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Eisenhower Elementary School
Boulder Valley School District—Excellence and Equity

September 2008

A Note From the Principal

Dear Eisenhower Community Members,

The 2008-09 school year is off and running. I have learned that the older I get, the faster the years seem to pass. Believe me...they are going pretty fast! What other job, however, gives you a chance at a new beginning each year, to be around joyful people the majority of the time and to be involved in the amazing process of learning? Such is my work and I thank you for the gift of your children!

The process of teaching and learning is a complicated one. I hope you saw the depth of care and concern your child's teacher has at our back to school night. Managing over twenty children in a way that is kind, challenging, exciting, and well orchestrated to handle a variety of tasks, is quite demanding. Eisenhower teachers are pros at this and they realize the important part you play in the process as well.

One of the things I am proud of at our school is

the fact that we try to continuously improve. You have seen it with our PTA and the new approaches they have. You see it with our teachers and the teaching emphasizes we are using. We are striving to make our curriculum delivery tighter and more powerful.

This year we will continue to work on improvements in student reading and writing achievement. We have adopted new spelling, handwriting and writing materials. We are redesigning our instructional delivery models to better meet the needs of all students. We are striving to have all of our students, from our most able students to those students who struggle the most, make significant learning gains. We are also continuing to make Eisenhower a Caring Community for all involved.

All of this fits into what I was saying at the start about things going fast. There is so much to do and we have

to use our time wisely. Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the rapidity of things that the essence of the journey gets blurred in the quest for the destination. My promise to you and to your child is that we will never be moving so fast that we forget that being a child takes time. It takes time to wonder and experiment. It takes time to have a hug or a pat on the back. It takes time to figure things out—including figuring yourself out!

So, in all of the rush, we will have to remember that, truly, sometimes you have to go slow to go fast and that going fast is only empty speed unless you have taken the time to do things right. We are trying our best to do just that!

Here's to doing the right things at the right time and to a great school year!!

Charles Serns

Important Dates

Sept 1	Labor Day
Sept 2	Choir Practice, 7:45-8:40 am 4th Grade Field Trip Bob-o-Link Trail 9:00-12:00
Sept 3	PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
Sept 5	Fun & Fitness Day
Sept 8	Wok n Roll Night
Sept 9	School Pictures Choir Practice, 7:45-8:40 am
Sept 10	Chess Class 3:15-4:15
Sept 12	Fun & Fitness Day (Rain Date)
Sept 15	1st day Intramu- rals 7:45-8:30
Sept 16	Choir Practice 7:45-8:40 am
Sept 17	Jump Rope Club: All Grades, 7:45-8:30 Chess Class, 3:15-4:15
Sept 18	Kindergarten Field Trip to Chautau- qua 9:00 and 12:30 Bingo Night: 6:00 pm

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Sept 19	No School
Sept 22	Intramurals, 7:45-8:30 am Math Olympiad 3:15-4:00
Sept 23	Choir Practice, 7:45-8:40 am
Sept 24	Jump Rope Club, 7:45-8:30 am Pupil Count Days thru Oct 8 Chess Class
Sept 25	Community Potluck Picnic 5:30-7:00 pm
Sept 26	Choir Practice, 7:45-8:40 am National Grandparents Day Luncheon Library 11:20-1:20
Sept 29	Intramurals, 7:45-8:30 am Math Olympiad
Sept 30	Choir Practice, 7:45-8:40 am

Welcome Back Kids, Teachers,
Staff and Parents!



Lifelong Learning Class Offered for Children at Eisenhower

Cool Tools Rule for Tech Savvy Kids Ages 9-12

Have fun creating online multi-media projects as we learn about digital photography, digital stories, web design, and more. Students will have the option of selecting an area of interest and creating an online project to demonstrate their passion to the world, or choose to create a multi-media project for a nonprofit organization as a community service project.

Thursday, November 6- December 18, 2008

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM; 6 sessions

Cost \$129, Materials Fee \$25

Instructor: Eckstein Location: Boulder - Eisenhower Elementary

Scholarships are available. Contact Julie Kurzawa at 303-499-1125 x222 or julie.kurzawa@bvsd.org.

Register at www.bvsd.org/III.



FUN RUN TOTAL

THANK YOU! We would like to thank everyone in the Eisenhower Community for all of their support with last year's Fun Run. Eisenhower students helped raise \$12,103.48. These much needed contributions were distributed for playground balls for each grade level, assemblies, before and after school activities, as well as the art, music, and physical education programs. You can see how this event helps to benefit so many programs, and more importantly, students. Again, we cannot thank everyone enough for their generous support in helping to make the Fun Run such a success.

