

Boulder Creek Elementary


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Principally Speaking

Dear Parents:

I hope you all had a wonderful fall break with your child. It is always nice to have some time off when the weather is nice and spend quality time with your child. I also took some time off and spent the week with my daughter as well.



Friday, October 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. is our annual Halloween Howl sponsored by our wonderful PTSO. This is a family event so students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Students may wear their Halloween costume but no masks or weapons. You may purchase tickets on-line or at the door on the PTSO website.

On October 31st we will continue last year's tradition of our literacy parade. Each classroom or grade level will choose a book and make a "float" for the parade. The students may dress up as characters from the book. Our parade will begin at 1:30 for any parents who would like to attend. If the teacher chooses to have any activities in their classroom it will be after the parade.

Sincerely,

Karen K. Coleman



DYNAMIC PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education contributes to each child's growth and development primarily through movement development. The well rounded program here at Boulder Creek follows the highly acclaimed Pangrazi Model. The focus of the program includes movement competence, maintaining physical fitness, learning personal health and wellness skills, applying movement concepts and skill mechanics, demonstrating positive social skills, and ultimately developing a lifetime love of movement and fitness.

FITNESS AT HOME

It is recommended that kids receive 60 minutes of activity daily, most of which should be aerobic. Look for a new exciting activity every month in the Boulder Creek Newsletter.

Bicycle Safety

Bicycle riding is a fun activity for the whole family. Experts suggest children ride on sidewalks and paths until they are at least 10 years old, show good riding skills and are able to follow the rules of the road. Helmets, of course, are a necessity for both children and adults. Children should be reminded to always be aware of their surroundings and watch for cars even when on the sidewalk, crossing the streets at intersections and crosswalks, ride in designated bike lanes when possible, and never ride against traffic.

Please check out the following website for more bike safety tips:

<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/bike-safety.html>

Have fun and stay healthy!

Check out <http://fitfamilytogether.com/100-fun-activities-for-family-fitness> for great articles about fitness, health, and nutrition for the whole family.

Mr. Starks



A Note from the Nurse's Office,

Vision and hearing screenings are complete for the first screening. After the break re screens will start for anyone who failed the first screening. If a student fails the second screening, a referral notice is sent home through the US mail. Referrals do go to both parents even if they live in separate households. If you get a referral, please have your child seen as soon as possible. Identifying vision or hearing problems early makes a difference in every child's success in school. For those that get referrals, take the referral with you to the exam and have the doctor complete the report and return the completed form to the health office. This is especially important for students with IEP's or who are struggling with their work. Having an unresolved referral can delay testing your child may need to get services or additional help.

As a reminder for those parents with students that turn 11.

Immunizations are needed at age 11. They are required for school if your child is also in 6th grade. Referrals will be going out after the break for students who have turned 11 since school started. This includes many 5th graders. Your child will not be able to attend school as of the date listed on the referral if the immunizations are not turned in to the health office. For 5th grade students only there will be no specific date on the referral as to when the shot needs to be turned in if the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines are the only ones needed. If any other vaccine does not meet requirements an exclusion date will be listed. Referrals for 5th graders are being sent out as a reminder that shots are needed at 11 years old.

With warm weather and rain, the weather is perfect to flare up allergies. Allergy symptoms are similar to a cold. Here is a good link that shows the similarities and differences. The link is from last year but still works. The page has some very good information.

<https://www.bannerhealth.com/healthcareblog/articles/2018/april/how-to-tell-the-differences-between-allergies-and-colds>.

When your child is not feeling well, it can be difficult to decide whether or not to send your child to school. The first thing to help you decide is if they have a **fever, vomiting or diarrhea**. **If there is a fever >101 or lesser if acting and looking sick, keep your child**

home. Vomiting or diarrhea during any 24 hour period requires student to stay home. **They will need to stay home until symptom free for 24 hours without the assistance of medication.** If no fever but a cough is present and hacky or constant and may be disruptive to the classroom again keep your child home. If the cough is occasional, you can send a couple of cough drops with your child for their use only. A piece of hard candy can also help with those dry coughs. Please do not send more than a couple each day and remind your child that they are for their use only and no sharing.

