

# Foothill Flyer

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

4 /21	NO SCHOOL, District Professional Development Day
4/21-27	Book Fair, Library
4/25	2:45pm, Talent Show Dress Rehearsal K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade, Big Gym
4/26	2:45pm, Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Big Gym 3:30-4:15 Kindergarten Open House, Kindergarten Classrooms
4/27	4:00-6:00pm, Art Show Small Gym
4/28	1:00pm, Talent Show K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Big Gym 6:30 pm, 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Big Gym
4/30	10:00am-4:00pm Foothill Landscape Extreme Make-Over II
5/2	8:00am, Student Government Meeting, Library
5/3-5/5	5th. Grade Outdoor Ed at Cal-Wood
5/4	6:30pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Grade Music Program, Big Gym
5/8	5:00-11:00pm, Foothill Family Feast Cheesecake Factory
5/9	6:00-7:30pm, PTO Meeting, Library
5/10	Walking and Wheeling Wednesday Science Fair, Big Gym
5/11	7:00pm, 5th. Grade Strings Concert Centennial Middle School
5/12	7:30-8:15pm, Donuts With Dad, Small Gym
5/17	6:00-7:30pm, SIT Meeting, Library
5/19	NO SCHOOL, District Professional Development Day
5/29	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

## A Note from the Principal...

Dear Foothill Families,

Some days I think we missed Spring all together. Our recent warm days have helped us realize just how quickly our school year is coming to an end. We still have several more weeks packed with academic content to master before summer vacation and our students and teachers are working as hard as ever.

Last week we completed our Accreditation Site Review and received many glowing remarks from the review team. The Site Review takes place once every 5 years and is an opportunity to have a new set of eyes look at our programs and how our school functions as a whole. Once we have the completed report I will share the highlights. The team left us with many celebrations and points to ponder as we continue our school improvement work.

Included in this Flyer is an insert from the District outlining strategies for destratifying BVSD schools and an invitation to discuss funding through the budget process. The "...main objective is to shift enrollment patterns so that each school reflects the demographics of the larger community". Introducing English as a Second Language ("ESL") programs to schools lacking diversity is one of the methods recommended for achieving this goal. Foothill Elementary has been identified as a prime candidate for offering these additional services as a number of Foothill neighborhood students open enroll to schools offering ESL programs.

Pending Board approval, parents, teachers and staff would begin designing the program during the '06-'07 school year. The ESL program would then be in place the following year, '07-'08, and would be available for neighborhood attendance families new to the area as well as those wishing to return to Foothill. Our staff, students and many parents have shared their excitement about including all our neighborhood students in our Foothill community. We will continue to share information as it becomes available. Feel free to call with any questions.

Warm Regards,

Melisa Zahn

## Foothill Web Page Change

Currently the Boulder Valley School District website is under renovation. One of the results of the district updates is a new school website. The Foothill Elementary website address has changed to: <http://schools.bvgsd.org/foothill/foothill.shtml>. Please change your bookmarks as it will not automatically redirect you to the new site.

## Foothill Flyer Deadline

The deadline for articles for the next Foothill Flyer is Friday, April 28. Please email all articles to [lucia.catalano@bvgsd.org](mailto:lucia.catalano@bvgsd.org) by that date.

## Staff Parking Lot

Please note the sign posted at the entrance of the staff parking lot that reads "Staff Parking Only." Our large staff needs to utilize all the spaces in the parking lot, and as a result there are no spaces available for visitors. Any spaces that are open will be needed for staff members who are scheduled to start later in the day. Visitors may utilize street parking on Hawthorn west of 9th street or on 9th south of Hawthorn. Also, please remember that the staff parking lot is not a safe drop off location for students. Vehicles that drop off students in the staff parking lot pose a danger to the children, prevent staff access to parking, and prevent access for the Special Needs Students. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

## Enrollment Forms

Parents, please complete and send in the 2006-2007 enrollment forms that were sent home in your child's Friday Folder as soon as possible. Your prompt cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

## Kindergarten Registration

We are continuing to register kindergartners for the 2006-2007 school year. Please encourage your neighbors with kindergarten age children to register as soon as possible. Thanks for your help!

