



Foothill Flyer



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DATES TO REMEMBER

2/23	5:30pm-8:00pm, Bingo, 4th Gr. Sm. Gym
2/27,28	Lost and Found Items Disp., Hall by Sm. Gym
3/2	NO SCHOOL, District Professional Development. Day
3/5-20	<u>3rd-5th Gr. CSAP Testing Info. in Flyer</u>
3/7, 14, 21	2:45pm-3:30pm, Geog. Bee Practice, Art Room
3/12-16	8:25am-2:45pm, 1st Gr. Art Show, Lib.
3/14	W&W Wednesday
3/15	6:30pm, 1st Gr. Music Program, Sm. Gym
3/16	5:30pm-8:00pm, Bingo, 5th. Gr., Sm. Gym
3/19-20	"Jump Rope for Heart", during PE Classes
3/20	6:00pm-7:30pm, PTO Mtg. Lib.
3/21	8:00am, Stud. Gov. Mtg., 4Z Class. 3:00pm, Coffee with the Principal, Library
3/21-23	2:45pm, Talent Show Sign-Up's Sheet posted, by Music Room
3/22-23	8:25am-2:45pm, Lost & Found Items Disp., Hall By Sm. Gym
3/26- 4/3	NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
4/4	SCHOOL RESUMES

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Foothill Families,

Happy Spring! We are finally thawing out from all that snow. I want to recognize our custodial staff Dan, Almir and Andy for all of their hard work keeping up with the large amounts of snow that needed to be removed from so many sidewalks. In addition, we would like to give thanks to Eric Park who "picked" his way through the ice in our drop off area, Jimmy McClements, Jay Kokora and all the other anonymous helpers who assisted in shoveling snow to keep our kids safe. It was a big job and we appreciate all the help our community has given. The warmer days are a nice change.

Soon you will be receiving a Parent Snap Shot Survey in the mail. We take the results of this survey seriously and use it in planning our goals each year. Our hope is that we can continue to increase our return rate for the parent survey so that the results are reflective of our parents as a collective group. Please take a few moments and fill out the survey with your honest opinions regarding Foothill Elementary and Boulder Valley School District. You may mail the surveys back to the district, drop them off in the office or send them to school with your child in an envelope and we will route them to the district office for you.

The new calendar has been approved from the 2007-08 school year. It brings some noticeable changes in the start and end of the school year as well as spring break (it is only one week long – the extra 2 days off are in April). One of the biggest changes is the scheduling of assessments before the school year starts. Our staff will have the opportunity to complete the majority of literacy assessments on August 16th & 17th. This is helpful so that teachers will have current, accurate literacy data as soon as the students start school and services from the literacy teachers may start much sooner than in previous years. We are currently planning the logistics for those two days so stay tuned for more details.

As we continue our journey as a Green Star school we would like to continue to cut down on the paper usage. You can help by signing up for the Foothill Parent Email List at www.bvsd.org/schools/foothill and clicking on the Foothill parent email sign-up.

Warm Regards,

Melisa Zahn

SCHOOL INFO

Flyer News

The deadline for the April flyer will be on **Thursday, March 15, 2007**, at 3:00pm. Please be sure to email all articles to Lucia Catalano at lucia.catalano@bvsd.org by that date and time.

Kindergarten Registration

Families living within our attendance area need to register their incoming Kindergarten student. Our staff will be available to answer your questions and help you complete your forms. Please bring copies of your child's legal birth certificate, immunization records, a current physical and two proofs of residence to complete your packet. Spanish translation is available from Eugenia Brady at eugenia.brady@bvsd.org or at 303-443-1847 ext. 234.

CSAP Testing Scheduling

Please see the **insert** included in this flyer that lists important information regarding the schedule of the CSAP Tests.

Helping Your Child Do Well on The CSAP and other Tests

- Work with your child at home as well as with their school and teacher to help them become a consistent reader. Thirty minutes a day will impact your child's school achievement. Reading skills are important to measuring achievement in all curricular areas.
- Make sure your child attends school every day so he/she can learn as much as possible. This will enable your child to do well in school and on tests.
- Please have your child attend school each day that they have a scheduled test. Please ensure that your child is on time and has enjoyed a healthy breakfast.
- Encourage your child to do his or her best on tests. Talk with him/her about the test being a "snapshot" ; it is only one of many opportunities to "look one's best and show how much he/she has learned."
- Praise your child's improvement on tests and limit negative comments until you have a chance to talk with the teacher about unsatisfactory test scores.
- Provide a quiet place at home for your child to do homework assignments that reinforce what he/she is learning at school.

