Hello Coal Creek Elementary! I hope this bulletin finds you all well after a power packed week and month of October. There were some tremendous events going on in our classrooms and throughout our school community this month. As I reflect on the many wonderful opportunities we have experienced with our students and parents, I balance my thoughts with special thanks and appreciation for our veterans who have served and those who are currently supporting our country. I also remember the importance of carrying my gratitude throughout the year for our veterans and other admirable people who devote their lives to helping and supporting others.

Special thanks to our parents and community for your continued support in the Hug and Go lane! We have noticed a major difference with the new process and have appreciated the patience during our recent snowstorms. Safety is, and always will be, our first priority.

We are in the process of trying to start up two new club opportunities for students. Please be on the lookout for information from Mrs. Kirby in regards to a possible Battle of the Books Club. Mr. Cummings is also hosting a parent information meeting on Destination Imagination. This DI meeting would be to gauge parent interest in managing a Destination Imagination team. This meeting will give key details on logistics involved with wanting to support and lead this wonderful club!

Our Coal Creek Accountability Team recently held a meeting to discuss and complete the BVSD District Budget Survey. The meeting was led by Sheridan Boudin (CCAT Chair) and John Clasby (DAC Rep for CCE). John used a consensus decision making process by pulling in feedback from the team to complete the survey. He provided the team the opportunity to complete a google form to identify personal thoughts from each member and then created graphs to clearly display trends and CCE focus areas of interest regarding district spending priorities. *This survey is designed to facilitate discussions at the school, and between the School Accountability Committees (CCAT) and the District Accountability Committee (DAC). The results will be used by the DAC to fulfill its legal duty, and recommend to the Board of Education how to spend BVSD funds. Our discussions focused on meeting both Coal Creek values while also focusing on BVSD’s long term student outcomes:*
- All students benefit from challenging and relevant educational opportunities
- Reduce disparities in achievement
- Every student graduates empowered with the skills necessary for post-graduate success*

Special thanks to our parent and community partners for the donations to our school. We were able to recently purchase a new snowblower for the school with your financial support! That is one piece of what you provide for all of us but made an immediate impact as we were able to get the school up and running safely for students and families!

~One Grateful Puma, Brian Muñoz
Report Cards available in IC on November 14th

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bcr0-gBZ-lSon9Dqc3skv9wUkFk60OrSgcMumOPHjQ/edit

SHARE-A-GIFT HELPING
KIDS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Time to clean out your toy boxes, closets, basement, and garage!

Please join us for our Share-A-Gift toy drive by bringing your new or gently used toys to school to donate to needy children in the Boulder Valley School District. Toys, books, games, stuffed animals, sports equipment, and craft items will be collected until Tuesday, December 10. All items will then be taken to a central distribution area where local families will be able to “shop for free” for gifts for their children this holiday season. Last year over 1800 children received presents due to the generosity of Share-A-Gift! So, be a part of it!! Together, let’s make this a great holiday season for many children in need!

www.ShareAGift.org | email: INFO@ShareAGift.org

Serving families in need in the Boulder Valley School District area since 1972

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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.
Art Studio News

Original Works Order forms are in Friday Folders! See your child’s art on fun products. Choose from a variety of gift options. Make your orders now. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child’s art and to support the art program.

Ordering window is November 1st-Tuesday the 12th
Pick up orders December 5th and 6th (details in December newsletter)

Update:
K: Explored feelings, patterns, weaving, apples and fall
1: Discovered many ways that art tells a story, even trees and bugs can tell a story in art
2: Making choices in art with painting and drawing studio, new studios opening soon. Paying attention to where ideas come from and what happens to them while making art
3-5: Transforming materials into art that connects to their lives, working with drills and hot glue, more studios on the way

Question to ask your child: How did you get the idea for your art?

CC Artist Quotes “I made a mistake but now I know how to fix it.”
During a collaboration “I feel like it should be a different color.”

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Music Notes

November will be a fun month in the Music Room! We will have 30 piano keyboards on loan for a few weeks. I will be creating fun lessons that will include all students (even those who already take lessons).

K-1 will explore the way a piano works through stories and poems we will accompany these stories with our fingers playing the characters and sounds of the stories. We will learn high/low, easy rhythm and melodic patterns and treble clef (right hand) songs.