Hope everyone enjoys the Halloween Dance. As you get ready for Halloween, remember these simple ideas to keep your Boulder Bulldog safe:

1. Wear costumes light in color to be easily seen. If wearing a dark colored costume use a flashlight or a glow stick.
2. If wearing a face mask, make sure the holes for the eyes are large enough to see approaching vehicles.
3. Wear comfortable shoes.
- 4 Go through the candy and discard any that may look like it has been opened. You can even make it educational by separating by kind of candy and counting.

As always, Healthy Kids Are My Business,
Jane Xavier R.N.

Gifted Education Corner

My name is Jena Nagamine, and I am the Gifted Education Parent Council representative for our school. You can reach me at jenamalia4@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about gifted education at our campus and in the district.

• **The application window is now open for Gilbert Classical Academy.**

GCA is a college preparatory school option serving grades 7-12 available in Gilbert Public Schools. Prospective families are invited to attend an informational session to meet the Principal and learn about the school philosophy, curriculum, and programs on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the GCA Cafeteria. Families interested in enrolling need to fill out an application prior to Friday, December 13th, 2019 here:

<https://www.gilbertschools.net/domain/720>

• **Are you interested in learning more about the Gifted Talented and Creative (GTC) Program at Highland Junior High?** There is a website dedicated to the program. Please go here to learn more: <https://www.gilbertschools.net/domain/720>

• **Gilbert Public Schools is asking voters to pass a \$100 million Bond and a 15% override this fall.**

The Bond will be used to improve technology infrastructure, transportation, facilities, and improve safety and security. The override will help to reduce class sizes, retain and attract quality teachers, and help with social and emotional support of students. More information on the bond and override can be found here:

<https://www.gilbertschools.net/bondandoverride>

• More information on the Gifted Education Parent Council (GEPC) can be found on the district website: [gilbertschools](http://gilbertschools.net) → [Academics](#) → [GEPC](#)

Follow us on Facebook [@gilbertgifted](https://www.facebook.com/gilbertgifted) for more events and updates



Principal's 100 Club

Students that have displayed character traits up and beyond.

Lucas Minn

- Always being responsible

Amber Prutsma

- Always being responsible

Lucy Datillo

- Academic excellence, citizenship, kindness, and overall awesomeness

Ayden Cochran

- Integrity

Brooke McKendrick

- Turned in a lost item. Being honest and responsible



AVID Golden Binder Awards for August

3rd Grade Golden Binder Winners

- Avery Gallegos, Tayler Hagen, Mia Moss

4th Grade Golden Binder Winners

- Gianni Ferrair, Elijah Lynn

5th Grade Golden Binder Winners

- Natalie Archambault, Heather Puskar, Rhianna Rodriguez-Dearman

6th Grade Golden Binder Winners

- Arlene Bienvenue, Arianna Brown, Julius Espinoza



**I ♥
my AVID binder!**

Attendance Awareness September

Annual On Line Update (and review) of Student Demographics

ALL parents from every household are required to login to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and review or edit demographic information for your child(ren).

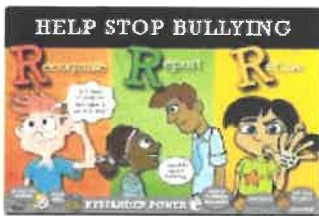
We thank those of you who have already completed this process!!

For families who have not yet logged in and 'submitted' their review, there is a link attached with directions for how to do this. <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1xGsRtmuE7iuWoTta8yFz17zwlasB7XUtG4Zq50sLinl>

Morning Campus Routine

- Students can **arrive to school at 7:45am** when the playground gates will be unlocked.
- School buses will arrive on campus early enough for students needing to eat breakfast to go directly to the cafeteria when they arrive on campus. The cafeteria will close at 8:05am to allow students to join their class out on the playground.
- The playground **gates will close at 8:05am** to allow teachers and students to walk to their classrooms. Students arriving after 8:05am will enter through the front office.
- The new bell schedule (start time) requires that students are **in the classroom at 8:10am**.

Please use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to review your child's attendance and that they are arriving to school on time as expected.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

October is National Bullying Prevention month! We will be focusing on the three R's of bullying in our Second Steps lessons in the Relaxation Lab this month.

