Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | March 27th, 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! Hope you have an amazing weekend!

Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 3/1	Thursday 3/2	Friday 3/3
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Student Snacks

As a reminder, we ask families to please send an extra snack with their student when possible. As students get older, we encourage them to take responsibility for bringing what they need for the day. While we are always happy to support students in true emergencies, many daily snack requests are not related to food insecurity. Sending an extra snack from home helps minimize classroom disruptions and ensures students stay focused and ready to learn. Thank you for your support and partnership!

🏀 Clubs & Athletics 🎨

Registration For 6th/7th/8th Boys' and Girls' Track Registration is Open

Clubs & Athletics (more info)

- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade track registration is open and closes on March 4/1. The season begins on April 9th and runs through May 13th.

Sports require:

- Arbiter registration (Create an account and upload any documents you had in rSchool. Contact elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org with questions)
- CHSAA Physical Form. (page 4 needs to be submitted to the school)
- RevTrak payment. Fees: $125 (interscholastic), $60 (intramural). Family max $600.

*****All Interscholastic and Intramural sports require the student to complete and submit a medical physical in order to participate.**

*** If families need support with participation fees, please contact Brittney Gutierrez at brittney.gutirrez-me@bvsd.org or Ellie Portillo at elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org

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

- **Next PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 5:00–6:00 PM, School Cafe
- **Next Principal Coffee**: Monday, April 13, 9:00–9:30 AM, Library *(March cancelled)*
- **8th Grade Continuation Social Planning Committee:** Contact Ellie Geilhufe (egeilhufe@gmail.com) and/or Sam Penrose (sampenrose143@gmail.com) to join the committee. Help coordinate refreshments, decorations, and activities to make the social a memorable experience for our soon-to-be high schoolers.
- **Support the Casey PTA:** 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:** April 9th, 6:00–7:30 PM, School Cafe.
- **Cafecito with Shaw:** April 9th 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

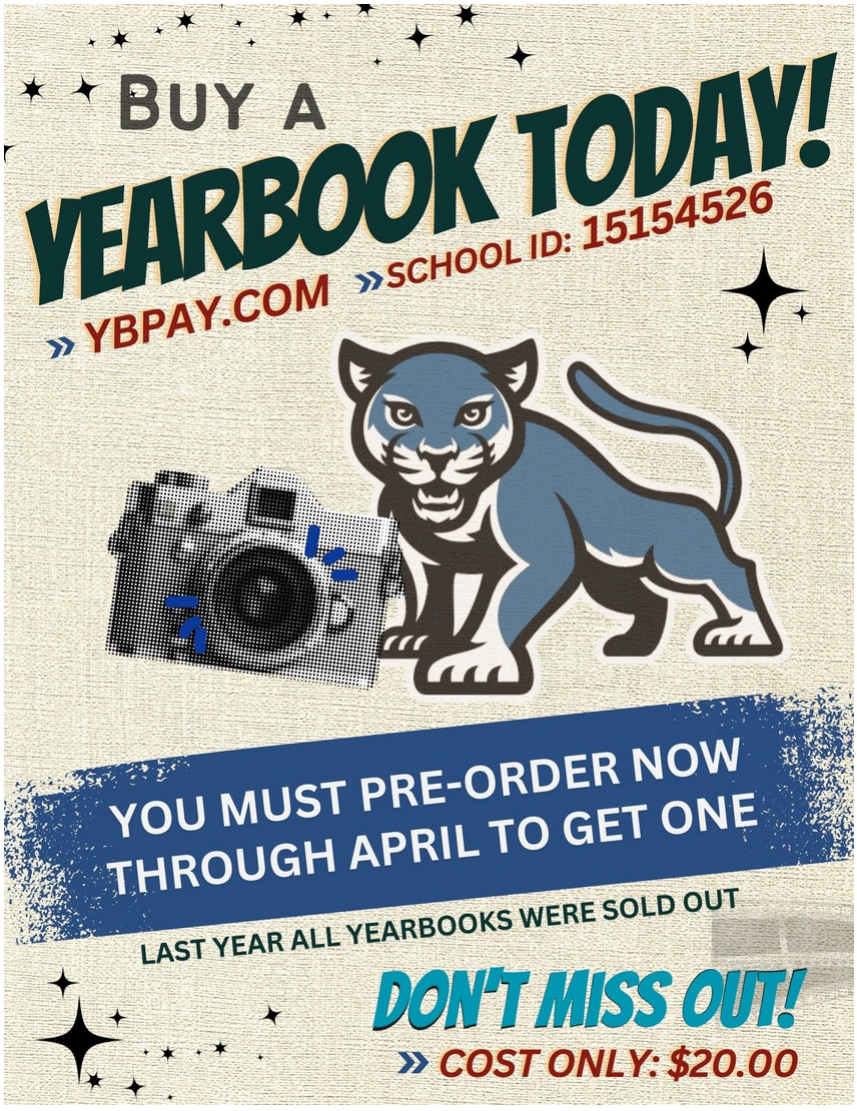
My name is Lily Lujan, the new Community Liaison here at Casey Middle School.
Here is my schedule in case you need help filling out the BVSD benefits applications, remember this application is not only for free or reduced lunch—it also covers materials, computers, sports...fees.

