



# Summit News

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## The School Calendar

| April                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Summit Library</li> <li>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>, Summit Day, NO SCHOOL</li> <li>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Summit Library</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1/2day Professional Development Meetings*</li> <li>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>, Choir concert, 7 p.m., Mountain View United Methodist Church</li> <li>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Summit Library</li> <li>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Instrumental Concert</li> <li>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup>, NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day</li> <li>Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Summit Library</li> <li>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>, Last day of school, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation.</li> </ul> |
| June                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| * Conference and ½ Day Development Meetings Note: Summit students will be in class 8:10 – 12:20 p.m.                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## TOOLS FOR LEARNING

The revenues that Summit receives from the state and BVSD are not enough to pay for our programs or cover our full operating budget; your contributions to the Tools for Learning Annual Fund close this gap. So far this year, 51% of Summit families have donated to raise \$68,450 towards our goal of \$100,000. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed. Unfortunately, we are still \$32,000 from our goal. **Please take this time to consider making a donation and sending a powerful message that you value and support Summit.** Please find a pledge form below. You may bring it to school or mail to Supporters of Summit, 4655 Hanover Boulder, CO 80305. Thank you! **EVERY DONATION HELPS!** If you have any questions, please contact Aline Christianian, TFL chairperson, at [Alineco@aol.com](mailto:Alineco@aol.com) or 303-494-5571.

### Tools for Learning

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- ☐ Direct Debit Pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month of 10 months  
(TFL forms will be mailed to you with bank information.)
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Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

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Donors will be listed in the monthly Summit newsletter without regard to amount donated.

### **The Principal's Column**

*by David Finell*

There is an old story about a good man by the name of Yosef Beril. He lived many years ago in a small village called Zia in the countryside of Czechoslovakia.

One night Yosef had a dream in which a commanding voice told him to travel the capital city of Prague and to then go to the Ostrava Bridge crossing the Danube River. The voice said if Yosef searched under the bridge he would find a great treasure. When Yosef awoke from his dream the voice was powerful and clear in his head. "What a strange and powerful dream!" he thought. "But why should I travel to Prague. It is over 500 kilometers away and the road is dangerous. There are bandits along the way. It would take me ten days to get there by horse and I have other responsibilities to attend to at home. I have a family and work. I cannot just head off to Prague because a voice in a dream told me to do so!" And so Yosef went back to his life and soon forgot about the dream.

The following week the dream came again, clear and resonant. "Go to Prague, Yosef Beril. Search under the Ostrava Bridge. There you will find a great treasure."

Yosef awoke and thought: "This is surely strange to have the same dream twice. Perhaps I am losing my mind. Or perhaps God is speaking to me through my dreams. Why is this happening? What should I do?" The days went by while Yosef deliberated, but he had other cares and still he took no action.

Finally, the following week, when the dream came yet a third time, Yosef decided he had to make the journey to Prague. So he saddled his horse, took some provisions, and began the long and arduous trip. After many days he arrived to the capital and went to the Ostrava Bridge.

The Ostrava was the main bridge in Prague and there were many people crossing over at all hours. The area was also heavily guarded with the king's soldiers stationed at either end of the bridge. Yosef could see no way to get underneath the bridge without drawing attention to himself. So he rented a small room nearby and came back day after day to see if there was some way to get under the bridge without being noticed. After a week a guard approached him suspiciously. "I have seen you hanging around here for the past week or so," said the guard. "Who are you and what are you up to?" Yosef replied: "I mean no harm. I come from the countryside and have come to visit Prague." The guard replied: "And why are you spending all your days at the Ostrava Bridge? Do you plan some act of sabotage? Tell me what you are up to or I will have you thrown in jail!" Yosef replied: "Okay, if you must know the reason I am here is that I had a dream that told me to come to Prague and visit this bridge. I know that sounds silly, but the voice in my dream came week after week. Finally I felt I could ignore it no longer. So I came and now I am waiting to see what will happen."

"You are a silly man" said the guard "to listen to such dreams. Why if I listened to my dreams I would not even be here right now."

"Why is that?" asked Yosef.

