

Foothill Flyer

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DATES TO REMEMBER

3/3	NO SCHOOL, District Professional Development Day
3/6-3/21	CSAP Testing (Insert in Flyer)
3/6	Report Cards Home
3/7	8:00am Student Government Meeting Sm. Gym 3:00pm, Yearbook Club Meeting, Library
3/8	5:00-6:00pm and 6:30-7:30pm, PTO Spaghetti Dinner Sm. Gym 7:00pm, BVSD Facility Improvements Meeting, Boulder High School
3/14	"Jump Rope for Heart," during PE Classes 6:00-7:30pm, PTO Meeting, Library
3/15	"Jump Rope for Heart," during PE 6:00-7:30pm, SIT Meeting, Library
3/16	6:30pm, First Grade Music Program Sm. Gym
3/17	5:30-7:00pm, Bingo Sponsored by Foothill Kids Care, Sm. Gym
3/20-3/23	Yo-Yo Classes During PE
3/21	6:00-7:30pm, Parent Bully Proofing Night Library
3/22	CSAP Testing Makeup-Ups, Library

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Foothill Families,

We are gearing up for our second round of CSAP tests this month. All students in grades 3-5 will be testing throughout the next several weeks. Please keep the attached calendar handy so that you know when your students will be involved.

The District Parent Snapshot Survey should be arriving at your home soon. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we take the results of this survey very seriously. Our staff and SIT team reviewed last year's results last fall and looked for ways to improve. Our School Improvement Climate Goal reflects the return rate for the parent survey. In years past, we have only a small percentage of surveys returned and one of our concerns is that the results might not be reflective of the majority opinion. Our hope is that you will 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 back with your child. We will route them to the district office through the in-district mail.

Many parents who regularly volunteer at Foothill know the woes of the copy machine. Our lease is through the end of the year and we are currently exploring our options for future leases. We have re-allocated our Para time to dedicate one person, Jan Miller, to run copies. Teachers and parent volunteers will no longer be making copies and instead will turn masters in to Jan in the work room. Our hope is that this will utilize teacher and volunteer time more efficiently and cut down on the amount of time the machine is out of commission. If you are volunteering in your child's classroom, please check with your teacher for more details. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

Melisa Zahn

Foothill Flyer Deadline

The deadline for articles for the next Foothill Flyer is Friday, March 10. Please email all articles to lucia.catalano@bvsd.org.

CSAP Testing Schedule

Please see the insert included in this flyer that lists the schedule and important writing tips for the CSAP tests.

Parents are Encouraged to Complete School Survey

At the beginning of March, our school will send all parents 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Melisa Zahn at 303-443-1847.

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 Boulder High School from 7:00-9:00pm on Wednesday, March 8 and Spanish translators will be available. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Character Matters

The character trait for the month of March will be Citizenship. The third and fourth grade students will be responsible for decorating the main hall bulletin board.

"Bully Proofing" Parent Night

The staff at Foothill has been trained in the Bully Proofing Your Schools curriculum and continues to implement it each year. Parents are invited to attend a workshop on Bully Proofing on Tuesday March 21, to become familiar with the curriculum and lessons that students are receiving. Please join us from 6:00 – 7:30p on March 21 in the library. Children who report being the target of bullying are more likely to experience loneliness, depression,

poor academic performance, and difficulty making friends. Adults *must* intervene in bully/victim conflicts. Once children realize that reporting bullying to an adult will result in immediate intervention and action, they feel more secure in ending bullying themselves. Parents, please note this workshop is a repeat of the workshop that was held in December.

Boulder Valley School District's Summer Camp!

Get ready for a summer of fun! The district runs a day camp program with swimming, field trips, games and exciting activities to keep children active throughout the summer. We have flexible scheduling to work around your family's busy summer (camp runs Monday- Friday; 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM). Please explore our website at www.bvsd.org/sac to see what our camp has to offer!

The Science Fair is Coming!

On Wednesday, May 10, Foothill will once again be hosting our Science Fair! This event will be open to all students in grades 1-5 and 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 10, for families to see the fantastic projects that our students have put together. On Wednesday, April 12, 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. Some of opportunities include interviewing students the morning of the 10th, organizing breakfast donations for our interviewers, supervising the gym during the open house and the set up/break down of the fair. If you would like to help with this exciting and educational event, please feel free to contact Kristi Winseck by emailing her at kristi.winseck@bvsd.org or by leaving her a note in the front office.

Talent Show News

The Talent Show sign up sheets will be posted by the music room from March 23 to April 7. Please check future Friday Folders and Foothill Flyers for more information.

No Parking Zone

Parents, please remember that there is "no parking" sign posted on the East side of 9th street, North of Hawthorn. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Impact On Education

The Impact Awards program was established in 1992 to annually honor five BVSD teachers, employees or volunteers who have made a significant positive impact on student learning in Boulder Valley. Recipients are nominated by peers and community members and undergo a highly competitive selection process. This year's recipients were selected from a pool of 41 nominees, the largest ever. All award recipients will be acknowledged and celebrated at the Impact Awards Dinner on April 6, 2006 in the Glenn Miller Ballroom at the University of Colorado. At that time, they will receive a

\$1,500 award for their school as well as a personal award. The Impact Awards are sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, who has underwritten the cost of the educator awards since 1993. The Impact Awards Dinner is sponsored by Roche Colorado. Contributing sponsors include *The Daily Camera* and Amgen. The 2006 Impact Award recipients are:

- Ron Revier, Music Teacher, Choral Director- Fairview High School
- Becky Russell, Library and Media Specialist-Eldorado K-8 School
- Tracy Tuttle, First-Grade Teacher-Monarch K-8 School
- Barbara Watson, Fifth-Grade Teacher, Louisville Elementary School
- Craig Yager, Fifth-Grade Teacher, Whittier International Elementary School

Julene Thom, Impact on Education Ambassador for Foothill Elementary, will coordinate our school's ticket sales for the Impact Awards dinner on Thursday, April 6, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Glenn Miller Ballroom at the University of Colorado. Tickets are \$35 each. Please make your check out to Impact on Education. Attach the name(s) of the attendees to your check, and place in envelope located in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Julene at 303/447-3812 or email at julenethom@aol.com. This is an evening to celebrate the recipients and all educators in Boulder Valley School District! Come join the celebration! Thank you.

Jump Rope for Heart

1st through 5th grade students are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's number 1 and number 3 killers. On March 14th & 15th

Foothill Elementary will hold its annual Jump Rope for Heart event during PE classes. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association, which funds cardiovascular disease research and public and professional education programs. Students who would like to participate in the fund raiser can pick-up collections envelopes during PE classes. Family and friends are welcome to support your child's participation by making contributions. Students can fill out a special "heart" and jump in honor or memory of a loved one who has suffered from heart disease or stroke. Checks should be made payable to the American Heart Association and all money must be turned into Mrs. Brittenham by Monday, March 20th. Interesting Facts: Did you know that children age 2 and older should get at least an hour of physical activity every day? Did you know the average heart beats 100,000 times each day? Thanks for your support! Any questions, please contact Mrs. Brittenham or Mrs. Bedwell.

Yo-Yo Classes

From March 20-23 Leota Bernhardt will be teaching students how to yo-yo during PE classes. Students who are interested in purchasing their own yo-yo's, may purchase one for \$8 (checks payable to Foothill PTO) that week.

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.