



Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | January 16th, 2026

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The Casey Connection is Casey Middle School's family newsletter. Typically, it will be sent out every Friday afternoon and will include important information about things happening at school. Our [school website](#) is also filled with lots of information to keep you updated and connected.











Message from Dr. Shaw

Happy Friday! The week has come and gone, and we've earned this three-day weekend. As we wrap up another week of learning, we want to thank you for your continued partnership and support. Our scholars have been working hard, and it has been wonderful to see their growth, engagement, and perseverance across classrooms.

Support outside of school plays an important role in skill development. Consistent homework practice helps students build fluency, confidence, and long-term understanding, as skills grow through regular repetition. We ask for your partnership in helping students establish a routine for completing homework and bringing it to school. Even a small amount of daily practice can make a meaningful difference. Mrs. G. and I also shared this message with our scholars during our bi-monthly communication to reinforce its importance.

As we head into the long weekend, we hope you're able to enjoy some quality time together and take a moment to rest and recharge. Thank you for all you do to support our school community. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday.

Monday 1/19	Tuesday 1/20	Wednesday 1/21	Thursday 1/22	Friday 1/23
NO SCHOOL!	8 Period Day	8 Period Day	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8
	 FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm	 A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	 FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm	 FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm
	 FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm	 7th & 8th Grade Band Fest @ Boulder High 6pm	 ELO 3:45-4:30 pm	
	 A2A 3:45-4:30 pm			

Clubs & Athletics

Battle of the Books

We're excited to kick off *Battle of the Books*! Many families may already be familiar with this BVSD program, which runs across grades K–12. This club fosters a love of reading by engaging students with great books and friendly competition.

This season, students will read **6 titles** and then “battle” with their peers.

- **District Battle:** Saturday, March 28
- **Regional Battle:** Saturday, April 18 in Loveland (for qualifying teams)

Teams will be formed at all grade levels, and meetings will be held **during lunch** so participation is easy and accessible. Students should bring their lunch, discuss books, and exchange copies weekly.

Meeting Times:

- **6th Grade** – A Lunch on Tuesday (starting 10/7) with Ms. Dickinson in C115
- **7th & 8th Grade** – B Lunch on Thursdays (starting 10/9) with Ms. Adams in the library
(If your student has A Lunch, we'll make it work!)

Questions?

Julie Dickinson julie.dickinson@bvsd.org

Jen Adams jennifer.adams@bvsd.org

PTA News

- **PTA Meeting:** February 3, 5:00–6:00 PM, School Cafe. **No meeting in January.**

- **Next Principal Coffee:** Monday, Feb 9th, 9:00–9:30 AM, Library. **No meeting in January.**

Support the Casey PTA in reaching our **fall fundraising goal of \$20,000** at <https://givebutter.com/CaseyPTA>.

Donations of any size ensure the PTA can continue providing teacher grants, sponsoring school dances, and catering meals during teacher conferences. At that [url](#), you can donate via credit card, PayPal, Venmo, or check. Remember, some employers will match employees' donations to registered nonprofit organizations, such as the Casey PTA. We are registered on the workplace-giving platform Benevity and are happy to answer questions about employer matching.

Many ways to give:

- Contribute online via [GiveButter](#) (Venmo, PayPal, credit card, bank transfer)
- Contribute online via [PayPal](#)
- Drop off a check at the Casey front office (made out to *Casey Middle School PTA*).

FET News

Next Meeting Information

- **FET Meeting:** February 12th, 6:00–7:30 PM, School Cafe.
- **Cafecito with Shaw:** February 12th 5:30-6:00 PM, School Cafe

We will have childcare available as well. If you have questions, please reach out to Lily Lujan, our community liaison.

Our New Community Liaison

My name is Lily Lujan, the new Community Liaison here at Casey Middle School.

Here is my schedule in case you need help filling out the BVSD benefits applications, remember this application is not only for free or reduced lunch—it also covers materials, computers, sports...fees.

My schedule is:

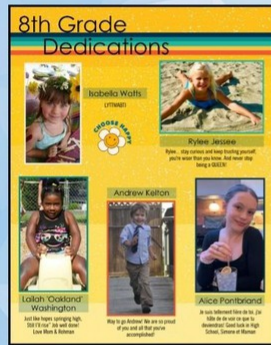
- **Monday:** 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- **Thursday and Friday:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

My phone number is 720-561-4567

Email is ana.lujancastillo@bvsd.org.