Recognize what bullying is and that it is not safe, respectful, funny, or cool.

Report to an adult who can help you make a plan to get the bullying to stop.

Refuse the behavior, tell the person to stop in a strong, respectful voice, and that what they are doing is not right, stand up with the target, do not join in or ignore the behavior as if it is not your problem.

The definition that we are using is that *bullying is when someone keeps hurting someone else's body or feelings and the person it's happening to hasn't been able to get it to stop. It is unfair and one sided.* We are learning about **bystander power** and how if we all work together, we can make Boulder Creek a safe and respectful school. And we need your help, too! Get involved in making our school a safe and respectful place by letting us know if you hear about bullying at our school. Make sure your child knows to tell you or someone at school if he or she is being bullied. And give your child the clear message that it is never okay to bully others.

If you would like to learn more about the Second Steps curriculum and the Bullying Prevention unit, please go to www.secondstep.org and use the family access key below. There are two for each grade level because one is for the regular program and the other is for the additional Bullying Prevention Unit.

K: SSPK FAMI LY70, BPUK FAMI LY00

1st: SSP1 FAMI LY71, BPU1 FAMI LY01

2nd: SSP2 FAMI LY72, BPU2 FAMI LY02

3rd: SSP3 FAMI LY73, BPU3 FAMI LY03

4th: SSP4 FAMI LY74, BPU4 FAMI LY04

5th: SSP5 FAMI LY75, BPU5 FAMI LY05

6th: SSP6 FAMI LY12 (only 1 code needed)

You are invited to come check out our new Relaxation Lab and learn more about what is happening at Boulder Creek in the area of social emotional learning on Thursday October 24th, 5:30-7pm. Child care will be available for young children, students should attend with their adult. Pizza will be served. **RSVP no later than Tues Oct 22 by clicking here:**

<https://forms.gle/NrJvN6F4pTbA1Qg9A>

Lastly, every October 23rd- 31st we celebrate Red Ribbon Week. This is a time when we educate the students on healthy choices, such as eating a balanced diet, exercising, getting enough rest, treating others the way they want to be treated, and saying no to drugs. We will be signing a pledge to be drug free and treat others with respect. Students will be receiving a red ribbon as a symbol of this pledge. I am also holding a **Red Ribbon Week poster contest**, see attached contest flyer. **We are encouraging students to wear red, Boulder Creek shirts, and our tie dye Stand Tall shirts during this week to show their support for healthy choices.** To find out more about the Red Ribbon Campaign, check out www.redribbon.org.

Thank you,
Mrs. Fortune
School Social Worker

RED RIBBON WEEK POSTER CONTEST



All entries will be displayed around the school and receive a small Red Ribbon week prize. 1 entry per student. There will be 2 winners per grade level selected by a committee of staff. Winners will get to eat lunch with Mrs. Fortune, choose a prize from her treasure box, and have their work featured in next month's newsletter.

All entries are due to Mrs. Fortune by October 30th.

Kindergarten-1: Posters must include a picture and/or words (scribing by an adult is allowed) of how students can work together to make our school a better place and spread kindness.

Grades 2-3 : Posters must include a picture and/or words of how students can make good choices, including staying away from drugs, being safe and respectful, and spreading kindness.

Grades 4-6: Posters must include a picture and/or words of how students can help prevent bullying, spread kindness, and/or help other students stay drug free.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Cookie Dough Flyers went home the Friday before fall break. If you have not seen one yet, check your student's backpack. Orders are due Nov. 1st. Delivery is November 25th.

In the past Student Council has purchased Cameras, Doc Cams, Projectors, SMART Boards, the Marquee, Letters for the front of the school, Playground Balls, Benches, Gaga Ball Pit, Walkie Talkie Radios, The Mural, Microphones, School Instruments, Speakers, Karaoke Machine, with the profits from the Cookie Dough Sales.

This year, Student Council is looking at the following items to purchase from the proceeds this year: Second GaGa Ball Pit (Primary and Intermediate would have their own), Lost and Found Building a Bulldog Closet with Ms. Fortune (A big Cabinet that we stock with Clothing, Jackets, Shoes, backpacks, Etc to help with our kids in crisis/Need), Playground Balls and Items for Recess, More Benches.