"Because for the past several weeks", the guard replied, "I have awakened to a voice telling me I should travel to the town of Zia in the eastern part of our country and go to the house of a poor man by the name of Yosef Beril. The voice said that if I dug in the basement of this man's house I would find a great treasure hidden there. Be off with you now and no more loitering around here!"

Yosef journeyed back home, dug in his basement and indeed found the treasure that had been hidden there all along.

It is a simple but lovely story designed to illustrate how the things of greatest value in our lives are often right there at our feet, but we see them not. Our gaze is often fixed elsewhere, and we feel our destiny lies in another place, another time. But more often than not, that which is of true and lasting worth is here among us at this moment.

I think we all know that Summit is a special place. But it is really much more. Summit is a treasure that we should all appreciate and support. This is not to say Summit is a perfect place. It is the people that make any place and, as we all know, people can be tough. At times there can be conflict and miscommunication, hurt feelings and pettiness. But nevertheless Summit is a unique and vibrant learning community, head and shoulders above most middle schools in this country. It is a place where teachers have a passion for teaching, who know their subject matter and who value the special qualities of adolescence. Summit is a place where creativity, scholarship, service and character are valued, where high standards are set and kids work hard and do their best. Summit is a place where lasting friendships are formed and where lifelong skills are learned. And let's not forget that at Summit we also know how to have a good time as a school! (If you don't believe me you should come to Halloween at Summit sometime, or stop in when we are having a dance, or help on the all-school field trip in April, or come by for the dodge ball tournament!)

As we approach the end of this school year I want to thank all of the teachers and staff, student and parents who, by working together, make Summit such a treasure. Let's continue to work to ensure that Summit remains such an amazing school for many, many years to come!

**8th Grade Graduation, Friday, May 30, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**

Dear Summit Families:

It is my pleasure to invite you to our upcoming 8th grade graduation ceremony! We are proud of the accomplishments of our graduating class and it is a pleasure to see what fine young men and women they have become during their years at Summit. Here are a few important points to remember about graduation:

1. Graduation will take place in the main auditorium at Boulder High School at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008. Boulder High School is located at 1604 Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder.
2. Rehearsal begins at 10:30 a.m. All 8th grade students need to report directly to the main auditorium by 10:30 a.m. and attendance will be taken. We cannot begin the rehearsal until everyone is present so we ask that students please be seated by 10:30 a.m. After rehearsal lunch will be served and the class picture will be taken. 8th graders do not come to Summit on this day. They report directly to Boulder High at 10:30 a.m.
3. Students in 6th and 7th grades report to Summit at 8:00 a.m. and will be bused to the graduation at Boulder High School at 12:30 p.m.
4. Graduation begins at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Families should arrive early, as parking will be very tight. You can park on the streets to the north of Arapahoe Avenue as the two-hour time limit (for cars parked legally) will not be enforced. If you park illegally, however, you will of course run the risk of being ticketed.
5. Please enter and exit Boulder High School only through the main doors on Arapahoe Avenue.
6. 8th graders should arrive already dressed for graduation. Time will not be provided for students to change. Please help ensure that your child dresses in a manner that is appropriate for graduation. This means suits or slacks with dress shirts for boys, and dresses, or skirts with blouses, for girls. Overly flamboyant or revealing clothing is not allowed.
7. Students should not bring extra "stuff" as possessions can get lost during graduation. Students should bring a water bottle.
8. Students, parents and guests are allowed only in the auditorium, social hall and hallway connecting these two rooms. Boulder High School prohibits people from wandering around their campus and we have been told that anyone found doing so will be considered to be trespassing. Restrooms will, of course, be open.
9. Order forms for a copy of the graduation photograph will be sent home a couple of weeks prior to graduation.
10. Ms. Koch and I will meet with all the 8th graders in early May to go over all the information they need for the graduation ceremony and to answer any questions they have.
11. There will be a reception after the graduation ceremony in the cafeteria at Boulder High School to which the family and friends of our graduates are invited.
12. All Summit students need to be picked up from Boulder High School by 3:00 p.m.

I look forward to sharing this most special moment with you as our 8th graders graduate from Summit.