8th Grade Dedication

8TH GRADE DEDICATIONS!



>>> **EXAMPLE LAYOUT**
from 2025



For **\$50**, include a heartfelt message & a favorite photo to honor your child's achievements.


>>> HOW TO ORDER

1. Complete the [form link below](#) and submit with payment.
2. Deadline: **January 19, 2026**
3. Payments: Online, Cash or Check

Space is limited! Reserve your spot today!
For questions, contact erin.randall@bvsd.org

8th Grade Dedication Form: <https://forms.gle/mchnRmXp7kJZTn2P7>

BUY A
YEARBOOK TODAY!
» YBPAY.COM » SCHOOL ID: 15154526



**YOU MUST PRE-ORDER NOW
THROUGH APRIL TO GET ONE**

LAST YEAR ALL YEARBOOKS WERE SOLD OUT

DON'T MISS OUT!
» **COST ONLY: \$20.00**

Yearbooks are **\$20** and quantities are limited, so we encourage you to order soon as they can sell out quickly. Orders can be placed at YBpay.com using Code: **15154526**.

Counseling Corner

We hope that you all enjoyed a restful holiday break, and we are so excited for the semester that just got underway! Just before break, counselors visited all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science classes to deliver our second ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan) lessons of the school year. 6th grade students played a career game with classmates and learned about various careers, 7th grade students explored careers using results from their Skills and Confidence inventories that they took in November, and 8th grade students learned about resumes and began making their own resumes based on the skills they've developed in middle school. Ask your student about what they learned!

We are so grateful for our wonderful community of staff, students, and parents at Casey. We hope the second semester has started off well, and we welcome you to contact us if your student needs any additional support.

Students with last name A-L - Betty Delgado, betty.delgado@bvsd.org, 720-561-2775

Students with last name M-Z - Jen Valenzuela, jen.valenzuela-slige@bvsd.org, 720-561-2770

LEAP is open for Applications

LEAP is open for applications! LEAP helps eligible Colorado families pay a portion of their winter heating costs. The average benefit is \$200 - \$1000. Visit cdhs.colorado.gov/leap or call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (432-8435) to learn more and apply. Applications accepted through April 30, 2026.


Here is a fantastic [new opportunity](#) for parents and caregivers interested in learning English. It is free!

Reduce Emissions - Turn off Your Car While Waiting

BVSD buses turn off instead of idling while waiting for students. You can too! Because vehicle idling is a significant source of air pollution, BVSD has an operating procedure that prohibits buses and transportation support vehicles from idling for more than 5 minutes within any given 1 hour period.

Although it is tempting to keep cars and buses running, especially during colder weather, please turn off vehicles while waiting to pick up students. (*An exception to this is Food Service vehicles with refrigeration that need to remain on to maintain food quality)

Infinite Campus: Need to Change Information

 **Reminder:** Families can update their own email addresses and phone numbers directly in the Parent Portal.

If your **household address** or **emergency contact information** changes, please reach out to Victoria Santucho-Lopez victoria.santucho-lo@bvsd.org directly so we can make sure your student's record is up to date.

Community Announcements

Reminder: Breakfast is free every day at school!

We want to remind all BVSD families that in addition to free lunch, we offer a full breakfast every morning at schools. Breakfast schedules vary by site, so be sure to check in with your school office about how and when it is served at your school. You can find the [2-week breakfast cycle](#) on our website, or toggle to "Breakfast" on our [interactive menu calendar](#) to see what is served each day!

8th Grade Transition Night at Monarch Highschool

Join Monarch Highschool for their 8th grade transition night

Boulder Valley Regional Spelling Bee officials - volunteers needed

Parents and community members, we are looking for volunteers for this year's BVSD Regional Spelling Bee which will take place on March 7th in the New Vista High auditorium.

Volunteer Roles and duties include: On the day of the spelling bee, organizers are needed to do everything from checking in spellers, setting up the stage and physical event space, and receiving appeals and communicating them to the officials, to answering questions from parents, spellers and audience members. We cannot do this work without our amazing volunteers!