Linda Chambers
Terry Neitenbach



What's Happening in Art

Elizabeth Jacobs, Art Teacher. Elizabeth.Jacobs@bvsd.org

Welcome back to school Eisenhower students and parents. I do hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to dive back into another school year.

This summer I spent some time reflecting on why I love to teach art and what it is that I hope your students will gain from having art as part of their curriculum in elementary school. I feel that each student should gain enhanced communication between the right and left hemispheres of the brain, their motor skills should become more matured and refined, and attention to detail and ability to focus should be greater through creating

art.

I want students to have a greater understanding of the world through art history and current working artists. I aim to help their creativity develop through this understanding and exposure to different cultures and artists. I support reading, writing, math, and science through my art curriculum and support the classroom teachers in their curriculum through art.

All of these elements are important, but the most important thing that your children can gain is self-

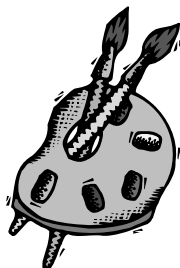
confidence through making art. I would like Eisenhower students to feel confident in their ability to make decisions, to feel confident in who they are and what they create, and to feel good about being different. Every student

should feel great about being who they are and reflecting this in their artwork and in their lives outside of school. If a child has self-confidence, I feel that they can grow into that sense of self and take that strength to middle school, high school, college, and into their adult life, giving them the power to make wise decisions. I

hope that each and every one of the students at Eisenhower can gain self-confidence through art this year while maturing their ability to create interesting and imaginative artwork.

This year in art will begin with an imagination jumpstart for each grade, we will go over rules and safety, and will get acquainted with our peers and the art room. A break down of each grade and the projects they will be working on will begin with the next newsletter.

Thank you and have a great first month of school.



Cub Scouting News

Eisenhower Cub Scout Pack #372 is gearing up for another fun-filled scouting year! Come and join in the FUN! Contact Mr. Kim Peoria for more information at kpeoria@centralcityopera.org or by phone at 303-665-2852. We look forward to hearing from you!



Physical Education News

Terry Neitenbach, Physical Education Teacher

As this new school year begins, Mrs. Hill and I would like to remind you about the importance of your child's physical activity education. The percentage of overweight youth has more than tripled in the past 25 years partially due to increased interest in sedentary activities such as television, computers, and video games. A reduction in physical activity as well as an increase in caloric intake has contributed to an obesity epidemic. It is a well-documented fact that Americans become increasingly less active as they age. Just as children and youth can learn the habit of regular physical activity, they can learn to be inactive if they are not taught skills and given opportunities to be active during their childhood.

Physical activity education in their physical education class is the cornerstone of an active lifestyle for all students. Physical Education helps provide the skills, knowledge and attitudes that facilitate choosing physical activity after school, at home, and in the community.

The following areas will be addressed this year in your child's physical education class:

- Establish a positive, safe learning environment for all students
- Teach a variety of physical activities that make physical education class fun and enjoyable
- Create maximum opportunities for students of all abilities to be successful
- Promote student honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship: "Treat others like you would like to be treated"
- Guide students into becoming skillful and confident movers
- Teach the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle
- Provide specific, constructive feedback to help students master motor skills
- Give students the opportunity to succeed in cooperative and competitive situations

I am also excited to welcome back Emily Hill to Eisenhower Elementary. She will be the Physical Education teacher for the first grade students this year. She also teaches at Nevin Platt Middle School and has six years of teaching experience. She grew up in Boulder Valley and is looking forward to being a part of the Eisenhower community once again.

You can help your child have a great year in physical education class by asking them what they have done in physical education class each day, and making sure they wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes appropriate for movement and activities everyday they have physical education class. If your child is unable to participate in physical education class, please write us a note. Also, you are welcome to attend your child's Physical Education class at anytime. We look forward to working with you and your child in promoting the importance and fun of a healthy and active lifestyle.

Eisenhower Jump Rope Club

Dust off your jump ropes. Beginning Wednesday, September 17th, all Eisenhower Elementary students are invited to participate in our Jump Rope Club. Jump Rope Club is designed to increase cardiovascular endurance, improve coordination and agility, meet friends, have fun, and most importantly learn to be a great rope skipper.

