrapping paper for a limited time, we encourage you to avoid it as its high clay and low paper content makes it difficult to recycle. Instead, choose reused/reusable options like posters, maps, or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, and reusable gift bags. If you do end up purchasing wrapping paper, avoid metallic or glitter wrapping paper, as it cannot be recycled.

**Sustainable Holiday Gift Tags & Cards**

Cards embossed with foil, glitter, ribbons, and other materials are not recyclable, nor are cards printed on photo paper. Instead, consider sending e-cards. If you do purchase holiday cards, make sure they can be recycled by choosing cards that do not have any non-paper embellishments like foil or ribbon. Even better: Look for cards that contain post-consumer recycled content, or try finding plantable cards! If you have holiday cards lying around that cannot be recycled, you can repurpose them as gift tags or place settings.

**Re-charge It!**

Every year, more than 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide. Many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Newer models can charge in as little as 15 minutes!

**Stop Junk Mail**

The holidays can bring an overflow of catalogs and other mail asking you to buy, buy, buy. But you can stop it! As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call the 1-800 number and ask to be removed from their list. Learn more tricks, including 6 steps to getting and staying off mailing lists, at ecocycle.org/junkmail.

**Make Gatherings Zero Waste**

Instead of disposable tableware, serve food on real, reusable dishware. Borrow dish sets and glassware from friends, or go thrift store shopping for a special holiday set. Decorate the table with gourds and squash, bowls full of apples, or other seasonal fruits and veggies.

**Give the Gift of Zero Waste!**

Give your loved ones reusable, waste-cutting essentials to help them go Zero Waste, such as stainless steel water bottles, mugs, utensil kits, or reusable food containers. You can find these items at many local stores, or shop online at Earth Hero, Buy Me Once, and The Good Trade, to find sustainably-sourced gifts!

**Prevent Food Waste**

Prevent food waste during the holidays with careful planning. Save the Food’s “Guest-imator” tool (www.savethefood.com/guestimator) can help you plan out meals for large gatherings. Stick to your grocery list and assess how much of each ingredient you actually need. If there are leftovers, encourage guests to take them home in reusable containers and freeze the rest for an easy meal on another day.

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Check out our complete Holiday Guide online at ecocycle.org/holidayguide
Don’t forget to recycle all of these holidays leftovers!

Batteries
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins.
- Rechargeable Batteries:
  - Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
  - Longmont Waste Division Center
- Alkaline Batteries:
  - Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
- Check listings at ecocycle.org/a-zguide

Electronics & Appliances
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
- ChARM (fees apply)
- with a responsible company listed here: ecocycle.org/a-zguide/electronics
Disposing of electronics in the trash is illegal in Colorado.

Food Scraps
COMPOST in curbside bins and at:
- ChARM: Fees apply. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.
- Longmont Waste Division Center
- Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center

Cooking Oil
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY – NOT in curbside bins:
- ChARM: $3 facility fees apply
- Longmont Waste Division Center

Holiday String Lights
& Extension Cords
RECYCLE AS SCRAP METAL AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY (no fee), NOT in curbside bins:
- ChARM
- Nederland Transfer Station and Recycling Center
- Longmont Waste Division Center Nov. 29, 2019-Jan. 5, 2020 in specially-marked cart during slotted hours
- Allenspark Drop-Off Center
Attached light bulbs are OK. Please bundle cords & tie with the loose end so they don’t get caught in machinery.

Holiday Cards
REUSE cards as next year’s gift tags or blank greeting cards.
RECYCLE in curbside bins and drop-off centers. NO cards embossed with foil or other non-paper material. NO non-paper items such as ribbons, photos or photo paper.

Dark Envelopes
COMPOSTABLE, NOT RECYCLABLE
Dark-colored envelopes such as reds and greens are not recyclable. White-light-colored envelopes are OK to recycle curbside.

