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Calendar

December 10

Spelling Bee



December 16

Open Enrollment Presentation

2PM

<https://meet.google.com/ysf-rghi-mer?pli=1>

December 20 – January 4

Winter Break

No School



Greetings Puma Families! I hope you all had a relaxing Thanksgiving and had some time to reflect on the areas and people in your life that matter most to you. One of the aspects which I gave particular focus and reflection on was the appreciation I have for our school community and for all that we have here at Coal Creek. Please let your kiddos know how thankful we are for them and for all that they do to make CCE a great school to be a part of everyday.

Our Coal Creek Accountability Team is excited for our next meeting on Friday, December 10th from 7:00-7:40am. We will be discussing Coal Creek's data from last year's limited CMAS testing as well as our current baseline i-Ready data for the 2021-2022 school year. Here is the google meet link for the meeting: [12/10 meeting](#) We are also very excited to have Bill Sutter, Chief Financial Officer from BVSD, back at Coal Creek (virtually) for our CCAT meeting on January 14th from 7:00-7:45 am. He will be presenting on the school finance and budget landscape in Colorado as well as details for how that impacts us in BVSD. Please consider joining us if you have the time. Bill has presented a few times for us over the past couple years and it's always informative and interesting. Here is the google meet [1/14 meeting](#).

Although we have been experiencing some unusually warm weather recently, I wanted to send a reminder that as we make the transition from fall into winter, please consider the following as the weather changes:

- Layers will allow your child to stay warm even when the weather changes. We recommend that each student bring their coat daily so they are prepared for the elements.
- Students go outside whenever the temperature is above 20 degrees and or there is not excessive precipitation.

I also wanted to take a moment and cover what happens in the event that a two-hour delay is called and put in effect by BVSD. This may be announced if temporary adverse weather conditions exist in the morning, including but not limited to high winds, cold temperatures, or unfavorable road conditions during morning travel time. In the event of an announced delayed start, morning bus pick-up times and the school day will start two (2) hours after the normal start time at every grade level and the following items shall be in effect: School will begin at 9:50 a.m.

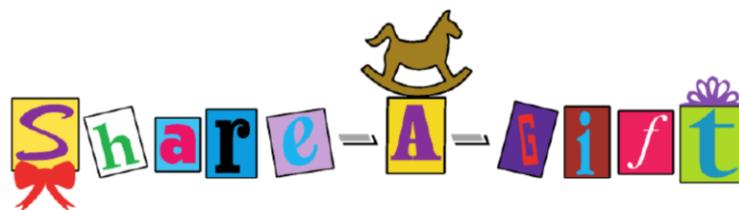
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- School will end at its normal time, 2:50 p.m.;
- Afternoon bus departure times will not be adjusted;
- Morning bus pick-up will be two (2) hours after the normal pick-up. For example, if on a normal day, bus pick-up is 7:35 a.m., on a two-hour delay, bus pick-up time will be 9:35 a.m.
- If the delay occurs on a Wednesday (typical one-hour late-start), buses will run as described above. Schools will start 2 hours after their normal (non-Wednesday) start time as described above. 9:50 a.m. start time, even on Wednesday.

We are fortunate in BVSD to have a strong Parent Engagement Network PEN. PEN's mission to support parents in raising healthy, happy children. Their goal is to help engage parents with relevant, research based programs delivered by content experts which support families. A survey administered earlier this year indicated the need for information about communication skills, stress management and healthy behaviors so they have planned events and workshops to support. I was looking earlier today and saw there is a conference/workshop coming up next month, Saturday, January 29 and Sunday, January 30 on the following: PEN's 6th Annual Virtual Stress & Anxiety Conference: Building Resilience. You can get more information on their [website](#).

I wish you and your family a wonderful Winter Break, December 20 - January 4th. We will be excited to see the kiddos back here on January 5th and look forward to the new year and our journey towards making things happen in 2022.

~One Proud Puma, Brian Muñoz



Toy Drive

Coal Creek Elementary will once again be participating in Share-A-Gift's holiday toy drive for families in need. Share-A-Gift is a local, non-secular, non-profit which distributes toys over the holidays for over 700 families living in Boulder County.

Please bring in a New, Unwrapped, and Unopened Toy for kids ages 0-14 years of age. Toys will be collected until Friday, December 10th.

Coal Creek Art Studio

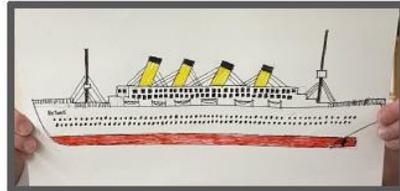
THANK YOU COAL CREEK PARENTS!