Math Mystery Night at Boulder Creek

THE CASE OF THE SUPER BAD SUPERHERO

Bring your brother...

Bring your Grandma...

Bring your Great Uncle Lou...

bring your family...

bring your DOG!!!!

(well, maybe not the dog)



It'll be a real "Who Done It?" kind of night.

We need YOUR amazing MATH and PROBLEM SOLVING detective skills to solve this mystery

Thursday, November 14, 2019

6-7 pm

Don't put those superhero costumes away just yet.

Wear your favorite superhero costumes, parents too! Any superhero will do!



MATH GAMES

"It was great to meet so many families during parent teacher conferences last week! Some parents even got to walk away with an idea on how we practice math with a simple deck of cards. Here is a great website that lists SIXTEEN different games you could play with your child all while practicing math! [CLICK HERE](#) Fall break is the perfect time to wind down and spend some quality time with one another, playing card games is a great way to do that!"

September Pawsitively Winners



Mark Your Calendar

October 15 - Classes resume, Light Saver's @ 3:00pm,
October 16 - Early Release Day @ 1:55 pm
October 18 - HALLOWEEN HOWL 7:00 - 9:00 PM
October 21 - Relaxation Crew @ 3:00pm
October 22 - NEHS Meeting @ 3:00pm
October 23 - Early Release Day @ 1:55 pm
October 24 - Battle of the Books @ 1:30
October 24 - Social/Emotional Community Night - See article in newsletter
October 25 - SNO-CONES \$1 each
October 28 - Picture Re-Takes
October 28 - Relaxation Crew @ 3:00pm
October 29 - Light Saver's @ 3:00pm
October 29 - 2nd Grade Halloween Music Performance
October 30 - Early Release Day @ 1:55 pm
October 31 - Kindergarten Field Trip
October 31 - Literacy Parade @ 2:00 pm
November 4 - Relaxation Crew @ 3:00pm
November 5 - NEHS Meeting @ 3pm
November 6 - Early Release Day @ 1:55 pm
November 6 - 6th Grade Science Camp Trip Begins
November 8 - 6th Grade Science Camp returns
November 11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
November 12 - Light Savers @ 3:00 pm, Meeting @ 3:30 pm
November 13 - Early Release Day @ 1:55 pm
November 14 - Get a Clue Math Mystery Event @ 6:00 pm
November 15 - Hot Chocolate Sales before school \$1 - Supports Adopt-a-family
November 15 - Swirl It PTSO Fundraiser - 3:30-11:00 pm
November 18 - 4th Grade Field Trip
November 18 - Relaxation Crew @ 3:00 pm
November 20 - Half Day, Students Dismissed 2 11:55 am
November 22 - Spelling Bee @ 1:30 pm Library



Upcoming PTSO Events

Halloween Howl

When

Friday, Oct. 18th, 7pm

Where

8045 East Portobello Avenue Mesa, AZ

More information

Check out the [PTSO website](#) for more details



[Get Directions](#)

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PTSO Fall Toy Drive

When

Thursday, Sep. 26th, 9pm

Where

8045 East Portobello Avenue Mesa, AZ

More information

Boulder Creek is excited to announce our partnership with All For Good, starting with a service project to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. We will be having a FALL TOY DRIVE. Donations will be accepted starting September 26 during Parent/Teacher Conferences, and will continue through October 18 at the Halloween Howl. We will be collecting toys for children of all ages and abilities. Everyone can donate, even the smallest donation can make a BIG difference.

- Due to infection control guidelines, all toy and stuff animal donations must be brand new with tags still attached and in their original packaging
- We cannot accept toys that are violent in nature or have weapon accessories
- We can not accept toys that include any food or candy
- Gift Cards are accepted and need to be turned into the front office.

Donuts with Dad & Muffins with Mom

When

Friday, Dec. 6th, 7:15am

Where

8045 East Portobello Avenue Mesa, AZ

More information

Donuts with Dad - Friday, December 6 @ 7:20

and

Muffins with Mom - Friday, January 10 @ 7:20am



[Get Directions](#)



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