Sincerely,  
Mr. David B. Finell  
Principal

**FYI**

**Parents of Choir Students:**

Thursday, MAY 8<sup>th</sup> is the date of the SPRING CHOIR CONCERT. Please E-MAIL Ms. Tarasewicz to acknowledge that you have put this commitment onto your personal calendar and that there is no conflict with your child arriving on time for the dress rehearsal: [malva.tarasewicz@bvsd.org](mailto:malva.tarasewicz@bvsd.org). See the last Summit newsletter for further details.

**Job Openings for August 2008**

We are actively searching for the following positions for the next school year. Please help us find some great teachers – many of our best new teachers come from your referrals, so we're looking for your help again. Interested candidates can get more information on

these openings from our website at [summitmiddleschool.org](http://summitmiddleschool.org)

Part time **Music Teacher** to teach both instrumental and choral classes (4 classes)

Part time **American History** teacher – (2 classes)

Full time **French** teacher

If you have questions or referrals for the History or French position please contact Dave Kopel at [d.kopel@summitmiddleschool.org](mailto:d.kopel@summitmiddleschool.org). For Music, contact Martin Black at [martin.black@summitmiddleschool.org](mailto:martin.black@summitmiddleschool.org)  
Thanks for your help!

### **6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Party a Success!**

Thanks to everyone who came to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent party on Sunday at the home of the Burke's. The cheeses were wonderful, the wines great and the chocolate a delight!

Thanks to Laura and Peter Burke for opening their home to all of us. Thanks also to the host committee of Mary Cowen, Laura Burke, Mary Chetham, Aline Christianian, Debbie Gould, Peggy Kaufman, Beth McClellan, Becky Morley, Jenny Schwartz and Lisa Searchinger for their enthusiasm and work to make this first event a success.

Thanks so much to Whole Foods for their generous support.

## **Summer FUN and Learning**

### **French Camp!**

If you'd like to continue using your French this summer, come join Madame Perrine and kids your age as we have fun exploring Boulder.

Times: 1-4pm

Dates: June 16-20, 23-27

Place: We'll have a central drop-off and pick-up site, but the group will visit various locations in town throughout the week to use French in the most authentic settings possible.

Contact: [ann.perrine@bvsd.org](mailto:ann.perrine@bvsd.org)

### **Baruch Summer Art Camp**

Can't go two months without ART? Come be a part of Baruch's Summer Art Camp 2008. The camp will offer students outdoor studio art classes and guided tours of local art galleries! We will draw and paint still-lives, landscapes and portraits. We will also work in 3-D, making sculptures out of natural found objects, sand, beads, wire and wood. The camp will meet for two weeks, starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday 9-12. All art supplies will be provided! For more information contact Sue Baruch. Don't miss out on this great summer opportunity!

### **Summit Lunch menu access!**

Check the Fast and Fresh website to get lunch menus and check the balance on your child's lunch account.

[www.healthykidslunch.com](http://www.healthykidslunch.com)

### **Get fit with Coach Harris**

*Fitness Classes for Summit Students*

**Where:** Flatiron Athletic Club

**How much:** \$15.00 fee

**When:** Mon and Wed from 4pm -5pm, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GYM!!

**Why:** Focusing on flexibility, speed, power, strength and nutrition.

### **Practical Parenting**

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Summit Middle School**

**PRACTICAL PARENTING: Making the Transition from Middle to High School**, Presented by Sue Wong.

The transition from middle to high school creates new challenges on your teen's path to a safe, competent and happy adulthood. Knowledge and specific strategies will enable you to help your children meet the challenges your children will face. This presentation is beneficial to parents of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders as well. You will learn to:

- Help your teen develop positive values and identity
- Support your adolescent in handling peer pressure
- Set boundaries and expectations
- Empower your teen to become socially competent while avoiding the dangers of drugs, alcohol and sex.
- Identify resources to help your high school student grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

Sue Wong is a career educator with 27 years of experience in St. Vrain Valley Schools. A classroom teacher, literacy and gifted/talented instructor, developer of learning and behavioral-management materials and strategies, Sue specializes in designing programs to ensure that children become capable, healthy, and resilient adults. Most importantly, as a "parent survivor" of her own daughters' transitions from elementary school through college and beyond, Sue is a hands-on practitioner of Practical Parenting!