Grades 2-3 will explore the keyboard making simple melodies in the right hand while creating chordal accompaniment in the left hand. We will learn about “reading” music and compose “sound carpets” to accompany stories and poems.

Grades 4-5 will compose and play simple melodies and accompaniments using notes from the treble and bass clef. We will notate our creations and record them.

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
Library News

Thank you all for an enthusiastic Arctic Adventure Book Fair!

Here are the numbers:

- 2,200 Books Sold
- 96 Books Bought for Classroom Teachers
- 19 Students Won Free Books
- 10 Hard Working Parent/Community Volunteers
- 8 Teacher Gift Certificates Redeemed
- 7 Books Pre-ordered...Arriving Soon!
- 6 Very Helpful Student Volunteers
- 1 Estimation Jar Winner

I'd say we did a great job Coal Creek! I appreciate your support of our library here at CCE!

What's Next You Ask?

*Introducing the 8th Annual BVSD Battle of the Books Competition!!*

**3rd-5th Graders**

Battle of the Books is a Quiz Bowl Style Competition for students in grades 3-5. When students enroll in this battle, they commit to working with a school team to read books from the [2019-20 Battle of the Books list](#). The list includes ten books of various levels of difficulty. Students can read the books independently, as part of a school group, or with an adult. Some titles are also available as audiobooks which is a great strategy as well. Students then meet with the group once a week to discuss the books. On May 2nd, 2020, each school sends one team per participating grade level to compete in the district Battle of the Books Competition. The goal of Battle of the Books is to teach students how to work together in a group for a common goal, expose them to award-winning pieces of literature, and encourage a high volume of reading inside and outside of the classroom.

**WHEN:** Meeting time will be once a week on Tuesdays from November 12-April 28

**The first meeting is on Tuesday, November 12th**

- 3rd Grade will meet Tuesdays afterschool from 2:30pm-3:25pm
- 4th grade will meet Tuesdays during lunch from 11:50am-12:25pm
- 5th grade will meet Tuesdays during lunch from 10:45am-11:20am

Please Note: *3rd Grade Student pick-up* will be in front of the Main Doors to the school promptly at 3:25pm. The doors lock at 3:00pm. Mrs. Kirby will bring students out and parents will need to sign-out for their student to be dismissed. If a carpool is arranged, signing parent needs to be on your child’s emergency contact list and notification of carpool needs to be written on permission slip or notified in writing or email to Mrs. Kirby. No students will be allowed to walk home alone, even if this is their normal situation. An adult must be present to sign-out each child. If a child will miss rehearsal for a reason other than an illness, please email Mrs. Kirby by 2:00pm so we will expect an absence. [sarah.kirby@bvsd.org](mailto:sarah.kirby@bvsd.org), 720-561-4525

**Permission Forms:**

- [3rd Grade Permission Form](#)
- [4th Grade Permission Form](#)
- [5th Grade Permission Form](#)

Please fill out permission forms by **Friday November 8th**.

Interested in volunteering with Battle of the Books? There are many different opportunities with varying time commitments [Check it Out!](#)

Once you are signed up, get the books and start reading! **See you in the library, Mrs. Kirby**
PE News from Mr. M

CCE families, what a crazy week. Really tested our patience and flexibility when it came to the school schedule and I’m sure after school activities. We finished Morning Movers last week and enjoyed having many 3rd-5th graders join me for those 6 weeks. We will start back up again after Spring Break. I will communicate details as we get closer to that time.

Over the next 2 weeks, we will be engaging in fun activities where I make use of all of our mats. I create an obstacle course with different climbing, moving and balancing activities. We have a day where we move in different ways together in a challenge “Monster Walk”. This is a really fun time for the kiddos. It is important that the children have socks with them during the next couple weeks. If you could help remind them about this, I would appreciate that.

As I mentioned last month, I will start communicating about youth sports and activities. Look for that communication over the weekend. Thank you!

~Mr. M

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.

Are you interested in learning more about the Gifted and Talented (GT) program in BVSD?

