



Summit News

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Boulder Valley's First Charter School

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The School Calendar

December	January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 2nd, NO SCHOOL-, Professional Development Day • Friday, 2nd – Sunday, 4th “Homework Free Weekend” • Tuesday, 6th – Wednesday, 7th, History Day for 7th Graders • Wednesday, 7th – Tour for Prospective families • Thursday, 8th, Student/Parent Information Night at Summit 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Wednesday, 14th – Tour for Prospective families • Thursday, 15th, Summit Board Meeting • Thursday, 15th, Instrumental Music Concert at Summit 7:00-8:15 pm • Monday, 19th, Choral Ensemble Winter Concert at Boulder High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m. • Wednesday, 21st – Tuesday, 3rd January NO SCHOOL - Winter Holiday Break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 4th School Resumes • Thursday, 5th, Summit Board Meeting • Wednesday, 11th, Tour for Prospective families • Thursday, 12th, Student Parent Information Night at Summit 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Friday, 13th NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day • Monday, 16th NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday • Tuesday, 17th Summit Drama Dept. Presents “Booby Trap” 7:00 p.m. Dairy Center East Theatre • Tuesday, 17th - Wednesday, 18th Science Fair for 8th Graders • Wednesday, 18th Tour for Prospective Families • Thursday, 19th End of First Semester, Summit Board Meeting • Friday, 20th Open Enrollment Ends, Applications due to BVSD by 4:00 p.m. • Monday, 23rd NO LUNCH SERVICE – send sack lunch • Monday, 31st Report Cards Distributed
February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 14th Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-6:30 p.m.* • Wednesday, 15th Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-6:30 p.m.* • Friday, 17th NO SCHOOL • Monday, 20th, President's Day NO SCHOOL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 3rd – NO LUNCH SERVICE – send sack lunch • Monday, 27th - Friday 31st, Spring Break NO SCHOOL
<p>* Conference Note: Summit students will be in class 8:10-12:20 p.m. on these days. (No lunch service)</p>	

Thanks for Supporting Summit Students!

Thank you to the many families who have already returned their Tools for Learning pledges. As of November 30th, we have received more than \$52,000 in donations from 77 currently enrolled families and 32 alumni families. This puts us 52% of the way to our goal

of raising \$100,000 and represents a participation rate of 31% of our current families.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT FOR A DONATION IN 2005, please return your pledge card as soon as possible. All donors paying by check dated on or before December 31st will receive a tax receipt for a

2005 donation. If you pledge by credit card (and wish to receive a tax receipt showing a 2005 donation) we must receive your pledge in the office no later than December 15th in order to process the pledge before Winter Break.

We will publish an update of the donations received to date in each Summit newsletter. If you have mailed your pledge, but your name is not listed below, don't worry! It just means that we have not yet processed your donation – look for your acknowledgment in the December 15th newsletter.

Thanks to the following families, foundations and corporations for their support of the 2005-2006 Tools for Learning campaign:

Current Summit Families

Tracie Bascom & Jay Hogan
Hyeawon Chae & Jay Buster
Silva Chang & Bradley Alpert
Brad & Annie Davids
Eugenia Klagstad & James Fogelberg
Michelle & Neil Eckstein
Debby & Kristian Hanssen
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Usha & Mohan Ramamurthy
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Pam Lemme & William Raup
Vicki Criss
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Julie & Mike Scott
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6 Anonymous Donors

Summit Middle School Honor Roll for Spring Semester 2004-2005

Below is the Summit Middle School Honor Roll list for spring semester last year. Thanks for your patience while we created this list.

6th graders

Isabelle Bascom	Peter Mathys
Samuel Berens	Alysia Mattson
Kerry Betz	Amy McClellan
Colleen Brents	Genevieve Mesch
Abigail Cahalan	Michaela Metzler
Robert Cendali	Elisabeth Meyer
Ani Christianian	Thomas Morley
Gretchen Christoph	Maxwell Nathanson
Allison Davis	Stefan Norgaard
Julia Donahue	Nicole O'Hearne
Devin Doyle	Tyler Ollanik
Mary Edman	Christopher Parlier
Heather Fielding	Allison Paul
Erik Fine	Annika Peterson
Soren Frykholm	Ella Marie Pyle
Lee Gedney	Parker Raup
Patrick Glynn	Nicole Reese
Christopher Guthrie	Peter Rapucci
Tore Hanssen	Kyle Rowinski
James Hastie	Jeremy Salvucci
John Hickman	Hannah Schaller
Jirka Hladis	Talia Scott
Ian Hooley	Kristen Seidel
Joel Hyde	Linx Selby
Alexia Ingerson	Jesse Shapiro
Aaron Jesudason	Gaelyn Tierney
Erin Jones	Hannah Tuttle
Erin Kirton	Peter Van Dusen
Willis Kuelthau	Michael Vigers
Larissa Kunz	Nicolas Vincent
Nikolas Laskaris	Charles Xu
Emma Lattes	Marina Yamasaki
Benjamin Lieberman	Caterina Zischke-Rincon
Luke Light	

