

Foothill Flyer

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NOVEMBER 2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

11/1	12:00-3:00 pm Garden to Table Building Day
11/4	7:45 am Student Government, Library
11/5	4:30-5:30 pm 3rd Grade Music and PE Showcase
11/5	6:00-7:00 pm 4th Grade Music and PE Showcase
11/10	6:00-7:30 pm SIT Meeting, Library
11/11	NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
11/11	K-Kids Ski Day
11/11	Foothill Flyer article deadline
11/13	5:30-7:30 pm 3rd Grade BINGO Night
11/16- 11/20	Book Fair , Library
11/17	6:00-7:30 PTO Meeting & Social, Sue Fagan's home
11/18	7:45 am Student Government, Library
11/18	6:00-8:00 pm Foothill Family Heritage Night
11/19- 11/20	Lost & Found displayed in hallway near office
11/23- 11/24	NO SCHOOL Fall Conference Exchange Day
11/25- 11/27	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving break
11/30	CAP Parent Meeting

A Note from the Principal...

Warmest regards,

Thank you to all of our parents who attended Parent Teacher Conferences. We had excellent attendance. These conferences are an important opportunity for parents, teachers, and students to check-in as this first trimester is coming to an end.

With the recent bad weather, we have had to reschedule a couple of important events. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend. Rescheduled dates are:

- The garden build for our new Garden to Table program is this Sunday, November 1 from 12:00-3:00 pm.
- Our Foothill Family Heritage Night has been tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday, November 18th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Our staff and the School Improvement Team (SIT) have been hard at work analyzing our 2008-09 student achievement and climate data and creating school improvement goals for the 2009-10 school year. Our team has developed goals and strategies to support them in 3 areas: academic achievement, equity and climate.

Academic Achievement

In the area of mathematics, students will score at or above the 58th percentile, based on the Colorado Growth Model.

In grades 1-5, at least 80% of students will score "passing" on the district math screenings, indicating that students are prepared for the current grade level.

Equity Goal

By the spring of 2011, 60% of students who are not at grade level in reading will be at grade level or make more than a year's growth in a year's time, as measured by the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA-2) and CSAP.

Students receiving special education services will score at or above the 40th percentile in Math based on the Colorado Growth Model.

Organization (Climate) Goal

We will develop a safe and positive learning environment and increase positive interactions between adults & students, adults & adults, and students & students, as measured by questions 6, 13, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 35, and 37 on the spring 2010 climate survey.

I am looking forward to working together this year to support our students both academically and socially. Be sure to get out and enjoy the final few weekends of great weather.

Warm Regards,

Melisa Potes
Principal

SCHOOL INFO

Flyer News

The deadline to submit articles for the November 20 Foothill Flyer is Wednesday, November 11th at 3:00 p.m. Please email your articles to kathryn.martinez@bvsd.org by this date and time to be included.

Thanks for the Plow!

We would like to extend a special thank you to former Foothill Elementary dad, Janaka Ford, owner of "Ford Construction and Landscaping," who plowed the sidewalks for us on our snow days!

Office Nuts and Bolts

- **Sign-in:** Parents, please remember to sign in and the front office and wear a badge whenever you are in the building during school hours—even if you are just dropping off your child. We appreciate your efforts to help us keep our kids safe.
- **Absence/Late Arrival:** If your child will be absent or arriving to school late, please make sure to call or email the office by 8:30 am to let us know. The main phone number is 720-561-2600 or you can leave a message in our attendance mailbox at 720-561-2602. We check voicemail several times a day so it is fine to leave a message. Emails can be sent to kim.coringrato@bvsd.org.
- **Messages to kids:** We ask you to help us by arranging after school activities ahead of time and making sure that your child knows how he/she will be getting home from school each day. We can only deliver messages to kids during the day for **emergency situations**.
- **Volunteers Needed for Health Room and Front Office:** If you can help us out, dates and schedules are flexible. For health room, the school district will provide first aid training for you. Please send an email to kathryn.martinez@bvsd.org or give us a call if you are interested.

Kindergarten Open House

Foothill will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House for parents of children entering Kindergarten in the fall 2010 on Dec. 8, 5:30-7:00 pm. Learn about the Foothill Kindergarten program, how to register your child, and meet our Kindergarten team. This is an adult only event so please make other childcare arrangements.

Foothill Open Enrollment Tours

The BVSD open enrollment period for 2010-2011 school year is from November 30 through January 15, 2010. Open enrollment applications can be done on-line at www.bvsd.org

Parent volunteers will also be giving tours of Foothill on the dates below. Please call the office at 720-561-7200 to sign-up for one of the tours.

