

# Foothill Flyer

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

1/20	4:00pm, Open Enrollment Deadline At district office
1/23	NO SCHOOL, District Professional Development Day
1/25	9:00-10:00am, Spelling Bee, Library  6:00pm, TAG meeting, Library (info. in flyer)
1/30-2/10	Spring Conferences
2/7	8:00am, Student Government Meeting Library
2/8	8:30-9:30am Principal's Coffee Library  2:00-2:30pm Middle School Counselors to 5th Grade (info. in flyer)
2/10	5:30-8:00pm, Bingo, Sponsored by the 1st Grade Sm. Gym
2/13-3/21	CSAP Testing (insert in flyer)
2/17	NO SCHOOL, District Professional Development Day
2/20	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day

## A Note from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

It is the time of year when planning begins for next school year...2006-2007! You can be a great help to us by spreading the word amongst neighbors and friends. New families moving into the neighborhood are encouraged to drop by or give us a call. Having an accurate and early count of students for the fall helps us estimate our class sizes and respond to open enrollment requests. Here's what we'd like you and our community-at-large to know:

- We are now accepting new student registrations for next year in all grades. It is particularly critical that we know of incoming kindergartners from our attendance area! If you know of any new families, or families who attended private kindergarten, please have them call us right away.
- New student registration forms must be completed and turned in to the office ASAP. We cannot count students until they are fully registered and entered into our database. Please don't delay and encourage other families to do the same!.
- If you are NOT planning to attend Foothill next year, please notify the main office at your soonest convenience.

Careful planning, coupled with accurate information, helps us ensure that we can provide reasonable class sizes and a conducive learning environment for all Foothill students. We appreciate your help in "getting the word out" in our community. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the main office at 303.443.1847.

Thanks to all of you who have been participating in the Principal Selection Process. Your phone calls, emails and attendance at meetings provides vital community input.

Warm Regards,

Melisa Zahn

LET'S MAKE A NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTION TO BE ON  
TIME FOR SCHOOL  
Parents need to set a good example for their children by making sure they are at school by 8:25am ready to start their day. Start a habit that will last a lifetime

BE ON TIME!

## Foothill Flyer Deadline

The deadline for articles for the next Foothill Flyer is Friday, January 27. Please email all articles to [lucia.catalano@bvsd.org](mailto:lucia.catalano@bvsd.org).

## CSAP Testing Schedule

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

## Attendance/Tardies

### Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is an essential part of a student's education. We urge you to stress the importance of regular, prompt attendance. Habits of a lifetime are formed in elementary school and can only benefit your child in future years of education and employment.

However, there are times when students must be away from school. Parents or guardians must contact the school office to provide notification of an excused absence or tardy before 8:30am. Promptly contacting the office will prevent us from disturbing your home or work place with a call requesting the nature of your child's absence.

### Tardy Policy

The tone of each day is set during the first few minutes of class and an important portion of the daily lesson is presented during this same precious time. If a student is late to school and it is before 8:50 a.m. she/he should report directly to class and will be marked tardy by the teacher. If a student is tardy and it is after 8:50 a.m. she/he should report to the office to get an admittance slip before reporting to class. We appreciate parent/guardian support in this matter,

as all students benefit from a timely start.

### Pre-Arranged Absences

The principal may excuse absences on a pre-arranged basis for special family activities. You must submit written notice to the attendance office one week in advance indicating the reason for the arranged absence(s). This gives teachers time to make the necessary arrangements for make-up work.

## Character Matters

The character trait of the month of February will be Honesty. The Kindergarten students will be responsible for decorating the main hall bulletin board.

## TAG Meeting

There will be a TAG meeting on January 25th in the library at 6:00pm for parents of new TAG students, and at 6:30pm for parents of returning TAG students.

## Middle School Counselors to 5th Grade Classes

The counselors from Centennial and Casey Middle School will be distributing registration forms to the 5th grade students in their classrooms on February 8, from 2:00-2:30 pm.

## Thanks from the Library

Thank you to all the parents who participated in the Grandrabbits "Bunny Bucks" Program. The library received \$1200.00 in Bunny Bucks. Thanks!