Jump Rope Club will be every Wednesday morning from 7:45 am to 8:30 am, in the gym. If your child didn't participate in Jump Rope Club last year, they are more than welcome to attend this year. There are no financial costs to participate in Jump Rope Club. Jump ropes are provided for all students. If students wish, they can purchase their own ropes for a small cost.

Please do not drop off your child before 7:45 am; there is no adult supervision before this time. Students wishing to participate will need to fill out a permission slip and return it to Mrs. Leahy or Mr. Neitenbach. After filling out the bottom portion, please return it to Mrs. Leahy or Mr. Neitenbach. We must have this permission slip before students can participate. Permission slips will be sent home at a later date.

Thank you,
Mrs. Leahy & Mr. Neitenbach





What's Happening in Music

Linda Chambers, Linda.Chambers@bvsd.org



Welcome back. Music is a busy place to be as you can see with all the activities going on in the music classroom throughout the year.

Dates to remember:

- August 26 – Vocal Choir begins 7:45 a.m. music room 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade only
- November 13 – 9 a.m.- noon Choir field trip to Platt Middle School
- December 9 – 2:15 school / 6:30 community – Vocal Choir, 5th Grade Handbells, Band and possibly Orchestra performance
- December 19 --1-2:40 p.m.– 2nd Grade Australian Walk-A-Bout includes music, PE, art, and food
- February 18 – 2 p.m. school / 6:30 p.m. community - 4th Grade Opera Workshop performance – Fun Run Money
- March 6 - 3:30-5:30 Talent Show Auditions – must register during the month of February
- March 13 - 3:30-5:30 Talent Show Rehearsal everyone must attend who is performing
- March 20 – 1-3 p.m - Talent Show School performance
- April 15 – 2:30 school / 6:30 p.m. community 3rd Grade Music Performance
- April 21 or 23 – all 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders will travel to Monarch H.S. or Macky Theater for an orchestra performance by Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra
- May 3-15 - 4th Grade non-CSAP assessments in Music
- May 20 – 9 a.m. school / 6:30 p.m. community - 5th Grade General Music, Band, and possibly Orchestra performance

Vocal Choir begins August 26, and continues every Tuesday and Friday when there is school, starting at 7:45 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. This activity is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who like to sing in a large group setting. We will be taking a field trip to Platt for their Elementary Choir Festival November 13. This year's festival will focus on improvisation. Choir members get to see the Platt Show Choir and all the different choirs available when you go to Middle School. Our final performance will be December 9 in the gym. We will perform for the school then in the evening at 6:30 for our parents. We will have a breakfast party/video viewing on December 12 during the regular choir practice time.

We're hoping to have the district piano keyboards & African drums sometime this fall.

Each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader will also be doing a guitar unit this year. These guitars were purchased with Fun Run money two years ago.

4th Grade will be doing an opera workshop for three weeks in February with a performance February 18, 2009 of the opera they will be composing during their music classroom. Our 'artist in residence', Cherity Koepke, will be leading this workshop and all students will have a chance to perform, work on stage crew, make scenery, write script, and any other activity involved in writing an opera.

Talent Show is a presentation of volunteer students who like to perform before large audiences alone or in a group. Acts include:

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| Jump rope | magic shows | gymnastics |
| Martial arts demonstrations | piano, guitar and other solo/group instrument performances | |
| Dancing | monologues | puppet show |
| Skits of various kinds | juggling | |

We expect all acts to be prepared and up to performance standards for the audition. There can be NO LIP SYNCING. If the act is chosen for the Talent Show all students MUST attend the rehearsal to be in the Talent Show.

Every three years we take 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to see an orchestra performance. Students are expected to dress in special occasion attire or something they would wear for an evening performance. There will be a fee to cover the cost of the performance. A grant is being written to help cover the cost of the bus and bus drivers. We are hoping to have scholarships available for students if needed. Our dates have not been solidified as of this writing. There is a choice of two venues being investigated, Monarch H.S. April 21 or Macky Theater April 23. Volunteers/Chaperones will be needed to take this trip. We like an adult for every 10 students. If you are interested, let Mrs. Chambers know.