7th graders

Melanie Adams	Taylor Kitayama
Christian Allen	Caroline Klatman
Lucas Barba	Chytanya Kompala
Paul Benz	Adam Lerner
Caleb Bowman	Katherine MacDonnell
Grant Buster	Andrew Mandula
Jordan Cahn	Christian McGill
Catherine Chen	Raphael Minot
Caila Criss	Graham Morgan
Eric Davids	William Oldham
Grace Davis	Amelia Parlier
Elena Desseva	Anna Peshock
Nathan Forman	Radhika Rawat
Constance Ge	Lindsay Schaller
Samuel Goldner	Catherine Seltz
Daniel Haarbuerger	Alan Seltzer
Caroline Hager	Martin Sotola
Thomas Harrington	Rebecca Vickers
Kelly Hartzell	Jane Xie
William Hauptman	

8th graders

Kathryn Browning	Allison Johnson
Stanley Chen	Hannah Kapsak
Andrew Cowley	Megan Kerry
Ethan Eberle	Kelsey Ketellapper
Julia Eckstein	Benjamin Kuelthau
Brandon Evans	Victor Li
Carolyn Foster	Matthew Markham
Eva Gerstle	Christopher Metzler
Pia Gerstle	Meredith Reisfield
Nina Gnedin	Alexander Repucci
Eugenia Godina	Aja Ringenbach
Sally Guthrie	Andrea Rudman
Lisa Han	Delano Scott
Asa Harrington	Anne Smartt
Benjamin Harstad	Tamara Sparks
Hanna Hayden	Sarah Stancliffe
Kayla Hayes	Haley Thurston
Gabriella Hecht	Robert Van Dusen
Zoe Ingerson	Margot Van Loon
Haoshuang Zhang	

Events for Prospective Students (2005-2006)

Monthly Scheduled Tours

Parents and students interested in the Summit Middle School program are invited to tour the school with a Summit administrator. At the end of the tour, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. All tours begin at 8:30 a.m. Tours are by appointment only. Please call the Summit office to schedule a time (303-499-9511).

School tours will be held on the following dates:
December 7 & 14, January 11 & 18.

Student Visitation Days

Students who have been notified of acceptance at Summit are eligible to attend a Student Visitation Day. This program is designed for students who feel they

need to visit the school in order to make a final decision about enrolling at Summit. On the day they visit, students will shadow a “Student Ambassador” (current 6th grader) for a half-day. Dates and sign-up procedures for Student Visitation Days will be sent with letters of acceptance, which are mailed in late January or early February.

Student/Parent Information Nights

7th Grade History Day

All 7th graders will be participating in History Day in December. Projects will be set up on December 6th. Judging for History Day takes place December 7th until 1:00 p.m. Parents and other interested parties are invited to come to view the projects any time after 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Projects should be taken down and go home with students or parents that afternoon.

Heartfelt Thanks

As part of Dean Reaven’s “Breaking Down the Walls” event on November 15th, many parents provided and served desserts from around the world. A huge thank you must go out to the following who helped in such a big way:

Lea Peshock, Linda Fong, Binx Selby, Beth Rogers, Vicki Scheuermann, Kevin Pykkonen, Kerry Glynn, Lynne Cahn, Amy Engelhardt, Loran Lattes, Julie Bannantine, Laurel Hickman, Benyih Yamasaki, Susan Place-Everhart, Loretta Melhado, Hillary Johnson, Charla Berens, Dayna Greenleaf, Yevett Karpel, Karen Van Dusen, Debbie Paul, Karen Kent-Pyle, Shirley Lee, Randy Chen, Ainen Edman, Rachna Rawat, Elena Mathys, Michelle Eckstein, Irene Reese, Sabine and Larissa Kunz, Wendy Blakemore and the Spanish Club, Julie Chai, Chris Velds, Suzana Brown, Andrea Jaeger, Susan Place Everhart, Amy Beringer, and Julie Scott.