This is an ADULTS ONLY event. A question and answer period will follow the discussion. Invite many as this evening is open to the community and is No Charge.

### **All School Field Trip Volunteers**

Many thanks to the multitude of volunteers who chaperoned on one of the many groups on the all school field trip on April 9 – the great experiences enjoyed by Summit students would not have been possible without your help! The Office would like to thank Kim Haines, Doris Hung, Yevett Karpel, and Kris Miller for their help with all the preparation that allowed us to send off the entire school for the day – we couldn't have done it without you!

### **GREAT WORK:**

#### **French Students and Scientists!!**

Outstanding performances by our French Students and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scientists are listed below in this newsletter. They have done an excellent work and deserve hearty congratulations!

### **Community Connections**

Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, May 1 at 8:30 AM

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM

Meetings are held in the teachers' lounge.

Please join us. We will discuss beginning of school welcoming activities and other plans for next year.

### Final exam schedule, 2008

Summit Middle School teaches an academically rigorous, standards-based curriculum. Students are expected not merely to spend a certain number of days in each classroom, but also to master particular skills and content. Systematic assessment of student progress, therefore, is central to the curriculum—teachers need to know how much of the course material students have learned and retained throughout each year of study. One of the main reasons Summit teachers plan “finals” (whether exams, projects, or writing assignments) for the last two weeks of each course is to determine the “exit status” of each child in the class.

To keep the student workload manageable, Summit teachers stagger their final activities over the course of a week. Our goal is to allow students to devote all (or almost all) of their homework time to preparing for one subject on the eve of the final.\* This is not to suggest, however, that “cramming” the night before is sufficient; students should begin their preparation well in advance of the actual “finals” day.

The finals schedule for 2008 is as follows:

| Date              | Subject        |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday, May 21 | Math           |
| Thursday, May 22  | English        |
| Friday, May 23    | History        |
| Tuesday, May 27   | World Language |
| Wednesday, May 28 | Science        |

\*Note: Some activities may take longer than one class period, so some “spillover” is inevitable. The goal, however, is that no additional studying or preparation should have to take place after the official “final” date.

### SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT Get Your SUMMIT T-SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS NOW!

Sweatshirts: Ash Gray with a purple Summit logo  
Purple with a black and white Summit logo  
T-Shirts: White with Summit Logo

Please indicate quantity below:

|           | Youth<br>XL | Adult Small | Adult<br>Medium | Adult Large | Adult<br>XL |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gray SS   |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Purple SS |             |             |                 |             |             |
| T-Shirt   |             |             |                 |             |             |

Total Sweatshirts ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00

Total T-Shirts ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @10.00

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Summit Middle School. All orders must be in by May 9, 2008. Orders will be distributed at Registration Day on August 12, 2008.

If you have any questions please contact Aline Christianian at [alineco@aol.com](mailto:alineco@aol.com). Thank You!!

### **Call for 8th Grade Parents!**

We need you! The 8th graders will soon be graduating and on their way to high school. The past tradition is for the 8th grade parents to co-ordinate a party for the graduating 8th grade class. This is held on a day prior to the graduation ceremony because many families have their own plans the day of graduation.

Please join us to make the party plans! We will meet on April 30th, 8:30 AM, in the teachers lounge. We will look at past party ideas, possible dates, and brainstorm ideas for a great party. We are also looking for two individuals to co-chair this event.

We are coming to the end of the year and a lot of the active volunteer parents are burning out. We welcome new faces to help close out the 8th graders middle school career. Please let us know...

1. Would you like to help with the party, even if you can't make the meeting?
2. Would you like to be one of the co-chairs?
3. Will you be able to make the meeting on Wednesday, April 30th at 8:30AM in the teachers lounge?

Please respond to the email address below. Thank you for your response.

Shoni Kahn (8th grade parent to BK and Carson Kahn)  
[shoni@visualcomgroup.com](mailto:shoni@visualcomgroup.com)

### **National French Exam/ Grand Concours Results**

On March 20th the French students at all three levels took the National French Exam, and we have excellent results to report! Our region includes all of the middle and high schools in Wyoming and Colorado. This means that our students are competing with 7th-10th graders for regional and national rankings. Students receiving National Medals and Certificates of Merit will be honored at the Out of School Awards Ceremony at Summit in May. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive an email. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements, and to all of our students for their hard work in French.

