

FIRESIDE CHAT

April 12, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

It's been an exciting week with the eclipse on Monday, the start of standardized CMAS testing, and hosting the celebratory dog, Gobi. If you haven't heard about Gobi and Tuesday's author, Dion Leonard, be sure to ask your child/ren about their inspiring visit. I recommend the family read aloud, *Finding Gobi*, as it's a heartwarming true story about resilience, Dion's ultra-marathon experience, and what can be achieved if you put your mind and heart into your journey.

Another example of resilience this week has been our grades 3-5 students and teachers as they've maintained stamina and momentum with standardized testing. Acquiring test-taking skills isn't easy and we recognize students have different individualized needs when it comes to taking tests. Like anything, it's a muscle we develop over time...as I like to say...it's all learning, Falcons.

Enjoy the weekend ahead , get outdoors, and look up at these Colorado blue skies, we are blessed to live in this beautiful

community!

PTO News

Bike and Roll to School: Wednesday, April 24th

Help us celebrate Bike and Roll to School Day by helping celebrate kids who use their own power to get to school. We will set-up a couple of tables by the bike racks, have them sign something festive, and either hand out a small something or enter into our drawing for a bigger prize. It's very low-key and super fun!

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Fireside Running Club

Get your running shoes on! Running club starts on Wed., April 24th and we need your help! Mrs. Johnson is looking for **two volunteers** that are able to co-organize and co-lead the club. We are also looking for **four volunteers** to help with lap counting and giving out tokens.

Volunteers must be able to:

- Communicate well and are reliable
- Find coverage if you will be absent

Please note the start date and days/wk are tbd and will be updated as planning proceeds. We thank you so much for helping promote healthy habits and helping this popular club!

Fireside Fun Run 2024

Your PTO has been busy planning next year's biggest event- Fireside Fun Run! This will be in place of the Jog-A-Thon, and we are looking for committee members to help plan this new event. Please consider signing up to help! The Fun Run will take place on Friday, September 20th with a celebration that evening.

Upcoming Community Event

Dad's/Caregiver's Night Out at Mudrocks

- Date: Wed. April 17th
 - Time: All Day
 - Location: 585 E South Boulder Rd
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Dining for Dollars

Fireside dining night at Old Santa Fe! Please mention Fireside so the school gets 20% back. Enjoy dining in or take out for the day.

- Old Santa Fe: Wed., April 24th: 4pm-10pm
 - Lucky Pie/Sweet Cow: Wed., May 1st
 - Lulu BBQ: Wed. May 15th
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Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, April 24th: 9:10am-10:30am in the amphitheater

More About the Parent Teacher Organization

New to Fireside or ready to get involved? Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or visit the [PTO website](#) to discover the many ways to support our school.

Spotlight on Specials - Music (by Tina

Dozauer)

The music room bid adieu to our piano keyboards today, which we have been playing for the past 6 weeks. We worked on note reading, improvisation, video play-a-longs, duets, and even some fun sound effect stories our last couple of days.

Looking ahead, **3rd and 4th graders** will start working on recorders (fun and educational flute-like instruments) in music class starting next week. The music room has a good supply of recorders students can borrow that are disinfected after each use. If you would like to purchase one for your child, [here](#) is a link to an example of what we are using. I often see them at thrift stores such as ARC, and they are easy to pop in the dishwasher to disinfect.

Nuvo-plus style recorders are much easier for very small hands or developing small motor skills. You can special order locally from [Rocky Mountain Music Repair](#) or buy on [Amazon](#), etc."

First and Second Grade parents, mark your calendars for these exciting performances in the amphitheatre during your student's

spring performances in the amphitheatre during your students regular music time:

- Monday, May 13 1:15-1:45 Johnston; 2:10-2:40 Spruce/Eccles
 - Tuesday, May 14 1:15-1:45 Scott; 2:10-2:40 Herfert
 - Wednesday, May 15 1:30-2:00 Roth; 2:15-2:45 Landoll
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Spotlight on Specials - P.E. (by Suzanne Johnson)

FET (Families and Educators Together) - Feb 15

Our next FET meeting is on Monday, April 15th, 4:45-6:30. We will have some time dedicated to an open forum to share what's on your mind, and we will be doing community building activities with many opportunities to have fun and get to know one another better. For more information or to RSVP to this event, please contact Shelby at shelby.warshaw@bvsd.org.