Character Matters

The character trait for the month of March is "Citizenship." The 4th and 5th grade will be decorating the board in the main hallway.

Parents are Encouraged to Complete School Survey

At the end of February or in the beginning of March 2007, parents will receive the Parent *Snapshot Survey* via the U.S. mail. Your participation is very important as the survey questions are aligned to the District's strategic plan so that we can determine how well our school and the District are performing. It is important for our school to have a high participation rate so that our survey data will accurately reflect parents' perceptions and opinions. The survey results are reviewed by our school staff and the District to determine what programs and processes are working and which ones need improvement. Consequently, the survey results can have a significant impact on our school operations. As this same survey has been given for several years, our school staff and District staff members are able to study trends and patterns in responses. All of this information helps us to serve you in the best way possible. Because your feedback is important, we hope that you will take a few minutes to complete the survey when you receive it in the mail and return it in the postage-paid envelope by **Monday, April 9, 2007**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Melisa Zahn at 303-443-1847.

Way to Go Mr. Warshaw!

Our very own "Library Man," Jonathan Warshaw, recently achieved National Board Certification. Mr. Warshaw shared a brief assessment as to his own perception of what this professional achievement means to him: "The National Board Certification process forced me to critically reflect on my role as an educator, it has by far made the greatest impact on my teaching career." Congratulations to an outstanding members of our staff and community, we are so grateful to have you as part of our "Foothill Family."

Pay it Forward

What would you do with \$1000 dollars to make the world a better place? This is the question Oprah presented to one of her audiences. She then gave each person \$1000 with a challenge to go make the world a better place. The premise of Oprah's program came from a book and movie called Pay It Forward where one good deed rolls into another. CBS News 4 in Denver posed the same question to their viewing audience. Ms. Hoskins' third grade students answered the big question and wrote

unique, heartwarming, and thoughtful letters to News 4. Their young voices were heard. Denver News 4 chose to honor all of Ms. Hoskins' third graders with one of the five "Pay it Forward" awards and an opportunity to make the world a better place with \$1000. The students voted to share the award with the Boulder Valley Humane Society and Sunrise Retirement community. The students purchased supplies for the animals at the Humane Society retail shop while a News 4 crew videotaped for a special news feature. News 4 also taped the students visiting Sunrise with letters and a gift card to build an on site Memorial Garden. Twenty four third graders made a difference. What would you do with \$1000 to make the world a better place?

Spelling Bee News

The Grand Champion of the Foothill Spelling Bee is Mike Beitner, a 5th grader in Mrs. Ramus' class. Mike accomplished this by spelling the word "dynamite" correctly. Mike will go on to represent Foothill at the Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 3, at Monarch High School, at 9:00am. This spelling bee is free and is open to the public. Our 2nd place winners were Joshua Mundinger (5C), and Matt Powell (5NJ). Congratulations to all of these students; we are so proud of you!

News From the Art Room

The 1st grade art show will be from Monday, March 12, until Friday, March 16. The art show will be held in the library from 8:25am-2:45pm. Stay tuned for the dates of the art shows for all the other grades! Remember, visitors must sign in at the front office and wear a badge while in the building.

PE News

The 2007 Foothill "Jump Rope for Heart" event, will be held on Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20, during PE classes. Students who are interested in participating in collecting donations for the American Heart Association can pick-up a packet during PE class on Thursday, March 8, or Friday, March 9. All money that is raised will help members of our community learn how to avoid heart disease and stroke, and how to live longer and healthier lives. Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Bedwell, and Mrs. Brittenham thank you for all your support.

MATH NIGHT

Please save Wednesday, April 25, from 6:00pm-7:00pm for an interactive parent "Math Night." Child care and snacks will be provided, and more information will follow shortly.

The Book Fair is Coming!

The 2007 Spring Book Fair will be held from Friday, April 13, until Thursday, April 19. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peggy Pease at 303-444-3983, or at peggypease@earthlink.net.