This event was an enormous undertaking and each and every one of these volunteers was needed for its success. THANK YOU!

Parent Engagement Network

Three Events for BVSD Parents:

1. Showcasing local resources – Parenting Resources and Strategies for All Ages, Thursday, December 8th, 8:30 – 11:00a.m. BVSD Ed Center, 6500 Arapahoe.
2. Ken Winters, University of Minnesota, Nationally Recognized Researcher and Speaker, Tuesday, January 17th, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., BVSD Ed Center 6500 Arapahoe and at Fairview HS 7:00-9:00 p.m. “Young Frankenstein-Welcome the Teen Brain and the Effect of Substances”

Student/Parent Information Nights are an excellent opportunity to meet Summit staff and board members and to learn more about the Summit program. The mission, philosophy, and curriculum of the Summit program will be discussed, textbooks and work samples will be displayed, and presentations will be made by core subject and elective teachers. All prospective students and their families are encouraged to attend one of these evening programs.

Student/Parent Information Nights will be held on Thursday, December 8 and on Thursday, January 12 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

FYI

3. Youth Presenters, Thursday February 9th, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Power of Parents – Youth Voices & Preview, Parents Who Host Lose The Most, BVSD Ed Center 6500 Arapahoe.

Please join us for these informative and engaging events! Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact: Betsy Fox: 303.441.3981 or bfox@co.boulder.co.us Visit our website at www.parentengagementnetwork.com

Choral Performances

The Summit Middle School Choral Ensembles are proud to announce the performance of our Winter Concert:

When: Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm
Where: Boulder High School Auditorium

** Choir Parents: Please take note of the performance date and time. Arrival time will be 6:15 p.m. for students to warm up and to conduct a sound check. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McGarvey at Summit.Choirs@comcast.net.

Silver Rain and Celtiori will be performing at the Atrium on December 16th at 1:00pm. The Atrium is located at 3350 30th Street in Boulder. This would be a great opportunity for parents to come, especially those who may miss the concert on the 19th. Parents who would like to attend this event are asked to contact Mary Meyers-Scully at 303-444-0200 so that they can plan seating accordingly.

Art and Instrumental Music News

Come See the Artists of Summit!!!
On Thursday December 15th we will be having an art show featuring a collection of artwork from the fall art classes at Summit. You are invited to view the art exhibit from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Then there will be a music program featuring Summit’s orchestra from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please come see and listen to the talented and creative Summit community.

Eighth Grade Baby Photos Needed

As the school year moves on, we on the yearbook staff are working hard towards ensuring a memorable yearbook for the Class of 2006. We are asking for your help to guarantee the success of the 2005-2006 yearbook. We want to show how much the eighth graders have changed over the years and would like ONE baby picture of your soon to be graduate. Your photo will appear in full color. Since these photos will be scanned, the better the quality of the original the better the scanned photo will come out. Please make sure your child's name is on the back of the photo written in pencil. We will be keeping these photos so please do not send any priceless ones. The deadline for submitting your photo is Friday Dec 9th. No photos will be accepted

after that date. You can submit them to either Ms. Baruch or to the front office.

Sincerely,
The Yearbook Staff

Special Thanks

A special thank you to Mike's Camera of Boulder for their generous donation of disposable cameras and processing of film for the 2005-2006 yearbook. Thank you for helping us capture the memories!
—Yearbook Committee

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MISSION OF SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- To provide a rigorous, academic curriculum that promotes high levels of student effort and academic achievement
- To foster high self-esteem through stimulating intellectual challenge and meaningful academic accomplishment
- To inspire in students a lifelong love of learning and a desire for self-development
- To create a community of peers who value scholarship, academic achievement, and creativity
- To serve as an excellent preparation for students intending to study in the International Baccalaureate program and other college-preparatory high school programs

ENROLLMENT IN SUMMIT

Summit Middle School is a tuition-free, public charter school in the Boulder Valley School District, serving grades 6, 7 and 8 through mixed-age classes where students are grouped by ability, interest, motivation, developmental level, and mastery of previous material. Classes are taught by teachers who are specialists in their subject areas. Prospective students register through the District's open-enrollment procedure at the beginning of the calendar year. Summit fills openings from its waiting list through September.

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