#### **French II**

Iris Belensky- 4th place Nationally, 1st place Regionally  
Susan Xu- 6th place Nationally, 3rd place Regionally  
Jesse Levy- 8th place Nationally, 5th place Regionally  
Luisa Jaeger- 10th place Nationally, 6th place Regionally  
Sam Urdang- 7th place Regionally  
Natalie Mujica-Schwahn- 9th place Regionally  
Alexander Black- 9<sup>th</sup> place Regionally  
Gibson Farone-Collins- 10<sup>th</sup> place Regionally

#### **French I**

Christian Gregorich- 5th place Nationally, 1st place Regionally (3 way tie)  
Jonah Kim- 5th place Nationally, 1st place Regionally  
Amelia Waltman- 5th place Nationally, 1st place Regionally  
Janet Chen- 6th place Nationally, 2nd place Regionally  
Claire Chen- 8th place Nationally, 4th place Regionally  
Belinda Pak- 10th place Nationally, 6th place Regionally  
Kristin Breakell- 8th place Regionally  
Mia Farago-Iwamasa- 8th place Regionally  
Luc Woodard- 8th place Regionally  
Kevin Chen- 9th place Regionally  
Selina Foster- 9th place Regionally

#### **Beginning French**

Tonya Ingerson- 7th place Nationally, 1st place Regionally  
Matteo Wilczak- 2nd place Regionally  
Lena Christianian- 3rd place Regionally  
Ella Jenak- 3rd place Regionally  
Gabby Vermeire- 3rd place Regionally

David Ritzwoller- 4th place Regionally  
Max Shusterman- 4th place Regionally  
Olivia Feeney- 5<sup>th</sup> place Regionally  
Alan Scheuermann- 5th place Regionally  
Vivi Gregorich- 6th place Regionally  
Maddie Searchinger- 6th place Regionally

## SCIENCE FAIR SUCCESS!

From Ms. Haydee Phelps, Science Fair Coordinator

Once again, I am thrilled and filled with pride after another year of Summit Science Fair! Congratulations to ALL 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for their **OUTSTANDING EFFORT** and **VERY IMPRESSIVE** projects!

This year there were a total of 89 projects in the Summit Science Fair Round One. The following 37 projects were selected as semifinalists to compete in the Summit Science Fair Round Two:

**\*Jennifer Anderson**

**\*Jelena Basta**

**\*Iris Belensky**

**\*Mitchell Berens**

**\*Erin Biringen**

Alexander Black

Sarah Cutting

**\*Brian Engelhardt**

**\*Sophie Gibert**

William Grubb and Ian Metzger (team)

**\*Eric Hauptman and Robert Kaniecki (team)**

**\*Heather Hilson**

Hannah Hyde

**\*Luisa Jaeger**

Matthew Johnson

**\*Carson Kahn**

**\*Ada Kakatsakis**

**\*Hannah Karpel**

Kevin Klatman

Garrett Lapp

**\*Nikola Maksimovic**

**\*Kathryn McClain**

Amy Morgan

Max Newey

**\*Kelsey Piper**

Caleb Pykonnen

**\*Raj Rammamurthy**

**\*Sarah Reed**

**\*Emily Scott**

**\*Anna Silk**

**\*Zac Tanner**

Julia Ting

Katherine Uhler

Nina Van Loon

Kristen Witt and Evan Witt (team)

Jeffrey Young

Cindy Zou

21 of these projects were selected as **Summit Science Fair finalists** (in bold and marked with an \* asterisk in the list above) and represented Summit Middle School at the Roche Colorado Regional Science Fair on Thursday March 6, 2008 at The University of Colorado- Boulder campus. They won many honors and awards, listed below:

**Jennifer Anderson:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Plant Science, City of Boulder Water Quality and Environmental Sciences Special Award, and Colorado Geological Survey Special Award.

