



Foothill Flyer



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DATES TO REMEMBER	
3/26- 4/3	SPRING BREAK
4/4	SCHOOL RESUMES
4/5	2:45pm-5:00pm, Talent Show Aud., K-2nd, Inst. Music Room 2:45pm-4:30pm, W&W Open House, B. Gym
4/6	2:45pm-5:00pm, Talent Show Aud., Inst. Music Room, 3rd-5th
4/10	2:45pm-5:00pm, Talent Show Reh., K-2nd, B. Gym 3:00pm-5:00pm, Geog. Bee, Library 6:00pm-7:30pm, SIT Meeting, Library
4/11	2:45pm-5:00pm, Talent Show Reh., 3rd-5th, B. Gym
4/12	1:00pm-2:30pm, Talent Show, K-2nd, B. Gym 4:00pm-8:00pm, Book Fair, Library 6:00pm-7:30pm, Talent Show, 3rd-5th, B. Gym
4/13, 16, 17	8:00am-4:00pm, Book Fair, Library
4/17	8:30am, Prin. Coff., Lib.
4/18	8:00am, Stud. Gov. Mtg., 4Z Classroom 8:00am-8:00pm, Book Fair, Library 5:00pm-9:00pm, PTO Spag. Din., Sm. Gym
4/20	NO SCHOOL, Dist. Prof. Development Day
4/24	3:15pm-4:00pm, K Orientation, K Class.
4/25	6:00pm-7:00pm, Parent Math Night, Library
4/26	6:30pm, 3rd Gr. Music Program, Sm. Gym
4/26, 27	L&F Items, Hall by Sm. Gym
4/27	5:30pm-8:00pm, Bingo, 5th Grade, Sm. Gym
4/30-5/4	8:25am-2:45pm, 2nd Gr. Art Show, Library

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Foothill Families,

In February, we finished our second set of Parent-Teacher conferences with nearly 100% participation. I am thankful that we have a community that values education as much as we do.

This is the time of year when we begin planning for our 2007-2008 school year, and I would like to invite parents to get involved by participating in SIT or PTO (or both!) next year. These organizations are a great way to stay connected to what is happening at Foothill. The SIT has an advisory role in our school improvement each year and there are several seats open for next fall including the Chair, District Accountability Committee Representative, District Parent Council Representative (if the new superintendent wants to continue this committee), and the Secretary. PTO is our fundraising and volunteer group that supports all of the important work we do. The PTO President would like to share her responsibility next year with someone who is interested in assuming the position the following year. Please check out the school website for details on each position. The SIT positions will be voted on at the April meeting.

As you are probably aware, the BVSD district calendar has changed for this fall. Part of this change will include fall literacy assessments on Thursday, August 16th and on Friday, August 17th. All students in K-5th grades will be given a literacy assessment during one of these two days. Some of the benefits to students and staff for the early assessments are that students get a second opportunity to see their classroom, after the open house on August 14th. The students will get a chance to meet with their teachers in a one-on-one situation before school starts. In addition, it will allow teachers to determine their students' reading levels, and then be able to deliver targeted instruction as soon as the school year starts. We are currently gathering great ideas and information from other schools that have been doing early assessments, so that we can make this time the most effective possible. Students will most likely attend a scheduled time, or a block of time, based on the first letter of their last name. Please note that the scheduled assessment days on August 16th and August 17th are testing days only, and will not be full school days. We will provide more detailed information before school is out this year. All assessment information will be communicated to parents via the newsletter, Friday Folders, the school email list, and the school website. Stay tuned for more information to arrive shortly. If your family will be on a pre-planned trip on these assessment days, we will work with you to re-schedule your child for the assessment.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Warm Regards,

Melisa Zahn

SCHOOL INFO

Flyer News

The deadline for the May flyer will be on **Thursday, April 27, 2007**, at 3:00pm. Please be sure to email all articles to Lucia Catalano at lucia.catalano@bvsd.org by that date and time.

Future "Fox" News!

I'm happy to announce that I will be going on maternity leave starting in mid-April. It's my pleasure to introduce Susan Prentiss who will be serving as my long term substitute teacher for the rest of this school year. She is a 25 year veteran of the Boulder Valley School District, having spent all of her time at Louisville Elementary School. She retired last year, but has been doing some subbing this year and is a familiar face at Foothill. Susan lives in North Boulder and her daughter attended Foothill back the the 80's. She feels that Foothill is a "fun building to be in with lots of great energy". Thanks to the Foothill community for being so welcoming to Susan. I'll see you next school year!