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I would like to ask all 4th Grade parents to make sure their child is in school for the first two weeks of May. The district and state has mandated that all non-CSAP instructional areas must perform standardized assessments. All Boulder Valley 4th graders will:

- sing a song alone; 'Lil Liza Jane as taught from the 4th grade text book
- play an instrument and piece of music of the teachers choice alone,
- clap and say an eight beat rhythm
- recognize a melodic pattern played by the music teacher
- write a simple eight beat rhythm dictated by the music teacher

There will be classroom music programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades throughout the year. These programs are to give parents an overview of musical skills the students have worked on in music class. Most programs have a theme based focus that can be correlated to one of the units students have studied in their classroom. The music units contain activities in rhythm, melody, tempo, and dynamics. Most of all, they will learn to perform as a group following a conductor.

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – a set of 12 dulcimer kits were purchased with Fun Run money. Now we need some volunteer families to put them together. The directions are pretty simple but it takes two to three hours to build them. If your family would like to do this you can do it at home together or come to the school on a selected Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. You can call the school and leave a message for Mrs. Chambers, you can email her at linda.chambers@bvsd.org, or you can stop in and talk with her. You can see a copy of the directions at any time by picking them up in the music room.

See, I told you there was a lot going on this year in the music classroom. Stop by anytime and join us or just watch us, no appointment is necessary.



Eisenhower Elementary Intramural Program

Soon we will be starting our Intramural program for 4th and 5th grade students. This Intramural program is designed to give children extra time so they can further develop motor skills, as well as enjoy a more competitive game environment. Good sportsmanship, teamwork, and safety will be highly stressed during all activities.

The sports students will be participating in are Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, and other fun activities. The equipment to be used for all these activities will incorporate safety for each participant.

Intramural times are Monday mornings from 7:45 am to 8:30 am. Our first day of activities will be on Monday, September 15th. Forms will be sent home in Friday folders to the fourth and fifth grade students at a later date. Students wishing to participate will need to turn in their Intramural permission slip to Mr. Neitenbach in the P.E. office.

Please do not drop off you child before 7:45 am; there is no adult supervision before this time. There are no financial costs to participate in the Intramural program.

Thank You
Terry Neitenbach



TAG /Advanced Academic Services

Anne Burkholder, anne.burkholder@bvsd.org

What Is TAG?

TAG stands for Talented and Gifted, an identification for advanced learners, generally defined as students in the top 5% of math or verbal ability. Students in any grade can be nominated for TAG assessment by teachers or parents based on consistent, unusually high aptitude or performance, typically in math and/or verbal ability. Observations from parents, teachers, and aptitude test results are brought to a committee composed of the principal, teachers, and TAG Advisor. Students identified as TAG using BVSD criteria have an ALP (Advanced Learning Plan) to document how the student's academic goals, social/emotional needs and other interests can be met in class and at school. There is not a separate program or track for TAG students.

Some TAG enrichment activities are open to any interested student in the grades included in that activity, such as after school Chess or Science classes (all grades), Spelling Bee, Boulder Valley Chess League and Math Olympiad (grades 3-5); and Geography Bee (grades 4 and 5). Look for flyers in Friday folders, in the school newsletter, or on the bulletin board outside the TAG/Science Room.

For more information, the BVSD TAG website is: <http://bvsd.org/tag>. At the district level, Jennifer Barr is the TAG Coordinator, Becky Whittenburg is the TAG Resource Specialist in the Advanced Academic Services (AAS) department. Sign up for the district TAGlist by emailing becky.whittenburg@bvsd.org. At Eisenhower, contact your teacher, or contact me for further questions. Anne Burkholder, Eisenhower TAG Educational Advisor (TEA), anne.burkholder@bvsd.org

For parents: October 7, 7:00 pm, BVGT meeting and special presentation by Gloria Frender on "How Parents Can Help at Home: Great Practical Time Management and Organizational Skills for Your Child." The annual CAGT Parent Institute is October 13, see www.coloradogifted.org.

Mark Your Calendar for Fun and Fitness Day

On Friday, September 5th, your child will be participating in Eisenhower's "Fun and Fitness Day." This is similar to a track and field day. I am hosting this event in the fall to let parents interact with other parents and to give students the opportunity to interact with new classmates. Also, it is one less event in the spring when so many different school activities are taking place. This is a great chance for parents to see their child showcase their many skills. We are very fortunate to have Manhattan Middle School W.E.B. students assisting with this event. This lets parents be free to participate with their children. If the weather is not cooperating on Friday, September 5, our rain date will be Friday, September 12.

The following is a schedule that will be used on either day for "Fun and Fitness Day." Please note that Mrs. Moore's students will attend with their regular classroom.