## Spelling Bee News

Foothill's Annual Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, Janu-

ary 25, 9:00-10:00am in the Library. Parents are welcome. All 4th and 5th grade students are eligible to participate. The winner from our school will go on to the Daily Camera Regional Spelling Bee on February 25 at Monarch High School in Louisville. A Spelling Bee practice session will be held on Friday, January 20, from 12:00-12:40pm in the Instrumental Music Room. Students who want to participate in the Spelling Bee can bring their lunches, and test their spelling skills with words from the official 2005 National Spelling Bee Word Book. Questions? Call Denise Perreault at 303-440-8086. Thank you!

## Spaghetti Dinner Rescheduled

The PTO Spaghetti Dinner is being rescheduled from February 22, to March 8. The seating times will remain the same and be at 5:30 and at 6:30pm. More information will follow in future flyers.

## CHP+ Health Care

Do you or a family you know need health care coverage? CHP+ can help! CHP+ and the CHP+ Prenatal Care Program can cover most medical needs, including office visits, prenatal care, labor and delivery, prescriptions, mental health, glasses, hearing aids, and hospital services. Applying for CHP+ or the CHP+ Prenatal Care Program is free and easy! Families are welcome to apply for CHP+ and/or the CHP+ Prenatal Care Program by completing the "Application for Colorado Health Care" and submitting it to a Community Based Organization (CBO Site) or the CHP+ main office. A complete list of CBO sites and CHP+ office location information is available at the website at

www.cchp.org or by calling CHP+ Customer Service at (800) 359-1991. Eligibility for CHP+ Prenatal Care Program is based on family size, income, and expense information. For most families, CHP+ is free, although some families may pay small co-pays for services and a small one-time enrollment fee. If you or someone you know is in need of health care coverage for their children or during their pregnancy, encourage them to apply! If eligible, they will have access to quality health care during the long winter months ahead. For more information, call Customer Service at (800) 359-1991 or visit our website at www.cchp.org.

## Sister School Thank You!!

A big heartfelt THANK YOU to the students, staff, and parents who gave so very generously to those in need at our sister school at Rawls Springs Attendance Center- Hattiesburg, Mississippi. We were able to send 10 big boxes full of clothing and toys to the school for distribution to the children from 4 families that had been in desperate need following Hurricane Katrina. In addition, we received some cash donations which were used to include 6 Target gift cards with our shipment to be distributed to additional children/families the staff identified as also in need. In spite of the short notice to our school community, the response was immediate and the shipment of gifts did arrive prior to their school letting out for the holidays. The children were able to have gifts for the holidays! The generosity of this school community has been overwhelming and heartwarming, and we cannot adequately convey our appreciation, so we will let a staff member from Rawls Springs do it for us (her words/her emphasis):

*"There are not words to express enough Thanks! You may never know how much of an impact you have had on the lives of these children! I promise you... they appreciate it, as do I! May God bless you and keep you and yours safe this holiday season! Thanks Again!"*

Aletta (staff member at Rawls Springs)

## Foothill Elementary 2006-2007 Registration

Attention parents of all NEW students for next year! Please drop by the office next week to register your child. Timely registration is imperative in our effort to maintain low class sizes relative to the district wide teacher allocation process. Registration requires a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence. Feel free to call Christina in the office with any questions.

## Human Growth and Development and Human Sexuality Secondary Learning Materials Public Review

In October 2005, BVSD middle and high school teachers reviewed additional learning materials to be used in teaching the portion of the middle school and high school health education curriculum that addresses human growth and development and human sexuality. Because some new members were elected to the BVSD School Board in late 2005, the date the materials will be presented to the School Board for study was delayed until January 24, 2006. These materials continue to be available for public review through January 30

in the District Instructional Media Center located at the BVSD Education Center, 6500 E. Arapahoe Rd. in Boulder. Please note, that these are the exact same materials that were available for review from October 3 – 21, 2005.

## Penny Drop News

Congratulations to our fantastic Foothill students for raising \$271.27 for the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

## Facility Improvements in BVSD

As a result of the bond issue last fall, Boulder Valley School District will be able to make some much needed repairs and improvements to its school facilities. The school district would like to receive feedback from as many community members as possible. Staff, parent and community members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Input received will help shape the recommendations of the district's Capital Improvement Planning Committee to the Board of Education. This meeting will be held at Foothill Elementary from 7:00-9:00pm on Wednesday, March 8. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

## 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.