Sincerely,
Erin Eissinger
Lead Literacy Teacher

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.

Kindergarten Orientation

You are invited to visit our Kindergarten classrooms, meet our teachers, and have all your questions answered at our Kindergarten Orientation, on Tuesday, April 24, from 3:15pm-4:00pm. This is a great opportunity to get information on your child's future curriculum and daily activity schedule. We look forward to seeing you there. Spanish translation will be available.

New Vaccines for 2007-2008

2nd dose Varicella (chickenpox) REQUIRED FOR ALL KINDERGARTNERS

Varicella or chickenpox is a disease that is very contagious, and there continues to be outbreaks of the disease in Colorado as well as other states around the country. As a result of continued outbreaks, even in children who have had one injection of Varicella vaccine, Colorado will now be requiring a second dose of Varicella vaccine beginning at kindergarten entry. Beginning in the 2007-2008, if a child has had the chickenpox disease, a laboratory test showing immunity, or a documented disease history from a **health care provider**, will be required in order to be exempt from the 2nd dose of this vaccine.

Tdap REQUIRED FOR 6TH AND 10TH GRADERS

Pertussis or whooping cough can be a very serious disease in infants and small children. It has been found that frequently, siblings who have Pertussis disease can expose other children in the household. Colorado ranks fifth of all states in the country with this disease. Per Colorado state law, Tdap vaccine will be required for all 6th and 10th graders this upcoming school year (07-08). If you do not wish your child to have this vaccine for personal or religious reasons, please sign a waiver that is available in the Health Room. A medical exemption must be signed by a physician.

Character Matters

The Character Matters trait for the month of April is "Responsibility." Second and third grades are responsible for decorating the bulletin board. There will also be a Character Matters assembly at the end of April. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the assembly, and more information on the assembly will be sent home shortly. Students will be sharing any activities or projects that they worked on during the month. At the back of the flyer is an insert with activities for the family so that you may support the work students will be doing towards the trait at school. Thank you for your participation!

Geography Bee

The Foothill Geography Bee will take place on Tuesday April 10 at 3:00 in the library. Practices have been fun and the geography knowledge at Foothill is impressive! Approximately 10 students will compete in the bee. Some questions will come from the National Geographic geography bee materials. In addition, the students who are competing have contributed their own geography questions. Please contact the coordinators, Tania Martin and Dee Neitzel, if you have questions about the bee. Tania.martin@att.net or deeneitzel@yahoo.com

The Book Fair is Coming!

The 2007 Spring Book Fair will be held from Thursday, April 12, until Wednesday, April 18. Please note that these dates are different than the ones mentioned in the last flyer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peggy Pease at 303-444-3983, or at peggy-pease@earthlink.net.

Spring 2007 Book Fair Schedule

Th.	4/12	4:00pm-8:00pm (Open during Talent Show)
Fri.	4/13	8:00am-4:00pm
Mon.	4/16	8:00am-4:00pm
Tues.	4/17	8:00am-4:00pm
Wed.	4/18	8:00am-4:00pm (Open during Spaghetti Dinner)

MATH NIGHT

Please save Wednesday, April 25, from 6:00pm-7:00pm for an interactive parent "Math Night." BVSD math specialists will lead a discussion regarding what "investigations," are, the type of activities and materials being used in our classrooms, what we are expecting from our students, along with ways of supporting them. Child care and snacks will be provided, as well as Spanish translation.

News From the Art Room

The 2nd grade art show will be from Monday, April 30, until Friday, May 5. The 5th grade art show will be held from Monday, May 21 until Friday, May 25. Both art shows will be held in the library from 8:25am-2:45pm. Remember, visitors must sign in at the front office and wear a badge while in the building.

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 volun-

teering, 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.

5th Grade Gradation

Believe it or not, 5th grade graduation is just around the corner and it would be wonderful to hear any special ideas or input that you may have. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Wayne at Lmonet20@aol.com.

