

BIRCH

Elementary

NEWSLETTER



Welcome Bulldogs!

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17th! The Birch staff are very excited to have our returning and new students for the school year of 2022/2023! We hope you enjoyed your summer, did lots of fun things and are ready for an awesome school year. Be sure to check our [Birch Elementary School Website](#) and your [School Handbook](#) for more information and announcements!

Principal's Message...



Dear Bulldog Families,

Welcome to Birch Elementary! If you are a new, or returning family, know that we are thrilled you are here! Birch is a cohesive, whole-child, neighborhood school that strives to meet the needs of its diverse population. Birch's committed, talented staff works tirelessly to meet our students' social, emotional, academic, and creative growth. It's going to be an amazing year! I hope to see you at Meet the Teacher!

Sincerely,
Tanya Santee

Welcome New staff Members!

- Brooke Barrett- ICAN Teacher
- Julie Stone- 4th Grade Teacher
- Elizabeth (Lizzy) Douglass- 1st-grade teacher
- Katie DeMell- Special Education Teacher, Resource
- Kirsten Allison- 5th-grade teacher
- Rich Oliver- 5th-grade teacher
- Courtney Wilson- Preschool Teacher
- Emily Tweten - School Counselor
- Sam Palsmeier- Teacher Librarian

Meet the Teacher August 16th!

We invite you to join us at the school to meet your teacher! Teachers will be available from 3pm-3:30pm

Ice-cream Social

Directly following Meet the Teacher, we will be serving up some yummy ice cream for everyone. Please stay enjoy the socializing and sunshine on our back playground. Suggested donation of \$2!

Kona Ice August 19th!

PTO fundraiser after school on Friday the 19th. [View Pricing.](#)

Infinite Campus

WHO is my CHILD'S TEACHER? You can find this out on Friday, August 12th through the IC Parent Portal. [Parent Log in](#)

If you have any difficulties with your log in or need to reset your password, use the [forgot password](#) or [forgot username](#) options.

Or, you can call Nicole at 720-561-8006.

Annual Directory Updates

Once inside your Infinite Campus Parent Portal please be sure up click the message center on the left hand side. Click More. On the second page you will find your ADU link. Please update it with your current contact information.



Free and Reduced Lunches

Unfortunately, the free meal program for all students will **not** be extended into the new 2022/23 school year. We strongly encourage families to apply for the Free and Reduced Meal program to see if students in their households can qualify for free school meals based on income.

Breakfast is \$2.25 and lunch is \$4.00

More information and access to the application is available here: tinyurl.com/BVSDFRL.

If you have questions or need help with your application, please contact Nicole Strawn at 720-561-8800.



Student Meal Accounts

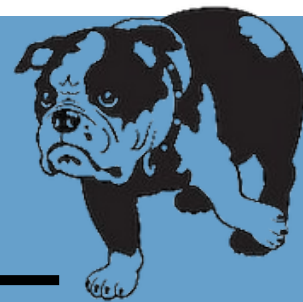
Set up a payment account with MyPaymentsPlus.com to ensure that your student always has money for school lunch or breakfast. It's fast and free to use. Visit the BVSD Meal Accounts webpage for more information and to set up your student's account.

We recommend setting up auto-payment, so that if your child's account falls below a certain set value, it will automatically add funds.

Important Note: If you had auto-payment established in past years, you will need to re-establish it this year within MyPaymentsPlus.com

Bell Schedule

Bell Times are 7:50 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. M, T, TH, F. On Wednesday Late Start: 8:50 a.m. to 2:50 p.m



School Fees

In lieu of buying school supplies, we ask that each family contribute \$50 per student toward a school supply fund. Student should bring their own inexpensive wired headphones and a backpack. If you need a backpack, stop by the office!

Make your contribution [HERE!](#)

School Age Care

Enroll now - Boulder Valley Schools offers quality childcare and activities from 2:50 - 6 PM here at Birch Elementary and adventure camps on most days when there is no school!

[Here is the link to find out more and register.](#)

School Age Care
Financial Assistance is Available

Calendars

School and District, Digital and printable calendars are available to you located on the [calendar page](#) of our school website.

Meet our School Counselor

We are thrilled to welcome Emily Tweten as our new full time counselor at Birch. Emily comes to us with a wealth of counseling experience in other districts. Emily and Tanya will be hosting a coffee **Thursday, August 18th at 8AM**. Emily can be reached at Emily.Tweten@bvsd.org or 720-561-8824.

