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Calendar

February 7

Professional Development Day
No School

February 8, 10 & 16

Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 21

President's Day – No School



Hello Coal Creek Elementary families,

We want to thank everyone who has supported our school community and families over the past month and beyond. Support has come from our own CCE families, other schools in the district, local and global businesses, BVSD, etc..Our PTA leadership team and volunteers have been absolutely amazing with all of the support they have provided and with the CCE donation dropoff/pickup through the pods center. We are forever thankful for each and every person who supported this effort. It has made a tremendous impact for many families across the community.

We would like to extend a big thank you, in advance, to our PTA and parent community for providing our staff this month with some great meals during our Parent Teacher Conference nights. Your generosity, time and thoughtfulness is always appreciated. This is yet another example of how our parent community supports and takes care of our staff at CCE!

Our recent snowy mornings/afternoons have definitely tested patience for everyone. Thank you all very much for your continued effort in maintaining safety in our Hug N Go. We continue to hear from many of our community members about how much they also appreciate the focus and follow through during the drop off and pick up times at Coal Creek.

In preparation for required emergency drills, I wanted to let you all know that the Fire Marshalls in both jurisdictions are providing BVSD with another one month exemption for February. In absence of doing an evacuation and full drill, our staff and Emergency Response Team will be having discussions, covering logistics, reviewing the evacuation points and understanding everyone's responsibilities during the event (communication, student safety, accountability/attendance, securing their rooms etc.)

We are very thankful and excited to introduce our new community liaison, Brittany Schaefer, who will be with CCE through the end of May. BVSD has allocated this position to support the schools impacted by the Marshall Fire. She will be splitting her time between 3 schools. Please read below to learn a little more about Brittany and how she can support:

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Hello Coal Creek Community!

I am Brittany Schaefer and I am a BVSD Community Liaison. This is my sixth year in BVSD, and my second year as a Community Liaison. I am now working with Coal Creek to help support families who have been impacted by the Marshall Fire. I can help connect you to resources such as food, clothing, hygiene/personal care items, gift cards and more. I have dedicated hours to supporting Coal Creek on Tuesday afternoons (11:30am-3:30pm) and Thursday mornings (7:30am-11:30am). However, you can reach me by email any day of the week: Brittany.Schaefer@bvsd.org and leave a message at my office phone any time as well: 720-561-6676. I will be checking in with families to just be sure that none of your needs have changed, and if they have, to see how I can support you. Please don't hesitate to let me know what you need support with - I am happy to help. Just a little about "me": I am a mom of a nearly 2 year old little boy, Lincoln. My family is my joy. We enjoy being outside and dancing to music. We have a 7 month old Yellow Lab, Hank, who is Lincoln's best friend.

We are also very fortunate to have our new SSA-Safety School Advocate assigned to Coal Creek. The school district has shifted from having SRO's to SRA's at all Boulder Valley Schools. Our SSA name is Jerimiah DeHerrera and I have really enjoyed getting to know him...we are fortunate to have him here at CCE. Here is an introductory [letter from Jerimiah to you all](#). Here is a really developed description for the SSA position:

- This position is responsible for ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in assigned schools. Position assists the administrative staff with enforcing policies and procedures for safe and orderly schools at the building level. Assist administration in the effort to reduce unnecessary law enforcement referrals relating to issues that can best be addressed internally. Coordinate security operations, drills, exercises, and protocols for all grade levels, and support departments within their designated feeder group. Collaboratively, with administration, assist in the hiring process, train, supervise, and evaluate security staff within their feeder group. Conduct internal investigations and document incidents involving violations of law, policy, or other safety- and security-related incidents within or against the District. Reduce the need to refer student behavioral issues to law enforcement through the use of restorative practices. Partner with school administrators to develop and maintain positive relationships with students and staff, fostering an environment of collaboration and support for the safety of all Boulder Valley School District campuses. Work with the student body to foster an atmosphere of student safety and self advocacy. Positions may rotate duties among several schools throughout each day. Manage the day-to-day operations and work of all assigned security personnel. Maintains liaison with police, fire and other agencies to ensure appropriate use of resources in order to provide safety and maintain a high level of emergency preparedness.