**Iris Belensky:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chemistry, CSEF State Qualifier

**Mitchell Berens:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Medicine and Health

**Erin Biringen:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Physics and Astronomy, CSEF State Qualifier

**Brian Engelhardt:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Medicine and Health

**Sophie Gibert:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Physics and Astronomy

**Eric Hauptman and Robert Kaniecki (team):** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Environmental Sciences, City of Boulder Water Quality and Environmental Sciences Special Award

**Heather Hilson:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Environmental Sciences, CSEF State Qualifier, Thorne Ecological Institute Special Award

**Luisa Jaeger:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Behavioral and Social Sciences

**Carson Kahn:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Energy and Transportation

**Ada Kakatsakis:** Honorable Mention Physics and Astronomy

**Hannah Karpel:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Microbiology

**Nikola Maksimovic:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Engineering

**Kathryn McClain:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Behavioral and Social Sciences

**Kelsey Piper:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Chemistry, CSEF State Qualifier

**Raj Rammamurthy:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Mathematics and Computer Sciences

**Sarah Reed:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Animal Sciences, CSEF State Qualifier

**Anna Silk:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Energy and Transportation

**Zac Tanner:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Behavioral and Social Sciences, CSEF State Qualifier

In addition, all of the above students won a nomination from the Society for Science and the Public to enter the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

**Iris Belensky, Erin Biringen, Heather Hilson, Kelsey Piper, Sarah Reed, and Zac Tanner** were selected at the district fair to represent Summit and the Boulder Valley School District at the Roche Colorado State Science and Engineering Fair, held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins on April 10-12, 2008. The following honors were awarded to Summit students at the state level:

**Iris Belensky:** Honorable mention Chemistry, Rio Tinto Minerals Inc. special award

**Erin Biringen:** Honorable mention Physics, US Navy special award

**Heather Hilson:** 3rd place Environmental Sciences, Colorado-Wyoming Society of American Foresters special award, National Geophysical Data Center special award

**Kelsey Piper:** 1st place Chemistry

**Sarah Reed:** 3rd place Animal Sciences

**Zachary Tanner:** 2nd place Behavioral and Social Sciences, American Statistical Association Colorado-Wyoming Chapter special award

Congratulations to ALL of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants, semi-finalists, finalists, and regional fair and state fair participants and award winners!

### THANK YOU!!!

Finally, a big thank you to Mr. Teasdale and Ms. Saalwachter. Also, a very special thanks to our parent coordinator Christy Lapp. Thanks to Al Betz and Rita Boreiko for setting up the judging schedules. Also, big thanks to all of the parent and community volunteers who helped us out from the biggest on down to the smallest details, from judging, to scoring, to catering - we could not have done it without you!

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS**

### **StreamTeam**

As this is being published, International Club members are cleaning up the creek in Tantra Park as part of the Keep It Clean Partnership for the City of Boulder. Lisa Dierauf is coordinating our efforts for the city. This will be a twice-yearly activity and we all plan on doing a great job and having the benefit of feeling good about maintaining a clean and healthy community, particularly right next to our school!

### **Cookbooks**

The Melting Pot cookbooks are a hit! We have sold out of our first 100 and will have more for your pleasure! If you want to enjoy the wonderful recipes, histories and fun graphics of these delightful books you may contact any International Club member or email me at [wblakemore2@gmail.com](mailto:wblakemore2@gmail.com) with your order. You may also call 303-618-9325. We deliver. Each full-color, 54 recipe book costs \$10.00. Checks may be made payable to Summit International Club. These are terrific for gifts for Mother's Day, May Day, birthdays, graduations and just for you!!

### **Adopt-a-Road**

On May 4, we will again clean our Adopt-a-Road. When you drive to the Boulder Reservoir on 51<sup>st</sup> St., mentally thank the club for the lack of litter along the way.

### **Carnival**

The annual Carnival will be Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-5:00. We will have a large variety of games such as inflatable human foosball, inflatable Twister, the Bungee Run and Human Velcro. We will also have a selection of tabletop games to enjoy. The Carnival entry is FREE. Food will be available for purchase. Mark your calendars for a blast of a day!