We hope that the entire Fireside community will be involved with FET by reading the notes from our monthly meetings, posted on the [FET website \(3/18 FET Community Notes\)](#). We greatly appreciate your interest and support!

Kindergarten Information Night - April 16

We are excited to connect and welcome our new Falcons.

Kindergarten Information Night is on Tuesday, April 16th from 5:30-6:30 pm in the school amphitheater. Meet our principal, Mrs. Kenoler, and the Kindergarten team. There will be a

presentation to learn what to expect followed by an opportunity to ask questions. We ask that only adults attend. If you will need childcare please click [HERE](#).

You are also invited to tour the school during or after the school day, with or without your rising kindergartener on Wednesday, April 17 from 3:30-4:00pm or Thursday April 18 from 11-11:30am. Please sign up:

[April 17 Tour](#)

[April 18 Tour](#)

Yearbooks - Order by April 18

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE! Order your yearbooks online today for school delivery in May.

- \$12 per book.
 - Sale ends April 18th! (After the deadline, purchases will be processed by manufacturer and cost \$24 + shipping fees to your home)
 - <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Fireside>
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Kids Standing for Climate Action - April 19th

Come join Fireside's Climate Club for a **Rally at Louisville City Hall on Friday, April 19th at 3:00**. We will be participating in a Global Day of Action for Climate Solutions! Bring a sign and share your hopes for a greener future! This action is part of Fridays for Future, a youth-led and -organized global climate strike movement started by Greta Thunberg in 2018. Here is a [flyer](#) about the event for you to pass along to others in our community.

Congratulations Fireside

Cafeteria Crew!

Congratulations to Ms. Senada and the cafeteria crew for earning the Golden Pan Award for hard work and dedication. This award is offered by the district as part of the Ripples of Positivity initiative.

Recycle Eclipse Glasses!

Fireside will be collecting used eclipse glasses for "Astronomers Without Borders". There will be a box set up outside the office. Collection will go until Friday, April 26th.

New School Age Care (SAC) lottery for 24-25 applications

School Age Care (SAC) 2024-2025 will feature a new lottery application process, with a sign-up window open between **April 15 and May 3** for incoming kindergarteners through 8th grade students. All requests submitted within that window will be considered, with priority given to full-time schedule requests, children of BVSD staff, and siblings at the same school. Visit our [webpage](#) for more details.

CU Wizards - April 13

ZAP! Electricity & Magnetism
Saturday April 13, 2024, 9:30 to 10:30 am
Duane Physics G1B30, CU Boulder

CU Physics Professor Alysia Marino reveals the magic of electric charges and magnets.

- How does electrical attraction/repulsion work?
- What is going on inside an electric circuit?
- How does a power plant generate electricity?

Come and see for yourself! The atmosphere will certainly be “ELECTRIC”

For full schedule of all the 2023-2024 CU Wizards shows...always **FREE**, always fun...check out the CU Wizards website & sign up to be on the monthly email reminder list: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards

County Resource and Health Event - Newcomer Families and Others

Boulder Valley School District has partnered with Boulder County Public Health and other community partners to host a health and resource event at Columbine Elementary on **Saturday, April 13th from 11 am to 3 pm**. This event is open to all (families, adults, youth).

Some resources available include vaccines for youth and adults, immigration guidance, family assistance, mental health support, benefits, and child and youth programs. Learn more at: [Family Health and Resource Event on April 13th](#).

P.R.I.D.E Awards

Congratulations to this week's P.R.I.D.E. award winners:

Ella Logan, Jack Goodyear, Miles Geldreich, Lila Graham, Cecilia Nido, Evan Eccles, Cade Garbow, Logan Savory, Helen Degnan, Jay Landen, Izzy St Ores, Aspen Pugh, Cash Pemberton, Patrik Pirila, Allie Davis, Juniper Lee, Kacey Comstock, Izzy Matuszynski, Mary Alice Feeney, Ellie Siepmann, Dylan Kim, Kade Jones, Parker Clouston, & Jackson Bruce

RADE JONES, PARKER CLAUSET, & JACKSON BRUCE.



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