2009 Foothill Tour Dates

Dec. 14 9:30am
 Dec. 16 1:30pm (Spanish translation available)
 Jan. 7 1:30pm
 Jan. 11 9:30am (Spanish translation available)
 Jan. 13 9:30am

Heritage Night - November 18

Please join us for a night of family fun at our third annual Foothill Heritage Night on Wednesday, November 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM. *Watch for a confirmation of this date.* Teachers and families from our community and beyond will provide fun crafts, live music and dancing, and delicious foods from around the world for all to share.

This will be a celebration of the roots and branches of our diverse Foothill community. We'd love your participation in various ways! Most importantly, please COME! If you wish, come dressed in clothing from your cultural backgrounds, bring an ethnic dish to share, and/or bring some yarn, fabric, or charms to add to a community weaving.

We hope to see you there!

PTO INFO

Next PTO Meeting/Holiday Social

Next PTO meeting is on November 17th - Holiday social at Sue Fagan's house, 660 Juniper Avenue
 6:00 to 6:30 pm: short meeting
 6:30 to 7:30 pm: social time
 Please bring an appetizer or wine to share. ALL ARE WELCOME! No childcare provided

A Big Thank You - 4th Grade BINGO

We want to thank all the Foothill parents who came out and supported our first Bingo event of the school year. This bingo evening was a great success raising \$1,572 for our 4th grade classrooms! Many thanks to those who volunteered their time and helped support the fundraiser by donating supplies and prizes.

Bingo in November!

Please join us for another fun-filled family night! The second BINGO of the school year, benefiting Foothill's THIRD GRADE CLASSROOMS, will be held on **Friday, November 13, 2009** in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2/person and bingo cards are \$1/each. All proceeds go directly to the 3rd grade classrooms. Mark your calendars now, and third grade families, please see the VOLUNTEER sign-up sheet at the end of the newsletter with information on donating your time or snack items! For general questions about BINGO or to volunteer, please contact Dana Bacardi at 303-669-2150 or dana@therewithcare.org. See you at BINGO!

5:30-6:00 PIZZA, SODA, POPCORN & CANDY
6:00-7:30 BINGO

K-Kids Club—Ski Day!

What are you doing on Wednesday November 11th - Veteran's Day? The Foothill Elementary K-Kids group is planning a ski day at Loveland Ski Area on because it is a day off from school. 5th graders can ski for free with the Colorado Ski Country 5th Grade Passport (see <http://www.coloradoski.com/Passes/PassportProgram/>) and if 20 other students and parents participate a group rate is available of \$15 for children age 6-14 and \$30 for adults. Please email foothill.k.kids@gmail.com or call 303-731-2775 and leave a message with your contact information if you are a family interested in participating, either as drivers (you will need to complete a school district transportation form) or if you would like to ride with someone else who has space. Please respond on or before Friday November 6. More info on the ski area can be found at www.skiloveland.com.

Share-a-Gift at Foothill

Foothill Elementary will be participating in Share-a-Gift again this year. Share-a-Gift is an annual, all-volunteer toy collection and distribution holiday project encompassing the Boulder Valley schools area. Each year over 600 households (1500 boys and girls, ages birth to 14) receive these community donations. To be successful, Share-a-gift needs thousands of high quality, new and used toys, games, books, and puzzles. School collections are the biggest source of toys for Share-a-Gift. This collection allows children to meaningfully participate in gift giving by sharing their own gently used or new toys with less fortunate children in Boulder county. If you would like to volunteer to help with this worthwhile project, please go to shareagift.org and see volunteering. Share-a-Gift is coordinated with other Holiday Giving Programs, including Share-a-Coat which is sponsored by the Boulder Valley Rotary Club. Toys may be dropped off in the Share-a-Gift box in our school beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 30th, through Wednesday, December 16th. Thanks for sharing with your community

K-Kids and Rotary Collecting Coats and More

It's time again for donating those too-small, somewhat-worn, but still-warm coats to the annual **Share-A-Coat** program.

Each year the Boulder Valley Rotary Club, with cleaning services donated by **Art Cleaners** in Boulder, collects coats from many of our local schools, cleans them and distributes them in mid-December to families and children who are in need of them.

A box has been provided at our school, so please send coats you are no longer using to school with your student. Both children and adult size coats are needed! The Boulder Valley Rotary Volunteers will pick up the coats from our school and deliver them to the cleaners. Coats will be picked up from your school on 11/5, 11/19 and 12/3. The last pick-up is scheduled for December 3.

In addition to coats, hats, boots, and mittens, we are also collecting children's used story books and text-books that can be recycled back through schools and other organizations. A cash donation will be made by the Rotary Club to a local charity that provides assistance to people in need in the name of the schools that collect the most coats. Let's see what we can do for the less fortunate children in our community, and perhaps even win top honors for Foothill! Thanks for your support!

