

Superior Elementary Snapshot

October 3, 2014

International Walk to School Day – Wednesday, 10/8

Superior Elementary will be participating in the International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 8th.

For those of you who carpool or ride the bus to school, we will have a Walking School Bus from Purple Park to the school that morning. The buses will drop off all students at the parking lot along South Pitkin (across the street from Purple Park, next to the volleyball court) that morning. If you do NOT want your bus rider to participate with the walkers, the bus will proceed to Superior Elementary as usual. Mrs. Bedford and Mrs. Kinderman will escort the students from the park to school, and we welcome parents and other family members to join us. Carpoolers who wish to participate should be at the Purple Park parking lot by 7:40 a.m.

The Eco-Cycle Used-Shoe Collection - Monday-Friday, 10/6-10/10

Here's an opportunity to clean out the closet! Cast off your used shoes in the knowledge that they will be used by those in need of proper footwear. Look for the specially marked collection boxes at school.

You may be interested to know the journey taken by your used shoes. After being sorted and packaged by our partner Eco Cycle, they go to Red Star Raggs in Denver and in turn are shipped out of the country. Many shoes go to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. A big load was recently sent to Togo and Nigeria in West Africa. The supply chain starts with you and your children! Your donation would be much appreciated.

Acceptable shoes include: boots, sandals, athletic and dress shoes (no light up shoes, please; they contain mercury). Please do not donate cleats, flip flops, muddy, ripped, or torn shoes. Pair, tie or band and drop your clean shoes in the marked boxes at SES. Donated shoes will be reused around the world!

Common Sense Parenting, Evening Classes – Thursdays, 10/16 – 11/20

Parenting doesn't come with a manual but if it did, it might look a little like Common Sense Parenting, a research based social skills model that gives parents tools to keep calm as you specifically teach, praise and correct behaviors that aren't working for your family. Learn and practice the skills you need to teach your children and teens to navigate their way to a successful adulthood.

Our entire teaching staff and paraprofessionals were all trained in the Boys Town Model of a Well Managed School, which are strategies to create a productive and cooperative social climate throughout our building. These strategies are the same ones that you will learn during the Common Sense Parenting Class, also created by Boys Town. Our goal is to have students spend less time off-task and more time being academically engaged.

Registration is required by October 14th. Please contact Anna Stewart (anna.stewart@bvsd.org / 720-561-5918) or Leslie Gaiser (leslie.gaiser@bvsd.org / 720-561-6037) to register. These classes will be held here at Superior Elementary, October 16 through November 20, Thursdays 5:30-7:30 pm. Training is free, \$12 for book and materials. Space is limited.

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TAG Coffee Chat – Wednesday, 10/22

You are invited to a TAG Coffee Chat in the SES library on October 22 from 8:30 – 9:30 am. You will have the opportunity to connect with other parents, learn about TAG services being offered this year as well as volunteer opportunities. Please contact Laura DeAngelis (laura.deangelis@bvsd.org) to RSVP.

Facilities Master Plan

BVSD Measure 3A on November 4 General Election Ballot Would Fund District Wide Building Improvements

The BVSD Board of Education unanimously approved the new BVSD Educational Facilities Master Plan and also placed on the November 4, 2014 election ballot a proposed property tax increase (Ballot Measure 3A) asking BVSD voters to approve a capital improvement bond issue totaling up to \$576 million to fund repairs and renovations in every BVSD building.

This master plan outlines much needed and overdue capital improvements for all schools. At a glance, across the district the master plan calls for:

- Improving the physical condition of schools by performing critical repair, and replacement of roofs, HVAC systems, electrical & plumbing, asphalt and interior finishes and other systems. Nearly 50% of the plan includes this type of work;
- Rebuilding existing schools that are beyond repair: Emerald, Douglass and Creekside elementary schools;
- Providing new learning spaces or renovating existing spaces: as needed for the expansion of full day kindergarten, expanded preschool, special education, fitness and physical development.
- Constructing a new school in Erie for enrollment growth serving Pre K through 8th grade students;
- Providing safe, healthy, comfortable learning environments through security upgrades, asbestos abatement, ventilation upgrades and installation of air conditioning in select buildings;
- Improving energy efficiency with lighting upgrades, HVAC upgrades, and ensuring systems are performing optimally;
- Supporting innovative teaching methods to personalize learning and prepare students for college and careers and increase the use of instructional technology;
- Improving operational efficiency and functionality with improvements to district-wide support facilities.

The plan includes many of these improvements for our school. You can read our school's page outlining what the proposed improvements and budget are for our building by linking to the BVSD Capital Improvement Program on the front page of the BVSD website (www.bvsd.org) or by linking directly to the plan at: <http://www.bvsd.org/CapitalImprovements/EdFacilityMasterPlan/Pages/default.aspx>

The projects proposed in the master plan will enhance the learning and work environment for all students and staff and will have significant positive impact on student learning across the district for many years.

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Boulder County Voting Information

The Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's Office wants to make sure all residents have the information they need to vote in the November 4 General Election.

1. All voters in Colorado now receive a mail ballot. Elections in Colorado are conducted by mail ballot with select Voter Service and Polling Center locations available for voting in person. All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot to the address provided on their voter registration the week of October 13. Voting begins October 14. Ballots must be received by the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder no later than 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4. (Tip: Recently moved? Make sure your voter registration information is correct by visiting www.BoulderCountyVotes.org).
2. In person voting is still available – Voter Service and Polling Centers open Monday, October 20. Any voter who would like additional assistance with voting or who would like to vote in person can do so at any Voter Service and Polling Center throughout the county. (Tip: Locations and hours/dates of operation will be included in your mail ballot packet and are listed [online](#)).
3. Any citizen who has resided in Colorado at least 22 days may register to vote up to and including Election Day. Monday, October 27 is the last day to register/update your [voter registration](#) and still receive a mail ballot. After October 27, a voter will need to visit a VSPC in order to request a ballot.

BVSD Community Connections: Resources for Kids & Teens

BVSD's online guide, Community Connections: Resources for Kids & Teens can be found at <http://guide.bvsd.org>. The goal of Community Connections is to connect the BVSD community with groups and individuals offering youth-oriented activities and services. Categories include academics and tutoring, health and support services, camps and classes, sports and fitness, the arts, teens, adventure, college planning and more. We strive throughout the year to make Community Connections a valuable resource for fun, educational and transformative opportunities for kids and teens.

To learn more about Community Connections or to discuss advertising options, please contact Marla Riley at 720-561-5977 or marla.riley@bvsd.org.

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SES PTA Information

Fall Fling – Friday, 10/17

Come one! Come all! Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Fall Fling, is happening on Friday, Oct. 17, 4 – 8:00. You and your kids won't want to miss this fun community event. We will have food, games, raffles, a cake walk, and an incredible silent auction. Money raised directly helps our school with field trips, technology, art, music, academic support, and more. Don't miss out on the fun of volunteering! Run a booth with your kid(s)! No background screening required to volunteer. Please go to <http://vols.pt/ZkLzCq> to sign up for a 30 minute, 60 minute, or longer time slot (we need 300 - 500 volunteers to make this event happen)!

3A Informational Event – Tuesday, 10/7

Join the conversation about measure 3A and what it could mean to those of us living in the Town of Superior. A community informational event will be held in the Superior Elementary gymnasium on Tuesday, October 7th from 6:30pm-8pm. Individuals representing multiple positions have been invited to present perspectives on 3A. The SES PTA is hosting this information gathering event. Questions can be directed to Lynette@Zickerman.com.