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.

2025-2026 Yearbook



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**.

Ridwell Announcements

Dear Casey community,
We have the chance to keep plastic film out of landfills! April, Casey will participate in a Ridwell plastic film recycling drive. You're invited to bring plastic film (ziptop bags, grocery bags, bubble wrap, and lots more) to school on any Monday in April. Start collecting plastic film now so you have a bunch to bring during our drive!

This info sheet explains what plastic film is and why it's hard to recycle, and this video shows a ton of examples. All the plastic film we collect during the drive will be turned into Trex decking! Curious about recycling more from home? Visit https://get.ridwell.com/casey-ms to learn more about Ridwell—and share the page with family and friends nationwide! You can help Casey earn plastic film pickups for the 26-27 academic year if 10 new members join Ridwell Pickups or Mail-in through our school's webpage by May 22.
Please contact Erin Mayer (erin.mayer@bvsd.org) with any questions.
Thank you for helping Casey work towards zero waste!

Community Announcements

Summer School

If you receive an email for the summer school, do not forget to register your student before the spots are filled.
Here is the link: https://www.bvsd.org/parents-students/academics/summer-learning.
Contact Lily Lujan at 7205614567 if you need help registering your student.

IOE Student and Caregiver Council

IMPACT ON EDUCATION
Foundation for Boulder Valley Schools

Join our Student and Caregiver Council

Are you a champion for public education? Have you or your family participated in Impact on Education (IOE)'s programs, like joining our Career Readiness Academy, receiving free school supplies through the Crayons to Calculators initiative, or having your child's AP test fees waived?*

Join our Student and Caregiver Council to make your voice heard, and help shape the future of IOE – the nonprofit supporting Boulder Valley public schools.

Why participate

- Share your expertise to make a difference for other students and families
- Make your voice heard and help shape the future of IOE
- Connect with others who believe as much as you do in the power of public education

Compensation for your time

- $15 an hour stipend

The commitment

- Attend three, monthly 90-minute meetings in spring 2026
- Engage in open, two-way dialogue to help improve our programs
- Shape the way our Student and Caregiver Council works into the future

Who should join

We're seeking BVSD students and caregivers who believe in the power of education, are passionate about making a difference, and who have lived experience with our programs.* Students who apply should be in high school.

Scan to apply!

*Not sure if you or your child has participated in an IOE program? Please reach out to Program Director Katie DiMercurio at katie@impactoneducation.org.

Mark your calendars to attend a community engagement session

Join us for one of six upcoming Community Engagement Sessions focused on the challenges of declining enrollment in BVSD.
Learn how these changes are beginning to impact our classrooms, ask questions, and share your priorities and values. Your input will help inform the decisions the Board of Education will make this fall.

WEEK 1

- April 13 (Monday) New Vista High School- 700 20th St., Boulder 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- April 15 (Wednesday) BVSD Education Center- 6500 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder 10:30 - 12:30p.m.
- April 16 (Thursday) Boulder High School- 1604 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- April 18 (Saturday) BVSD Education Center- 6500 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

WEEK 2

- April 20 (Monday)Broomfield High School- 1 Eagle Way., Broomfield 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- April 22 (Wednesday) Monarch High School- 3296 Campus Dr., Lsvlle 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

RSVP HERE

Let's Talk: Livestream information session with BVSD leaders

Following Spring Break, we will launch a special declining enrollment series of Let's Talk Education livestreams. BVSD leaders will explain the challenges of declining enrollment, its impacts, district actions, and the decision timeline. These sessions will be livestreamed on BV22 and BVSD's YouTube channel.

- Session I: The challenge of declining enrollment
- Session II: The impact on our schools
- Session III: The options and next steps

SUBMIT QUESTIONS

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.

Casey Food Pantry

We are pleased to announce that Casey Middle School offers a Food Pantry to support our families in need. The pantry provides free food and basic toiletry items to families who need them. If you are interested in receiving support, please fill out the Google Form below. All information will be kept confidential.

Casey Food Bag Weekly Sign-up

The form opens on Sunday of every week and closes on Wednesday afternoon.

We are here for you and your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need additional support.

Warmly,

Casey Middle School Team

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 Liana Geroche at liana.gerochevizcarr@bvsd.org directly so we can make sure your student's record is up to date.

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.

📢 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!

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🎁 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@bvsd.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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