[Please fill out this interest form if you are interested.](#)

Health Insurance Resources for BVSD families

BVSD Health Services is sharing the following information for families who may be in need of health insurance or would like to explore their options, knowing that preventive and supportive services provided through this coverage helps keep students healthy and ready to learn.

Open Enrollment for health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado is happening now through January 15, 2026. This is the time when individuals and families can find affordable health coverage for the coming year.

We've included helpful flyers with information about both [Connect for Health Colorado](#) and [OmniSalud](#), a program that offers health insurance options for Coloradans regardless of immigration status.

Families who would like support can contact the Boulder County Enrollment Center for free assistance with Connect for Health Colorado, OmniSalud, Health First Colorado (Medicaid), and CHP+. The Enrollment Center provides confidential, unbiased guidance in English and Spanish, and in other languages through an interpreter.

To schedule an appointment with a Health Coverage Guide, visit boco.org/HealthCoverage, call 303-441-4530, or email HealthCoverage@BoulderCounty.gov.

Questions? Contact Joanna Harrison(joanna.harrison@bvsd.org), Resource Nurse

Ongoing Announcements

 **Donate Books & Help Casey Middle School!**

Have books you've finished that are still in good shape? Donate them to **The Bookworm** in Boulder and ask that the credit be applied to **Casey Middle School's account!**

Your donation helps us:

- ✓ Refresh our classroom and library collections
- ✓ Support student literacy
- ✓ Partner with a local business
- ✓ Promote sustainability

Who: Anyone with gently used books

Where: The Bookworm – 3175 28th Street, Boulder

When: Mon–Fri 10–6 | Sat 10–5 | Sun Closed

It's an easy, eco-friendly way to support Casey students – and a win-win for everyone! 💚

📖 Celebrate Our Public Libraries!

We are so fortunate to have fantastic public libraries in our community! With the opening of the newest branch—**The NoBo Library in North Boulder**—our local library system has expanded its events and programming for families outside of school hours.

There's truly something for everyone—**engaging activities for all age groups**, and best of all, **every event is free!**

Take a few moments to check out the **Boulder Public Library Newsletter** and consider joining in the fun. It's a great way to stay connected, learn, and explore as a family!



BOULDER
PUBLIC LIBRARY



📦 Classroom Supply Donations Welcome!

Our school is always in need of essential supplies to keep our classrooms running smoothly. If you're able to contribute, we kindly ask families to consider donating any of the following items to support our students and teachers.

Donations can be **dropped off at the front office anytime during school hours**. Every item makes a difference and helps us create a better learning environment for our students.

Thank you for supporting our school community! ❤️

Requested Supplies Include:



Tissues / Kleenex



Hand Sanitizer



White Copy Paper



Black Expo Markers



#2 Pencils



Wide Ruled Lined Paper

Free & Reduced Benefits

We are grateful that all students have access to free breakfast and lunch each day at school. Even though breakfast and lunch is now free, it is still very important that all our families complete the Free & Reduced Price School Meal application, as it waives and reduces fees (including athletics/activities and school technology fees) district-wide for many families, can impact transportation for some families, can provide schools with more resources and could possibly increase funding for schools.

This application can be completed online through our parent portal on [Infinite Campus](#). Our community liaison is also available to meet with families and help them fill out the application. If you would like to schedule a time to get help with the application, please contact our community liaison Lily Lujan (ana.lujancastillo@bvdsd.org or 720-561-4567).

Ways you can help Casey Middle School

King Soopers

[Register](#) your King Soopers card online and you can choose Casey to be the recipient of some extra cash from King Soopers. This does not interfere with fuel points!



Longmont Dairy Milk Caps

If you get Longmont Dairy products, bring your caps to Casey. There is a drop location in the office to collect them. We receive 5 cents per cap!



 **? Ask an Administrator**

Casey's Administration team would like to hear from you! Are there questions or wonderings that you have regarding the functioning of the school or decisions made? Ask your question here and we will either reach out to you directly or answer your questions through an FAQ in future newsletters. We look forward to hearing your questions and connecting with you.

FAQ

Casey Middle School Bell Schedule

Casey Middle School Cell Phone / Electronic Policy

Casey Middle School Tardy Policy

Casey Spiritwear Online Store - Click [HERE!](#)

BVSD Academic Calendar 2025-2026



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