

## Literacy Testing in August

As many of you know, Boulder Valley requires that we formally assess the reading proficiency of our elementary students in the fall and spring each school year. This fall we will be doing the fall testing before school starts. This document is designed to give you more detailed information about the process.

**What is literacy assessment?** Teachers read one-on-one with each student and assess their reading skills.

**Purpose:** Teachers will be able to complete the reading assessments during the three days prior to the first official day of elementary school. They will meet individually with students for up to 30 minutes during the days of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>. After scoring the assessments teachers will know their students' reading levels and be able to deliver targeted instruction sooner.

**Schedule:** A sign up sheet will be with posted with class lists on August 10<sup>th</sup> after 4:00pm. Parents will need to come and sign-up for a time to which they could commit to bringing their child(ren) for reading assessment for about 30 minutes.

### Assessment Dates & Times

August 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 12:00

August 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 3:30

August 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 12:00

**During Assessment:** Parents need to arrive 5-10 minutes early to assure that we stay on schedule and every family's time is valued. Once a student starts their assessment parents will be able to visit the "Parent Waiting Area" in the small gym. The PTO will have a "Parent Information Fair," including a school store, volunteer sign-ups and information about PTO and SIT, beverages and a light snack. Parents should plan to pick up their student from the classroom shortly before the appointment is over.

**Open House:** Please know that the dates and times listed above are intended for assessment only. Our traditional Open House for students to see their classrooms will be from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on August 14<sup>th</sup>. At that time students should bring supplies and teachers will be available for conversation.

**School Start Date:** Classes will officially start on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for all students in grades 1-5. Kindergarten will hold its traditional staggered start. Students whose last names begin with A-M will start on August 20<sup>th</sup> and students whose last names begin with N – Z will start on August 21<sup>st</sup>. All Kindergarten students will attend on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will have reminders on the website, the parent email list and a post card home this summer to keep parents informed. Please contact Ms. Zubiata at [veronica.zubiata@bvsd.org](mailto:veronica.zubiata@bvsd.org) if you have any questions.