## **French Class News**

### **Les Nouvelles de Français 2**

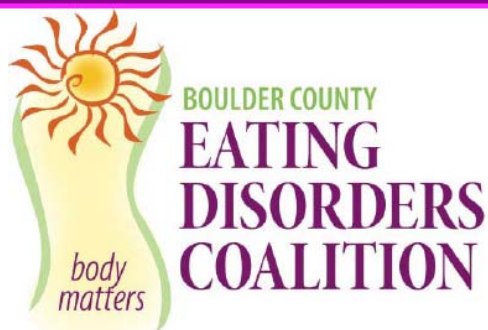
Students in French 2 gave presentations on the regions of France April 15th and 16th. Some created posters while others used PowerPoint to show images of famous sites, people, and dishes from their region. The presentations were impressive! The posters are on display in the French room, and Mme Perrine will try to post some of the PowerPoint files on the school website so you can enjoy them!

### **Français 1**

French 1 is studying the geography, traditions, and art of francophone Africa. We were fortunate enough to have 3 visitors from Mali and Senegal to teach us about African dance, drumming, and the role of the *griot* in African culture. A huge *thank-you* to Abdul, Djeneba, and Boubacar for sharing their knowledge and skills with us. Their stories, songs, music, and enthusiasm brought Africa alive for us!

### Français 0

Beginning French continues its study of culture and history with an investigation into the Renaissance this month. Incorporating their learning from World History and other courses, students are learning about famous monuments, works of art, and people from this time. For the second year, Dr. Claire Farago, mother of 7<sup>th</sup> grader Mia, is giving a presentation on Da Vinci and the Renaissance to the Beginning classes on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are grateful to her for sharing her time and expertise with our school!



Presents:

# BODY MATTERS

A Panel Discussion Focusing on the Impact of Transitions on  
Body Image and Eating Disorders in Youth

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008**

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Monarch High School Library  
329 Campus Drive, Louisville**

Transitions such as puberty, family shifts, and changes in school or friendships can make youth more vulnerable to distorted body image and eating disorders.

Join the Boulder County Eating Disorders Coalition as we explore these changes, how they affect our kids, and how we can support them through these times.

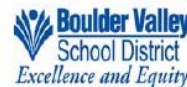
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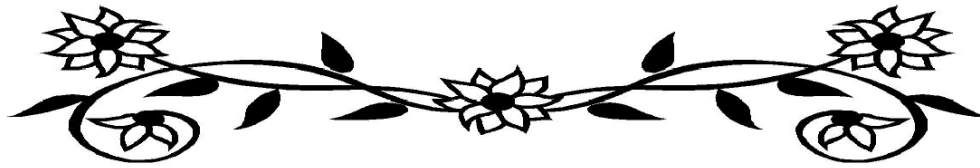
Donations to support outreach efforts of the BCEDC are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the BCEDC and local resources visit: [www.bouldereatingdisorders.org](http://www.bouldereatingdisorders.org)

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## *Understanding Gender Differences in Adolescence*

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### *Topics Will Include:*

*Gender Equity/Socialization*

*Developmental Needs 12 - 17*

*Boys and Girls  
(and a Grain of Salt!)*

*Program Impacts and Implications  
(Prevention, Not Treatment)*

*When: Tuesday April 22, 2008  
12:00pm - 1:30pm*

*Where: Justice Center  
Jury Assembly Room  
6th Street and Canyon Boulevard*

*RSVP to 303-441-3830  
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As a way to say thank you to the school community, Eco-Cycle will be delivering a truckload of finished compost to the school on **April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>**. It will be available from **7:30 AM until 5:30 PM** each day for students, parents and staff to take home (bring your own bags, buckets, shovels and trowels; **no pick-up truck loads please**).



The school has helped create this valuable compost by collecting food and non-recyclable paper, which is then composted at A1 Organics. The finished compost can be used on houseplants or gardens.

By being part of the Green Star Schools Program, you are helping to set a new standard for taking care of our community and the Earth. We look forward to continuing this innovative project, making Summit Middle School one of the first schools in the nation to move towards Zero Waste.

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- 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 - grouped by ability, interest, motivation, developmental level, and mastery of previous material - 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 throughout the fall semester.

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