I'm also thankful to share with you all that BVSD is working with Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) to install outdoor air quality monitors on the exteriors of the eight schools in Louisville and Superior in order to have accurate, real-time data to make decisions regarding outdoor activities and ventilation rates. Planning is still in progress, and we will provide more information when it becomes available. This week, BCPH provided additional information regarding outdoor air quality conditions in this [news release](#). As a reminder, mask wearing when outdoors continues to be optional and is at the discretion of individual families.

~Coal Creek Stronger Together, Brian Muñoz

Counselor's Corner

Happy February Coal Creek!

January has passed, and although it felt like a blink of an eye, I know that some days felt like a year. I want to commend you, families, for the amazing outpouring of support, kindness, and love that you have provided your students over the past month. You have modeled these traits, and your students come to school daily and continue to practice the same compassion, understanding, and grace that you have been teaching them. Thank you to all of you and the work you continue to do through all the hardships, I confidently can say your kids are seeing it and passing it forward to others.

SEL Updates

I have heard from many of the students about the incredible coloring books that were distributed to all students from Ahava River, titled "Discover the River." I hope that you have had an opportunity to share an experience with your student in that book as there are some really neat exercises that can create great discussion.

No Place for Hate continues to have a strong presence in Coal Creek, and students have wrapped up creating their posters in art class. I must say, they are absolutely stunning! The messages, emotions, and power behind these artistic creations are moving and so powerful. I can't wait for you to see your student's pictures, they are amazing. Another amazing thing is that the ADL and No Place for Hate decided to extend the deadline to submit artwork to the No Place for Hate Art Contest until February 21st! If you and your student would like to submit your artwork but are unable to, please let me know and I can support you all in getting that artwork submitted for the competition. Remember that the submission is completely optional. If you don't want to do it, there is no penalty, if you do want to do it, then it is a great opportunity. We had 3 in the Top 3 last year and 1 honorable mention, so Coal Creek will always have a strong representation. If you would like to learn more, see the guidelines, or figure out how to submit from home, the link with all the information is [here!](#)

This month we will continue to have classroom discussions around our Zones of Regulation, while also tying into some lessons elements of our Sources of Strength curriculum. Continuing to increase students' awareness of what emotional tools they can use and what people they have to support them will continue to help them feel comfortable not only recognizing when something may be troubling them, but that it is ok to reach out for help. Our community is strong, and to be able to reach out and rely on others is a strength, teaching your students that message will leave a lasting impression on them as they grow.

Once again, thank you all for your support. I've heard from many of you all the ways you want to support, have supported, or are currently supporting these students on a daily basis. Please remember that if you ever have any concerns, questions, or thoughts and would like to reach out to me, please feel free to do so. I look forward to hearing from you and here's to hoping for a wonderful February.

In Partnership,
Rob Dorr



[Need to Speak with Mr. Dorr?](#)

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In the CCE Library

The 2022 [Newbery and Caldecott](#) winners were chosen and we are excited to purchase copies of these books for the library. This month, students will be reading and voting on the Colorado Children's Book Award. If you are looking for some great books to read, click [here](#) to see the list of book nominations. Most of the books can be found in our library or at the local library.

Battle of the Books continues to meet weekly and students have been working really hard to finish all of the books! We were very fortunate to have been given several copies of BOB books from the Boulder Rotary Club!

Makerspace

We are preparing for some Read Across America makerspace challenges and we are requesting the following items:

1. Paper towel rolls
2. Pipe cleaners
3. Colorful feathers

Happy Reading From Your Librarians,
Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Chen



Report Cards

Grades 1 – 5 Available in IC

[Parent View Report Card Guidelines](#)



Replacement Photos & Yearbooks for Those Lost in the Fire

Tanya Stearn's, an alumni CCE parent and past Yearbook Coordinator, has graciously offered assistance in coordinating the replacement of photos and yearbooks that were lost in the fire. This service is being offered to all current and past Coal Creek Families. This will be a lengthy process but please just know that we are working on it.

Please complete this [LINK](#) if you are interested in ordering replacement items.

PTA News

Hello Pumas!

It is hard to believe it has been a month since the fire. I hope everyone affected is starting to settle into a new routine and normalcy. We know this is going to be a long road for so many but know that Coal Creek PTA is here for you and our school.

Final POD Day!