9:00-10:15	4th grade and Kindergarten AM students
10:30-11:45	5th grade and 2nd grade students
11:45-1:00	Lunch for Manhattan W.E.B. students
1:00-2:15	3rd grade, 1st grade, and Kindergarten PM Students

So bring your tennis shoes and sunscreen for a day of "Fun and Fitness." If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Neitenbach at anytime.

Terry Neitenbach
Emily Hill
Eisenhower Elementary Physical Education Teachers



...school money through groceries

The Power of the Pen (not your PIN)

The Bite of Ike program previously called the (accurate but long-winded) Eisenhower Grocery Certificate Program generates crucial funds for our school. This money allows our kids to receive the special attention they need to flourish. Paraprofessionals in the classroom supercharge the learning curve for our kids. The TAG program keeps our kids challenged and motivated. Bite for Ike also provides books and supplies critical for creative lesson plans for our teachers.

Everybody eats...everybody shops. Eisenhower has pre-purchased grocery store certificates. When families plan a bit ahead and buy these certificates from the school, Eisenhower earns a percentage (5% when you write a check, 3% when you use a credit card). For example, I go to King Soopers so often the checkers know me by my first name and know my kids eat way too many Eggo waffles and chicken nuggets. Over the course of the month, Eisenhower has earned \$15 to \$20 just from my purchases. This may not seem like much, but over the course of the school year, this adds up to about \$180. If 200 families did this (not an unreachable goal) our kids would benefit from \$36,000. Wow! Free money for Eisenhower. All we have to do is feed our families. There's a bonus...Liquor Mart gives Eisenhower 10% instead of the usual 5%...do we really need another excuse to enjoy a California Shiraz?

Did you know that writing 18 checks (to Eisenhower PTA), post-dated from now through May, will generate nearly double the cash for Eisenhower (take out the middle man...uh or rather Chase Manhattan Bank)? Personally, I didn't know where my check book was, however, I did unearth it from the kitchen junk drawer and proceed to write the Eisenhower PTA 19 checks while Matt Lauer spoke to me from the "Bird's Nest" in Beijing. You too can dig out a check book, spend 3 minutes writing checks, and help Eisenhower achieve its teaching goals.

Post date your checks accordingly, bring them to the office, hand your envelope to one of the great women there to help you! If you absolutely must... we can take Visa and Master Card as well. Thanks for your effort.

THE POWER OF THE PEN

PLEASE POSTMARK YOUR CHECKS, WRITTEN TO EISENHOWER PTA FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES.

Sept 5	Jan. 23
Sept. 18	Feb. 6
Oct. 3	Feb. 20
Oct. 17	Mar. 6
Nov. 7	Mar. 20
Nov. 21	Apr. 3
Dec. 5	Apr. 17
Dec. 19	May 1
Jan. 9	May 15
	May 22

Contact, Kathy Brown at
303-554-8883
(gkbrown@comcast.net)
or drop by the office for a
sign-up form.

BITE FOR IKE PARTICIPANTS (\$25 and \$100 increments. minimum of \$100)

Safeway King Soopers Sunflower Farmers Market Vitamin Cottage Liquor Mart



Muses From The Library

Carol Piirto, ♦ Carol.Piirto@bvsd.org

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Summer Reading Logs. Each earned two books and a popsicle. Nice job!

Did you know it is National Grandparents' Day in September? The library is inviting all Eisenhower grandparents to come bring their brown bag lunch & eat with their children on Friday, September 26th during their grandchild's lunch period. Come eat in the cozy atmosphere of the library. Tables will be set up with tablecloths, flowers, and silverware. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Carol Piirto in the library. (carol.piiirto@bvsd.org, 303-443-4260) Approximate lunch times are: K-11:20-11:55; 1st-11:25-12:05; 2nd-12-12:45 3rd-11:50-12:35; 4th- 12:15-1; 5th- 12:40-1:20.

Ike Library shelvers are needed. Could you devote 30 minutes or one hour weekly to re-shelving books in the library? Our devoted volunteers who shelved books for 16 years in the Ike Library have retired. We are in need of folks to help out. No worries, there will be instruction and some practice. We'd appreciate the efforts! If you can help, please give a call or send a note to Carol Piirto at 303-43-4260 carol.piiirto@bvsd.org.