## Kindergarten Open House

You are invited to visit our kindergarten classrooms, meet our teachers, and have all your questions answered at our Open House on Wednesday, April 26, from 3:30-4:15. This is a great opportunity to get information on your child's curriculum and daily activity schedule. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Book Fair News

The Foothill Book Fair will be held from Friday, April 21st to Monday, April 27th. The scheduled times are: Friday, April 21st from 10:00am to 4:00pm, Monday, April 24th through Wednesday, April 26th from 8:00am to 4:00pm, and Thursday, April 27th from 8:00am until 7:45pm. Please call Jonathan Warshaw if you are interested in volunteering; your help will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

## The Art Show is Coming!

Don't miss the Annual Student Art Show on Thursday, April 27 from 4:00-6:00pm, in the small gym. Every student chose one piece of art for the show to share with their family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Talent Show Time Change

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Talent Show has been moved from 9:00am to 6:30pm, on Friday, April 28. This was done to accommodate the overwhelming number of children who wanted to perform. We felt this was a better alternative than doing a lottery as half of the acts would have been cut. This way, everyone gets to be a star! Sorry for any inconvenience! The Talent Show time for the K-2nd grades will remain unchanged and be at 1:00pm on Friday, April 28. Both shows will be held in the big gym. Please be sure to join us for this exciting and entertaining event!

## Science Fair News

We had a wonderful kickoff to our Science Fair, with a visit from "Lord Boron" from the Mad Science organization. The kids really enjoyed the show. Heartfelt thanks to the wonderful parent, (who wishes to remain anonymous), who both researched and funded the program! The Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 10th. The students will present their findings from their experiments to interviewers from the school and school community in the morning. All projects will be viewed by the students in the afternoon and all families will be

able to view the projects from 6:00-7:00pm. All students have had the opportunity to ask their teachers for registration packets which are due back no later than Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We still need lots of volunteers to make the fair run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Kristi Winseck at: kristi.winseck@bvsd.org or leave a note in the office, or return the volunteer sign up form from the registration packet. Thank you!

## PTO "Donuts With Dad" Fund Raiser

Students, please bring your Dad or (Or Granddads, Uncles, or other significant male figure in your life), on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-8:15am in the small gym. We will be serving donuts, milk, coffee, and juice. After you enjoy your donuts together, you will have the opportunity to visit the child's classroom and teacher! We are asking for a \$5.00 donation per person. Thank you!

## Foothill Family Feast

The PTO is sponsoring a Foothill Family Feast on Tuesday, May 9 from 5:00-11:00pm at the Cheese-cake Factory. Please join us for this fun event!

## Eco-Cycle Helps Your Garden Grow

As a way of thanking our school community, Eco-Cycle plans to bring a load of finished compost to our school on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Eco-Cycle staff will be on site before and after school for the days that the box is at Foothill. Compost will be available for "scooping" before, during and after school on those days. Parents, staff and students will be able to use the compost on school grounds

or take it home for their house, plants, or gardens. Please be sure to bring your own bag or bucket to transport the compost.

## Community Board

Information on the following activities is posted on the bulletin board next to the front office directly inside the front doors:

- Acting/Dance Camps
- Various Performances
- Girl Scouts
- Rocky Mountain Theatre for Kids
- Tutoring Programs
- Chess Club
- Piano Lessons
- Martial Arts Programs
- Science and Math Programs
- Summer Activities and Camps
- Various After School Programs

## Foothill Landscape Extreme Makeover Phase III!

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-4pm, the Foothill landscape committee invites the Foothill Staff and Community to help install the next phase of our landscape to the areas outside the classrooms on the K-2 wing's north side. The gardens will be similar to those on the south side of the wing, with native shrubs and perennial flowers, stone "peace benches," and space for students to plant seeds. Depending on our final budget, we also may add some plants and stone to the courtyard between the K-2 wing and the 3-5-gym wing. The Foothill PTO has generously contributed funds to help pay for materials. Everyone is welcome! Bring a picnic lunch and snacks to share! Questions? Call Kathleen McCormick at 303.442.8020 or Jenni Tierney at 303.447.0717 or Anna Gamble (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher) at 303.443.1847.

## BVSD Benchmark Adoption Preview

The BVSD Board of Education invites the public to examine the K-12 Comprehensive School Counseling Standards and benchmarks. This document is proposed for adoption and will be on display for patron review on April 17<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am until 4:30pm, at the Boulder Valley School Education Center, Learning Services Office, located at 6500 E. Arapahoe Road.

## Walking and Wheeling Wednesdays

Join the spring Walking and Wheeling Wednesdays challenge! We will provide snack and a punch card for students who walk, bike, scooter or bus to school each Wednesday between April 19 and May 10. All students with four punches on their card on May 10 will receive a free one-day pass to the city pools and recreation centers and have their name entered into a drawing for cool raffle prizes! The classroom with the most participation will get the Walking Wednesday trophy for the week! We will also recognize students each week for the most creative ways to get to school!

## 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.