Wrapping Paper
for a limited time only in BOULDER & LONGMONT.
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Drop-off Center Info:
Boulder County Recycling Center
1901 83rd St. Boulder. Open 24 hours
Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF)
1901 83rd St. enter at the Boulder County Recycling Center, follow signs.
Open Wed.-Sat. 8:30am–4pm
Ph: 720.564.2251

Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder ChARM: Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials 2400 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder Co-located with ReSource Mon–Sat, 9am–5pm, Closed Sundays Fees apply for some materials. For a full list and prices, visit www.ecocycle.org/charm
Ph: 303.444.6634

Longmont Waste Division Center: For residents only. Bring your ID and a recent utility bill to show you are a City of Longmont trash subscription customer.
140 Martin St., Longmont
Staffed hours (until April): Mon–Sat, 7:30am–4:45pm
Closed Nov 25-Dec 23 and 30-Jan 1.2 (Holiday recycling drop-off area is open)
www.longmontcolorado.gov
Ph: 303.651.8416

Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center
286 Ridge Road, Nederland
See website for hours. www.bouldercounty.org/ environment/trash/nederland-transfer-and-recycle
Ph: 303.268.7878

Allenspark Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center
14677 State Highway 7
Open Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Closed Tues & Thurs
Ph: 303.747.2107

Lyons Drop-Off Recycling Center
182 2nd Ave, on the south side of the lot
Open everyday, from dawn to dusk
Ph: 720.564.2220

Tree Recycling
See listings below to learn where to recycle a tree in your community.
Please be sure to remove all twine, lights, stands, etc. Do not leave other materials like garlands, wreaths, or fresh.

Boulder County/City of Boulder
Yard Waste and Wood Drop-off Center
wastedisposal.com. Curbside collection also available. 303-444-2037

Erie
ecocycle.gov, 303-526-2870

Lafayette
cityoflafayette.com, 303-681-1306

Louisville
louisville.gov, 303-338-4733

Longmont
longmontcolorado.gov, 303-651-8416

Superior
superiorcolorado.gov/services/trash-recycling, 303-499-3675

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Girls Leadership’s Girl & Grown-up Workshop Tools for Sunny & Cloudy Days With Friends provides an opportunity for girls and their significant role models to build a foundation of common language around advocating for themselves and understanding true friendship behaviors. Each workshop is 60 minutes.

**PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

Week 1 – Friendship Toolbox  
Week 2 – Sharing Feelings & Body Language  
Week 3 – Mistakes, We All Make 'Em  
Week 4 – Courageous Relationships

**WHO**  
Girls in grades kinder and first grade with one adult

**WHEN**  
Mondays, January 13, 27, February 3, and 10, 2020, 4:30pm-5:30pm

**WHERE**  
Fireside Elementary School 845 W. Dahlia Street Louisville, CO 80027

**COST**  
$180 per adult/girl pair  
Scholarships are available. Visit girlsleadership.org/scholarships for details.

**REGISTRATION**  
https://girlsleadership.org/programs/firesidek1/

**QUESTIONS**  
Contact Patty Dow at 866.744.9102 x 703 or Patty@girlsleadership.org
4/5 GIRL & GROWN-UP SERIES:
4 STEPS TO GETTING WHAT YOU NEED
FIRESIDE ELEMENTARY | JAN 2020

Participate in a fun, engaging workshop, where you and your girl will build a common language, practice healthy approaches to conflict, and learn authentic communications skills.

Since 1999, the national non-profit organization, Girls Leadership, has awakened thousands of girls to a new, bold definition of leadership. Co-founded by bestselling author, Rachel Simmons, Girls Leadership believes that leadership is a way of life, which begins in girlhood. We define leadership as a girl’s ability to know how she feels, say what she needs, and respond courageously to her mistakes. Girls graduate from our programs more emotionally intelligent, resilient, and confident.

Girls Leadership’s Girl & Grown-up Workshop 4 Steps to Getting What You Need provides an opportunity for girls and their significant role models to practice using the skills of assertive self-expression through activities, discussion, and paired scenarios. Each workshop is 90 minutes.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM
Week 1 – Assertive Self Expression
Week 2 – Emotional Intelligence at Home
Week 3 – Owning Our Mistakes
Week 4 – Road Map for Conflict

WHO Girls in grades four and five with one adult

WHEN Mondays, January 13, 27, February 3, and 10, 2020, 6:00pm-7:30pm

WHERE Fireside Elementary School 845 W. Dahlia Street Louisville, CO 80027

COST $215 per adult/girl pair
Scholarships are available. Visit girlsleadership.org/scholarships for details.

REGISTRATION https://girlsleadership.org/programs/fireside45/

QUESTIONS Contact Jenn Wert at 866.744.9102 x 721 or JenniferW@girlsleadership.org
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