Please join us for a Coal Creek GT Informational Meeting! Dr. Michelle DuBois, Boulder Valley School District Gifted and Talented Coordinator, will present on the GT program in BVSD on Friday, November 15th. The meeting will be held in the Coal Creek cafeteria at 7:30-8:15am.

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
Lost & Found

Please check the lost & found for any of your kids’ belongings. Anything left unclaimed will be donated to charity on November 22nd at 2:30pm.

Health Room News

We are in need of extra clothing. Specially underpants & pants.

Cold Weather

Colorado weather can change quickly. Think ahead when sending your child off to school. Send them with a jacket or sweater....they can always take it off. Help your child to keep their head and feet warm and dry.

A coat with pockets and a hood are good for storing gloves and/or a hat and covering the head when the temperature drops or the winds kick up.

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.

THANK YOU Parents

for providing food and snacks during conferences!
Most of you probably heard from your kids about turning Mr. Munoz into an ice cream sundae on October 18, 2019. It was an uproarious event and each student had a hand in adding toppings. Students were also treated to ice cream at lunch. Thank you again to all of our parents for all of your help and contributions to the PTA and our school.

The member meetings for 2019 have concluded as we head into a busy part of the year. Please mark down in your calendar our next PTA Member Meeting on Friday, January 31, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. More information to come.

During the October 25 Member Meeting the PTA was presented with a spending request from the Coal Creek Accountability Team requesting PTA funding for two additional academic tutors for the remaining 2019-20 school year. This request is outside the current budget and will be sent to the membership for a vote. We will also be sending out a vote on the shade structure previously approved for the blacktop on the playground. The costs to compete the project have increased since last Spring.

The All-School Musical is back and scheduled for Spring 2020 and we need some volunteers with technical abilities. We need a volunteer with skills to act as the sound engineer and we need a graphic designer willing to donate their time/ and skills to design t-shirts and posters. Please go to https://www.helpatschool.org for an updated list of opportunities to help.

Dining for Dollars

Please be sure to tell them you are from Coal Creek Elementary. There is no benefit to the PTA if you do not make our presence known.

Lucky Pie on November 6, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – Close.

Mod Pizza on December 10, 2019. 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

3rd Annual EverEve Style Fundraiser. Grab your mom friends and join us Tuesday, November 19, at Evereve for a night of shopping and fundraising!! We will have private use of the store while being personally styled. 15% of all purchases will benefit the Coal Creek PTA.

Thank you parents for all of your help!

Amy Baggett – Treasurer; Peggy Wood – Secretary; Sara Estrada – Marketing and Fundraising Chair; Cristi Knudsen & Leah Vanberg – Volunteer Co-Chairs; Juliette Lepine – Teacher Liaison; Mark Larson – President; Carie Whalen – Vice President; Greg Reedy – Vice President/Finance

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5 Things You Need to Know: Staying healthy during cold and flu season

Randy Barber

Oct 8 2019
This time of year marks the beginning of cold and flu season. The Centers for Disease Control says that this may be a particularly nasty one – so we would like to remind you of a few simple ways you can help avoid these bugs.

Here are 5 Things You Need to Know about avoiding cold and flu season from the CDC:

1. **Wash your hands OFTEN**
   The best way to stay healthy is to keep your hands clean by washing them with soap and hot water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
   
   **Handwashing Tips for Kids | Children’s Hospital Colorado**
   **Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives**
   **It’s a SNAP Toolkit: Handwashing**

2. **Avoid Close Contact (Stay Home if you are Sick)**
   Colds and flus are easily transmitted from person to person when they are close contact. That is why we encourage people who are sick to stay home. [How sick is too sick?](#) - See Health Services for guidelines on when to stay home

3. **Cover your mouth and nose**
   Typically cold and flu are transmitted through your mouth and nose. By avoiding contact with your face and even covering it with a mask – you can avoid getting sick. Of course, if you sneeze or cough, make sure to cover your mouth and nose (elbows are great for this) and wash your hands.

4. **Clean surfaces regularly**
   Oftentimes the cold and flu are transmitted when sick individuals touch doorknobs, desks or other items – and by cleaning surfaces with disinfectant, you can keep these diseases from spreading.

5. **Stay Healthy**
   By sleeping well, eating healthy, exercising regularly, managing your stress and drinking plenty of fluids, your body is less susceptible to illness.