Ike Book Swap books are needed, Children loved the 1st Annual Ike Book Swap last Spring. We're planning on having another the Spring of '09. Naturally, kids do bring some books for the swap, but there needs to be a good base to begin with. If you have gently used books to donate for the swap, a) I will record the number of books that your child(ren) will be able to swap; b) send a record home to you; c) a reminder right before the swap so you know how many your child(ren) can take; and d) I will store them until the grand event. No need to wait until spring! Clean the clutter.

Do you have a special spot for library books? If you have a special box or place for your library books in your home, send in a note to me, Carol Piirto (carol.piiirto@bvsd.org) and your child will earn a grab bag. A special spot helps so that those favorite books don't go missing.

Volunteers and parent orientation will take place Thursday, September 4, from 2:30-3:00 in the library for anyone who can help out for even 15 to 30 minutes a week. It'll be lovely to see you.

Coming up in October: Dancing with the Stars Ike K-5 Reading Race, October 1-31 Read all the books, comics, websites, magazines and newspapers in October that you can find. Record your voracious reading in your 'dancing log' provided in the Ike Library (or make one of your own). Those who turn in a reading (aka 'dancing') log are invited to dance with an anonymous celebrity and have their photograph taken for posterity. A scrumptious healthy breakfast will be served in the library for all participants.

Optional: Put the definition for 1.scrumptious, 2.posterity, 3.voracious and or 4.anonymous- in the vocabulary jar on the library counter for a drawing. The drawing is for a lunch with your best buddies in the library with homemade brownies a' la Piirto for brownies.

Many thanks to Kelly Fano who built and painted the beautiful reading loft in the library. Please come have a look and enjoy our new 'reading tree house'. Also thanks to Steve Boselli for helping move and construct the loft with Kelly.

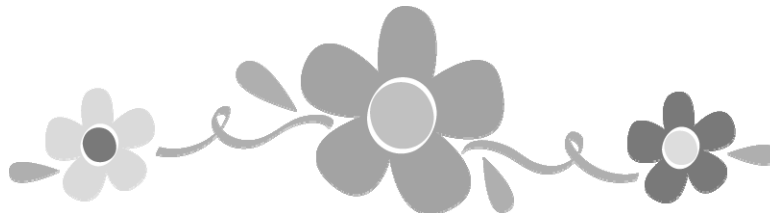




Reminder: Fall Spanish Class Registration!

Spanish classes will be offered at Eisenhower on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:50-8:35 am

Give your child a head start in Spanish, the most widely spoken second language in the United States. The Elementary Spanish Program is a local, parent-founded non-profit organization dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through interactive and fun classes. Classes meet after school at Eisenhower. Look for registration materials at your school office or in Back-to-School packets the final week of August. Registration deadline is September 22, 2008 and class size is limited. You can register today by calling ESP directly at 303-440-7196 or register online at www.kidsspeakspanish.org. Tuition is \$395 for the full year of classes, less than \$10 per class!



BVSD's Lifelong Learning Program: "Tech Savvy Parenting"

Internet safety is a huge topic among educators, parents, kids, teens and organizations such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and for good reason. According to a recent NCMEC study and pcmag.com, "By age seven, 60 percent of kids have been online; a number that jumps to 90 percent by age 9. Most tweens—kids between the ages of 8 and 12—stay on the internet for at least two hours a day."

NCMEC and Cox Communications hosted an internet safety summit in July and found that approximately "28 percent of tweens reported having been contacted by a stranger while online. About 18 percent did not tell anyone about being contacted, while 11 percent responded to a stranger." Not only do kids and teens need to be aware of internet predators, but internet bullying is on the rise. NCMEC reports 22 percent of kids have friends who have been bullied online.

These statistics can be unsettling for parents. How can you keep your 'tweens protected and safe on the internet? BVSD's Lifelong Learning is addressing these concerns by offering a Tech Savvy Parenting class to help educate parents about the latest technologies and how to keep kids safe on the internet. The class will also offer suggestions for using technology to support student growth.

About the instructor: Michelle Eckstein is the founder of Gifted Kids Network and an educational consultant specializing in using technology with gifted students. She has a master's degree in education from the University of Connecticut. Michelle serves on the BVSD Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee and currently serves as Secretary of Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented.

TECH SAVVY PARENTING

Dates: Monday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.; three sessions starting October 13 and ending October 27.

Cost \$89, Materials Fee \$10

Location: New Vista High School in Boulder

Get details and register at www.bvsd.org/III