The POD has served its purpose and helped so many families in the immediate aftermath but with so many other free store options we have made the decision to close the CCE POD. This Sunday February 6th will be the final day. ALL CCE families and any other fire affected families are welcome to come get any items you need from 10am -3pm. Any remaining items will be picked up by Conscious Alliance and taken to a Native American Reservation in South Dakota. The PODS will be picked up on Tuesday. If you are able to help volunteer your time on Sunday, please sign up [here](#). We are now figuring out the next steps and how to best help our school and affected families. Please let us know how we can help.

THANK YOU THANK YOU to all of you that volunteered your time, your donations and monetary gift cards. We could not have done the POD or helped our affected families if it wasn't for this amazing community.

Yearbook: Photos wanted!

Yearbooks are in production for the 21-22 school year. While the school's event schedule is still not what it was pre-COVID, there have been many notable moments that we'd love your help to showcase! Please share any school-related photos with luisacrosen@gmail.com or paddler04@hotmail.com.

Yearbook ordering instructions will be shared with all parents in March. Please disregard any promotional email from TreeRing at this time.

Parent Partners Needed!

We are seeking Parent Partners to help incoming Kindee (and other new-to-CCE families) get acclimated. Parent Partners answer questions about the school, the schedule and about the culture at Coal Creek. Events begin in the spring with a Kindee Orientation (May 2022) and then there are usually two or three Popsicle Playdates over the summer. Parent Partners do not have to make every event. The most important part of the role is to email the incoming families and answer any questions about life at Coal Creek Elementary.

If you'd be interested in sharing your time and wisdom with incoming families, please consider signing up here: <https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/25/events/3602>

Join the PTA Board!

Interested in volunteering your time and getting more involved? Join the PTA Board!! We have multiple positions open next fall including President, VP of Finance, and Co-Volunteer chair. Reach out to any current PTA board member to learn more!

Sending strong positive vibes to each of you.

Your PTA Board



Monthly Updates & Highlights

- ★ Registration is closed for our *Spread the Love Adventure Camp* on 2/7
- ★ SAC closed 2/21 in observance of President's Day
- ★ Sticking around for Spring Break? SAC will be open **March 21-25!** More information about the activities, games, and more will be available soon. Registration will be available via DaycareWorks once open.

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February

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Discovery Zone: Pastel Playdough	2 Creative Zone: Secret Message V-Day Card	3 Discovery Zone: Olympics Day!	4 Creative Zone: Love Bugs
7 No School: SAC Adventure Camp!	8 Creative Zone: Love Monsters	9 Discovery Zone: Paper Heart Sculptures	10 Creative Zone: Rocket Valentines	11 Discovery Zone: Candy Heart STEAM Challenge
14 Valentine's Day Party!	15 Discovery Zone: Fizzing Hearts	16 Creative Zone: Beaded Bracelets	17 Discovery Zone: Red Hot Slime	18 Creative Zone: Munkle Hearts Painting
21 No School: No SAC!	22 Discovery Zone: Recycle Day	23 Wacky Wednesday!	24 Creative Zone: Paper Airplane & Coloring Contest	25 Discovery Zone: Cloud Slime
28 Creative Zone: Holey Bead Madness				

BVSD School Age Care – SAC offers inclusive, fun and licensed surroundings for kindergarten through 8th grade students after the bell. Seven enriching Learning Zones give time for creative exploration, homework and outdoor play to complement the school day. SAC has been very popular at Coal Creek this year, and there are waitlists for all days of the week. To add your child(ren) to the waitlist, please email bvdsd.childcare@bvdsd.org.

SAC Adventure Camps are open to all Coal Creek families, and provide full-day engaging programs on non-school days. Coal Creek will be a host site for Adventure Camps this year.

BVSD Early Connections – Infants and toddlers can enjoy a safe, nurturing environment in our licensed facility inside the Arapahoe Ridge campus at 65th & Arapahoe in Boulder. We use the Creative Curriculum[®] to offer meaningful experiences that meet children's strengths, interests and needs.

Work for SAC and help us grow! We are currently hiring for a [SAC Staff position](#) at Coal Creek. Benefits include FREE child care during on days worked for all child care staff plus medical, dental, vision and retirement benefits for regular employees working 20+ hours per week. New hires also receive a \$500 sign-on bonus after 30 days of employment.

