

September 5, 2014

Dear SES Parents and Families,

Our first two weeks of school have been full of excitement, fun and time spent getting to know all of our new classmates and teachers! During these last two weeks we have added two phenomenal new staff members to our SES Family. Lucas Velasquez has joined our 1<sup>st</sup> grade team and Michele Muckle is our new health room nurse. Mr. Velasquez is returning to BVSD after spending three years teaching in North Carolina. In 2007, Mr. Velasquez started his teaching career at Monarch K-8 teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we are very happy to welcome Mr. Velasquez back to BVSD. As many of you know, Michele was a nurse, before she became a full-time mom. We are lucky to have Michele and know that she will provide our students with the very best care and lots of TLC when they visit the health room. We are very excited to have both of them as part of our SES Staff!

With the beginning of September comes a month full of events. Please mark your calendars for all of these important dates.

**PTA Meeting Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the SES Library**

Please join us for light refreshments as we kick off the year!

**Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 10;** please refer to the schedule below for specific times. We ask that you do not bring your student/s with you as this is an informational night for parents.

5:30-6 Kindergarten Enrichment Information with Deb Seigel in her classroom

6-6:30 New SES Parent Information in the Gym

**6:30-8 BTSN Schedule:**

6:30-6:55 K and 1<sup>st</sup> (PE and Music 7-7:10)

7:00-7:25 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (PE and Music 6:45-6:55)

7:30-7:55 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (PE and Music 7:15-7:25)

8:00-8:15 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical information in the gym

\*PE and Music in the Gym; Art and Library in their rooms)

**SES School Accountability Meeting Tuesday, September 16th at 2:45 p.m.:** All SES parents are welcome to join us for our first School Accountability Meeting (SAC) for the 2014-15 school year. This committee is composed of parents, teachers,

administrators and community members. As part of Colorado's educational accountability program, SAC's goals and objectives are designed to improve student achievement and maintain a safe and positive learning environment at Superior Elementary School. A School Profile and Annual Report are prepared each year to communicate progress towards our goals to members of our school community. Meetings are held 6 different times throughout the school year and are open to our parents and the public. If you are interested in becoming a member of our SAC committee applications are available in the office.

**Assessment Day is September 22:** BVSD has designated this day as an Elementary Assessment Day. Each student must attend an appointment with his/her classroom teacher to complete reading, writing and/or math assessments. Depending on the grade level, the appointments will range from 30 minutes for kindergarten, 1 hour for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 1 ½ hours for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 3 hours for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teachers use this assessment information to plan whole group and individualized instruction. This assessment day provides teachers with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of each student's abilities. We will be sending out a google document on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. for parents to sign up for an assessment time.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences are September 30, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:** These conferences are our "Goal Setting Conferences". Please make sure you sign-up for a conference with your child's teacher. Our sign-up sheets will be sent out on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., they will be in the same format as our Assessment sign ups. Please look for your teacher's name at the bottom of the page and make sure you sign up for a time slot before September 25<sup>th</sup>, we hope to have 100% participation! These conferences provide teachers the opportunity to share individual assessment results and develop learning goals for each student that will be specifically focused on throughout the year.

**Fall Fling Change of Date, October 17:** Please note this change of date for our Biggest and Best Fundraising event of the year!

**2014 TCAP SCORES:** We are very proud of our students for the tremendous growth that was made during the 2013-14 school year. We know that our students' success couldn't have been achieved without such dedicated and hardworking staff members and support from our parents. We will use this data to determine our school's UIP goals for the 2014-15 school year. The academic achievement, academic growth and climate goals will be shared with you in next month's Snapshot. This work continues to be a collaborative effort that involves our families, the school and our entire community. Thank you for your help in supporting your child and our teachers. **Congratulations to all of our students!!**

**CSAP/TCAP % Proficient & Advanced**

Grade	Subject	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Math	96	92	92	94	94
	Reading	94	98	93	98	95
	Writing	79	77	77	79	80
4 <sup>th</sup>	Math	95	95	91	92	98
	Reading	95	94	89	91	97
	Writing	91	89	73	83	90
5 <sup>th</sup>	Math	90	96	94	88	90
	Reading	97	99	94	97	94
	Writing	92	95	92	82	91
	Science	76	87	90	88	Scores not yet received
Overall	Math	94	95	92	92	94
	Reading	95	97	92	95	95
	Writing	87	88	82	81	87

**CSAP/TCAP Median Growth Scores**

Grade	Subject	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14
4 <sup>th</sup>	Math	66	70	56	74	75
	Reading	63	53.5	59	69	72
	Writing	73	62	56	68	70
5 <sup>th</sup>	Math	70	66.5	69	58	77
	Reading	64	63.5	76	70	74
	Writing	75	72.5	75.5	55	76
Overall	Math	68	68	64	65	77
	Reading	64	57	67	69	73

	Writing	74	66	70	58	72
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Districts and grade levels with numbers at or above 50, in their growth scores, are growing as fast as or at a faster rate than the state. We have growth data for our fourth and fifth grade students by comparing their results to their previous year's TCAP scores. We do not have data on third graders since this is the first year for them to take the TCAP.

**Inclement Weather Procedure:** During inclement weather, a red flag is hung on the flag pole letting students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades know that they can go to the gym to line up with their classmates, while Kindergarteners go directly to their classes. Please make sure your child dresses and prepared for the constantly changing Colorado weather. We will go outside for recess every day, even when it's raining or snowing, as long as there is no lightening, blizzard conditions or temperatures below 20 degrees.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jenn Bedford

**School Food Project Parent Liaison volunteer position available!** Our school district has transformed the lunch program within the last few years so that the schools are able to offer healthy and unprocessed lunches made from scratch, using local and organic foods whenever possible. If you are interested in becoming a parent liaison for Superior Elementary and getting involved with our district's lunch program, please contact Jennifer Simon, jsimon326@yahoo.com. There will be a kick-off parent liaison meeting for the district on Tues., Sept. 16 at 12:15. Upcoming events also include a district iron chef competition for students, food tastings during lunch time in our cafeteria, and Rainbow Days when all of our students make a salad from our salad bar.

**Library Volunteer Opportunities:** Superior Elementary's Library always welcomes and appreciates volunteers! Volunteering can include stopping by during the school day to help out with shelving or checking in with your child's classroom teacher about coming to the library for your child's weekly scheduled visits. Please contact Mrs. Griffith, Superior's Librarian, at katrina.griffith@bvsd.org.

**Fall Fling**

# Fall Fling 2014

Our biggest school Fundraiser!

Save the Date

Friday

October 17

4 - 8 pm

Rain or Shine - Come support our school!

More information to come in Friday Folders, emails and around school.

**Auction items needed - Contact Karen Baker to make a donation**  
[karenblk@aol.com](mailto:karenblk@aol.com)