PTO INFO Safe Routes Fair

Please join us on Thursday, April 5 from 2:45pm-4:40pm in the Big Gym, for our first annual "Foothill Safe Routes to School Fair ." All students, staff, parents, siblings, and community members are welcome! The festivities will include bicycle safety checks, a bike rodeo, catered food, fun activities, free helmets, gifts for all who attend, door prizes, and grand prize giveaways of a bicycle (for students) and a bike shop gift certificate (for staff)! All students and staff will be entered for the prizes, but you must be present to win. Come to learn about all of our Foothill Safe Routes programs and to give your input on getting to school safely. Don't miss this fun community event, and don't forget to bring your bike and helmet! The fair will kick off our Spring four-week Walking and Wheeling Challenge, which will take place on April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 9. For information, or to volunteer, please contact Lynn Buhlig at: (303) 444-3722, lynnbuhlig@yahoo.com

2007 Talent Show !

The 2007 Foothill Talent Show will be held on Thursday, April 12 in the Big Gym. The following information is regarding the exact dates and times of auditions, rehearsals, and show times for each grade:

K-2ND

Auditions: Thurs. 4/5, 2:45pm-5:00pm, Inst. Rm.
Rehearsals: Tue. 4/10 2:45pm-5:00pm, Inst. Rm.
Talent Show: Thurs. 4/12, 1:00pm-2:30pm, Inst. Rm.

3RD-5TH

Auditions: Fri. 4/6 2:45pm-5:00pm, Inst. Rm.
Rehearsals: Wed. 4/11 2:45pm-5:00pm, Inst. Rm.
Talent Show: Thurs. 4/12 6:00pm-7:30pm, Inst. Rm.

We truly 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.

Blackjack School Night Pizza!

On **Thursday, April 12th and on Thursday, May 10th**, every time a family or member from Foothill Elementary orders pizza from Blackjack, and turns in a sign up sheet, our school will earn \$2.00 from **EVERY ORDER**. The class with the most orders will win a free pizza party! Look for the Blackjack flyers in your child's Friday folder in the next couple of weeks. Please call Kim Richter at 303-449-3159 with any questions that you may have.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Foothill Elementary 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 as seating is limited. Come celebrate our wonderful school community by enjoying an evening with Foothill families and friends! Please look for more information, ticket request forms and volunteer sign up, in your April 6, Friday folder. Please call Kim Richter at 303-449-3159 with any questions that you may have.

PUBLISHING CENTER NEEDS CO-CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS!!

This year we will be having 340 students from K-2nd and 4th grades publishing their own books. This was made possible by the many supportive parents of the PTO for the funding, and the many volunteers that helped with the publishing itself. If we don't have volunteers for the following positions, the students may not have any publishing assistance. This means the students would have to illustrate and assemble their own books. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

- Volunteers- work mornings in the class rooms which will be requested through the Friday folders in the near future.
- Co-chairs- work on the morning of the class book binding (which generally runs 8:25am-11:00am), setting out the materials, training the classroom parent volunteers and cleaning up. The job has you interacting with teachers, parents and students.

The pleasure of being a part of publishing a child's original manuscript is priceless! If you are interested, please contact Mary Beth Holland at 303-447-1318 or marybeth-holland61@yahoo.com. The Foothill Publishing Center is a cooperative program between the classroom teachers and parent volunteers. This program cannot work without your time and commitment to physically working with kids to sew and paste their books together. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Committee Chairmen Needed

It's that time of year to start filling chair positions for the 2007-2008 school year. There are many chair positions still available. Please remember, when there is no chair for a committee, that great activity or event does not happen. Feel free to sign on with a friend to co-chair, much more fun! Please look for the sign up sheet on the inside door of the school or contact michellegallop@earthlink.net.

New Committees for 2007-08.

There are three new committees for next year to continue to improve our school:

- Assembly Coordinator- work with a teacher to schedule and support school presentations throughout the year.
- New Family Welcoming Committee- help develop welcoming packet, answer questions for new families, coordinate school tour before the first day of school
- Parent Enrichment Coordinator- schedule monthly parent information meetings (ex: internet safety, math skills, literacy enrichment).

If you'd like to sign up or need more information about the responsibilities of these chair positions, please contact Michelle Gallop 303-448-9314, michellegallop@earthlink.net.

DISTRICT INFO

Parent Snapshot Survey

All Foothill families should have received a Parent Snapshot Survey in the mail. This survey goes directly to the Office of Planning and Assessment, and is a very important survey for our school. Please be sure to complete the survey and return it in the postage-paid envelop by **Monday, April 9, 2007**. Please call Melisa Zahn at 303-443-1847 with any questions that you may have.

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.