Thank you for supporting your child's art and the art program with your purchases from



"The Loving Treehouse"
A classroom collaboration

Featured art by: Mrs. Bock's 1st Grade class, Boden, Marlena, Ella, and Emily



If you missed the deadline and still want to order click [HERE](#)

In the CCE Library...

Makerspace

The Makerspace area is up and running! Students have the opportunity to design, create and build during library time. We would love to offer some new build challenges using different supplies each week but we need your help! Please consider donating any of the following items to the library:

1. Flattened cereal boxes or other THIN cardboard boxes that can be stored flat.
2. Paper towel or holiday paper rolls
3. Pipe Cleaners
4. Dominoes

Winter Break Reading Challenge

Students have the opportunity to participate in a reading challenge over winter break. Paper handouts will be available to students during the week before break. You can also find copies for [K-1st grade here](#) and [2nd-5th grade here](#). If students complete their sheet and bring it to the library after break, they will get a prize!

Battle of the Books is underway! This year, we have a record number of students participating. We have purchased two copies of every book and have copies available online through Sora. The local library is another great place to find these books.

Happy Reading From Your Librarians,

Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Chen

Counselor's Corner

Hello Coal Creek Families,

I hope the Thanksgiving break was restful and relaxing for you all. I have heard of so many wonderful experiences from the students so I believe they felt their break was fantastic! As I'm sure you're all aware, this month of December is going to fly by with the break coming up soon, and in the counseling aspect of Coal Creek, a lot will be happening!

No Place for Hate

No Place for Hate is up and running! Our coalition has met and each grade level has an idea on how they will be implementing No Place for Hate not only this month but in the coming months as well. Library time has been occupied with reading Amanda Gorman's "Change Sings" and doing activities on inspiring change in their community and beyond, along with lessons of inclusion and kindness. The Coal Creek students will also be getting an opportunity to sign the pledge for this year. The pledge is a unique opportunity for the whole school to acknowledge what it means to be a No Place for Hate School, and I've copied a picture of the pledge below so you can read it! A third exciting update from No Place for Hate is that the art contest, which we had 40+ students enter last year, is on again! Mrs. Zuccarro will be using the questions to foster a whole-school activity around exploring No Place for Hate through artwork, and I will be sending out additional information in January if you would like to submit your artwork to the contest. We had 2 students in the top 3 and 2 honorable mentions last year, which is very exciting!

SEL Curriculum

We have wrapped up our Second Step Bullying Prevention curriculum from October and November and are back to working on our Zones of Regulation. The younger grades will be focusing on each zone per week, Blue, Red, Green, and Yellow, and will be looking to examine themselves and be able to tell what they may look like, what may happen to cause them to feel a certain zone, and how others may be impacted when they are in that zone. Your students will be bringing these sheets home, and I would highly encourage you to have a discussion with them about this. Caregivers modeling their own triggers and owning how they act, look and feel when they're in a certain situation will provide our students with their own ability to own their zones. In older grades, students will be working more specifically on triggers and identifying which triggers put them in a certain zone. By learning and assigning what triggers are for us, we can begin to identify which tools work best for certain situations and which work best for others. In the end, we hope that students will have an abundance of tools that they can use no matter what the situation.

It is a lot of happenings here in the SEL world of Coal Creek, and students are always eager to take on these activities with an open mind. I hope they will be able to share their activities with you and foster a great discussion around emotional health. The more we can talk about social-emotional health now, the better we will all be for it.

I hope you all have a wonderful December and a great winter break! See you all in 2022!

In partnership,
Rob Dorr

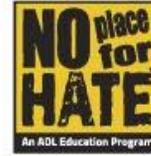
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THE NO PLACE FOR HATE® PLEDGE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



I PROMISE to do my best to treat everyone fairly.

I PROMISE to do my best to be kind to everyone — even if they are not like me.

IF I SEE someone being hurt or bullied, I will tell a teacher.

EVERYONE should be able to feel safe and happy in school.

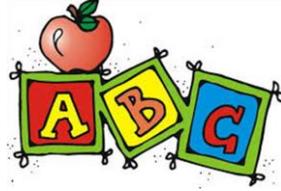
I WANT OUR SCHOOL to be No Place For Hate®.

Have You Signed the No Place For Hate® Pledge Yet?
Find out how from your school's No Place For Hate® committee



Do you have a Kindergartner for the 2022/23 School Year?

If you have a child that will be attending KG at Coal Creek in August 2022, please attend our KG Registration Evening on January 24th at 6pm. This will be an in-person event for adults only. Masks are required. You will have an opportunity to meet the Principal and KG teachers. The registrar will be present to guide you through the registration process. If you are aware of any new neighborhood kindergarten aged children, please inform their parents about this event.