Fox Tracks Update

The Freiker Meter is now on everyday from 7:40-8:25. Please keep ringing in and checking the Fox Tracks Board for exciting information about how many trips the Fox Tracks kids have taken car-free! Please remind your children to ring in on the Freiker meter only when they walk or bike to school!

Wristband handouts are November 13 and December 11th. There is a new color for 40 trips! Please check to see if your Freiker log reflects what your child is doing. Thank you bus parents for sending us your child's bus rides. It is so great to see your kids' faces light up when I hand them their wristband! Keep emailing to fox-tracks.bus@gmail.com.

Go Boulder is offering a coupon off bike lights. It is good until November 20. [GO BOULDER BIKE LIGHT COUPON](#)

Did You Know?

- In 2001, 16% of students between the ages of 5 and 15 walked or bicycled to or from school
- In 1969, 42% of students walked or bicycled to school
- It takes about five to ten minutes for children to walk a quarter of a mile or bicycle an entire mile

Cristina Weber provided us with this month's family interview. She and her family live in the Foothill neighborhood and her kids take the bus to school. Her family considers the negative impact plastics have on a global scale. They use biodegradable garbage bags, place most of their food into stainless steel/glass containers, or small waxed paper baggies and avoid using anything that cannot be recycled. They know that plastics are clogging habitats of the world and destroying the ecosystem (many of the hazards are not well advertized). For more information regarding the hazards of plastic, Google bisphenols (a monomer used to synthesize various plastics).

DISTRICT INFO

BVSD's Community Opportunities for Youth Directory is Now Online!

The 2009-10 Community Opportunities for Youth (COY) Directory is now available at: www.bvsd.org/coy. The directory, an annual BVSD publication, is filled with youth-oriented activities and services offered by individuals and organizations in the community. Categories include tutoring, athletics, health & support services and the arts. As part of BVSD's new Green Initiative, the COY Directory will no longer be printed and mailed to district families. Paper copies, however, can be found at schools. You can also request a copy in English or Spanish from Marla Riley at 720-561-5250, marla.riley@bvsd.org.

SUPPORT YOUR GREEN STAR SCHOOL

PARTY WITH THE PLANET!

Zero Waste B-earthday Parties

Eco-Cycle B-earthday parties combine fun activities with green values. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Choose one of these exciting themes:

- ♻️ **Eco-Art:** Recreate, Reinvent, Recycle
- 🌱 **Green Thumbs Garden Party:** Buds, Bugs, Bees & More!
- 📄 **Creative Papermaking:** Make Paper with Pizzazz
- 🏆 **Green Teams:** Ultimate Planet Challenge
- 🐸 **Jungle Jam:** Frogs, Toucans and Monkeys. Oh my!

All parties include 1.5 hours of games and activities tailored to each age group. We bring all materials needed, including our special compostable PARTY WITH THE PLANET plates, cups, napkins and utensils. You provide the food, location and kids who are ready to have fun.

Proceeds benefit Eco-Cycle's Green Star Schools Program. (A portion of the cost is tax deductible.)



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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.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Dear 3rd-grade Parents,

Third Grade is hosting the next Bingo Fundraiser of the year on Friday, November 13th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to support your child's classroom while having a social night out with other families from our school community. All proceeds from this event go DIRECTLY to the hosting grade's classrooms and will greatly benefit the 3rd grade - but this cannot be done without your help!

If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Dana Bacardi by e-mail at dana@therewithcare.org or by phone at 303-669-2150 as soon as possible.

This BINGO event will be a fun *and* fund-raising opportunity for our THIRD grade classrooms. If there are not enough volunteers, the event will be canceled. Please help us make this a successful BINGO event! The teachers greatly appreciate our help in raising money for the classrooms.

Thank you very much!!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS *and* DONATED ITEMS

If you are interested, would you prefer to donate an item (such as candy, soda, or prizes) or volunteer your time during Bingo? Please e-mail me the following information:

Your name/phone number/email AND your child's name/teacher

Please indicate whether you would prefer to:

- * Volunteer your time – this would be a 1-hour time commitment to help set up, distribute food or collect money.
- * Volunteer to donate drinks and candy. Drinks include bottled water, canned juices or non-caffeinated sodas. The candies we need are Skittles or regular M&M's.
- * Donate prize(s) – Age appropriate, gender specific and neutral.

Because we are only the second Bingo of the year, our prize supply is quite diminished; all donations big and small are greatly appreciated!

* Make a monetary donation – we will apply it towards grand prize purchases, supplies and/or the 5th grade fund.

****Donated prizes, snacks and drinks must be dropped off in 3rd grade classrooms by Friday, November 13th.**

Please contact Dana Bacardi at 303-669-2150 or via email at: Dana@therewithcare.org with any questions, or to volunteer!

Thank you!