Book Fair Schedule:

Fri. 4/13	8:00am-4:00pm (Classrooms Only until 2:45)
Mon. 4/16	8:00am-4:00pm
Tues. 4/17	8:00am-4:00pm
Wed. 4/18	8:00am-8:00pm (Open during Spag. Din.)
Thurs. 4/19	8:00am-end of Talent Show

Help Save the Rainforest

Once again Student Government is sponsoring the Earth Foundation fundraiser. This fundraiser helps one specific rainforest each year, which this year is the Rift Valley of East Africa. For every 10 shirts/items that we order we are saving one acre of rainforest. We recently sent home a packet that contained information about this African rainforest as well as an order form. The packet contained pictures of each shirt that can be purchased for \$14. **All order forms are due to the office or to your student's classroom by Friday, March 16th.** Let's see how many acres Foothill can save! Thank you for all of your support.

The Science Fair is Coming!

Foothill's annual Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 6:00pm-7:00pm. It will be open to all students in grades 1-5. This will be a non-judged event, with the children presenting the findings from their experiments to interviewers from the school and community. We will also have an Open House the evening of May 9, for families to see the fantastic projects that our students have put together. On Monday, April 9, we will have an exciting kick-off to our Science Fair season with a visit from the Mad Science organization for an all-school assembly. They will do science demonstrations for our students, and help promote interest in registering for the fair. Registration packets will be available from the classroom teachers right after Spring Break. In order for the Science Fair to happen, we need lots of volunteers. Opportunities include interviewing students the morning of the 9, organizing breakfast donations for our interviewers, supervising the gym during the open house, set up/break down of the gym, the list goes on! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact science fair coordinators Kristi Winseck at kristi.winseck@bvsd.org, or Gwen Mossman at gwenmossman@comcast.net, or just leave a note in the front office. Thank you.

Community Board

Please feel free to review the information on the following activities. This information is posted on the bulletin board next to the front office directly inside the front doors:

Language Classes

Music Lessons

Swim Lessons

Karate Lessons

Sports Programs

Employment Opportunities

Performances

Various Support Groups

Various before and after school programs

Special Thanks

The Foothill Faculty would like to thank the PTO for the wonderful breakfast they provided on the January 22 In-service Day. We would also like to thank the PTO for all the delicious snacks they provided on the conference days. Ms. Bedwell would like to thank all the wonderful and generous parents for the gift certificates she received in December. She purchased some lovely gifts that she is enjoying immensely.

PTO INFO

Spaghetti Dinner

The Foothill Elementary second annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 18th. There will be a 5:00pm and 6:30 pm seating. Tickets will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children and must be purchased in advance. Come celebrate our wonderful school community by enjoying an evening with Foothill families and friends! More information will be sent home in April.

Talent Show Coming in April!

Sign-up sheets for the Talent Show will be posted on Wednesday, March 21 through Friday, March 23 by the music room. More information regarding the exact dates and times of the rehearsals and the Talent Show will be posted on these days also. We need volunteers to help with programs, certificates, music management and supervision. If you are interested, please contact Susie Wyman at 303-541-9386 or at tswyman@comcast.net.

District Info

Jeannie Robertson Wins 2007 Impact Award!

Jeannie Roberston, one of our 2nd grade teachers, is one of five BVSD 2207 Impact Award Recipients. Recipients of this award are nominated by peers and community members and undergo a highly competitive selection process. These recipients are regarded as members of the BVSD staff who have made a significant and positive impact on student learning. Ms. Robertson be acknowledged and celebrated along with the other four recipients at the Impact Awards Dinner on April 19, 2007. Tickets to the dinner will be available by contacting Impact on Education at 303-524-3865.

Lifelong Learning Class

The following Lifelong Learning class is being held at Foothill on Thursdays, February 22-March 15, (four sessions), from 3:00pm-4:00pm. The cost of the class is \$75.00. Please contact Gail Casella, Director of BVSD Community School Program at 303-447-5265, if you are interested: Writing Without Rules- Ages 9-12 - Every story starts with imagination, and everyone, especially kids, knows that imagination follows no rules! With exercises and activities that sidestep the "how" of writing, this class frees the "what." Grammar and spelling take a backseat to the focus on creative expression and bringing stories to life. This class quickly taps into remembering why everyone loves paper and pencils - writing is fun! Bring a notebook and a pen or a pencil. Elizabeth Gold, who has a B.S. in Journalism, has worked as a writer and teacher for more than 25 years. She has taught invigorating classes to young writers for more than nine years.

Foothill Mission and Vision

To promote, support and reinforce healthy development, quality education, social competence and responsible world citizenship in lifelong learners through a true partnership among students, parents, staff and community.