Incoming kindergartens will have an opportunity on May 4th to attend orientation.

Lost & Found

Please check the lost & found for any of your kids' belongings. Anything left unclaimed will be donated to charity on December 17th.



Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2022-23 school year ends January 5, 2022 at 4pm.

Attendance

Please remember to report your student's tardy/absence through the Parent IC Portal or call 720-561-4502.

New Sustainability Advisory Committee - Call for Nominations

The BVSD Office of Sustainability is thrilled to announce the creation of the new Sustainability Advisory Committee ("Community Group, or Group") and call for nominations of members. This new community group was established through the 2021 [greenBVSD Action Plan](#) released this fall. The mission of the committee will be to act as a cross-sector advisory group to oversee the progress and continuous improvement related to all aspects of the greenBVSD Action Plan. Nominations close December 10, 2021. [Learn more](#)

Share-A-Gift Toy Drive and Toy Shop

Share-A-Gift provides toys, books, and bicycles for children of low-income families in the area of Colorado's Boulder Valley School District. [Click here to learn more](#) about the Toy collection on December 4 and the Drive-Thru Toy shop on December 18 for free gifts for students 0-14.

BVSD Events - Judges Needed!

The BVSD Sponsored Events coming up require your expertise! The [Corden Pharma Science Fair](#) on February 26th and [National History Day Colorado](#) on March 12th depend on your skills and knowledge to judge their student submissions. We are looking for people who enjoy or work in the Science and Social Studies fields. This is also a perfect opportunity for retired teachers. If you are interested please register for [Science Fair Judging](#) and [National History Day Judging](#) by December 31, 2021. Points of contact for questions are listed at each web page linked above.



Upcoming Adventure Camps

SAC is open from 8am-5pm and offer day full of fun filled themed activities.

Monday Dec. 20th- Candy Cane Carnival
 Tuesday Dec. 21st- Snow Globe
 Wednesday Dec 22nd- Home for the Holidays
 Monday Jan. 3rd- A New Year Celebration
 Tuesday Jan. 4th- January Jubilee

December

Cool Creek Elementary SAC Site Phone: 720-731-8242

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Creative Zone: Snowflake Banner	Discovery Zone: Frosty's Magic Tale	Creative Zone: Winter Village
Discovery Zone: Marshmallow Animal Dens	Creative Zone: Popping Polar Bears	Discovery Zone: Blizzard Storm	Creative Zone: Stained Glass Snowflakes	Discovery Zone: Exploding Snowman Soup
Creative Zone: Glitter Icicles	Discovery Zone: Melted Snow Globes	Creative Zone: Symmetrical Q Tip Snowflakes	Discovery Zone: Homemade Snowstorm	Creative Zone: Paper Hot Chocolate Cups
No School SAC Adventure Camp	No School SAC Adventure Camp	No School SAC Adventure Camp	No School No SAC	No School No SAC
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Assistant Supervisor: Emma Wood
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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.



PTA News

Happy December Pumas!

Here we are the last month of the year and only a few weeks away from the much deserved winter break.



Thank you to all who enjoyed a meal at Mudrocks! Our next dining for dollars event is this Tuesday December 7th at Mod Pizza on Dillon Rd in Louisville from 10:30am-9:00pm. Make sure you mention Coal Creek Elementary PTA BEFORE placing your order and 20% will be donated to our school. You can also visit MOD Pizza's online order website. Use the coupon code of "GR210950C" and 20% will be donated. This does not include 3rd-party delivery apps.

Thank you to all who baked or bought a pie for our staff last month. They truly love that tradition. Continuing with tradition, each December we show our gratitude to our staff by baking cookies!! Pull out your favorite holiday cookie recipe and sign up to bake your choice of homemade cookies. Please deliver them to the school by noon on Wednesday, December 15th on a disposable plate. Staff will be creating their own cookie platter to take home and enjoy. Sign up [here](#).



Each year the PTA is asked about gift ideas for the teachers. Please know buying a holiday gift for your child's teacher is completely optional and is in no way expected. Also, please note that BVSD gifting policy limits all gifts to \$25. Click [Coal Creek Teacher and Staff Appreciation Insights 2020](#) for teachers' favorite stores and items!

Here is [CCEdirectory](#)!! Thank you to all who submitted their information, our corporate sponsors and a HUGE thanks to Terence Keane for putting it together. We hope this helps you connect with other CCE families. Feel free to print a copy for yourself but please DO NOT share this PDF with anyone outside of our school community.



As you shop online this holiday season please set your Amazon Smile account to Coal Creek Elementary PTA. 0.5% will be donated to our school. That really adds up especially this time of year!

Wishing you all a wonderful winter break and holiday season. See you in 2022!

Best wishes,

Your PTA Board