

Coal Creek News

January 2020

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Calendar

January 20

Martin Luther King Day
No School

January 21

Kindergarten Registration-6PM

January 29

Science Fair – 6PM

It is not too late to
sign up for the
Science Fair!



Happy New Year Coal Creek! We hope you all had a wonderful break with family and friends, energizing those batteries and doing what you matters most to you. Very thankful for a great first half of the school year and looking forward to having an even better 2020 :)

Teachers and some staff started off the new year in professional development on site Monday here at CCE. We were fortunate to have Michelle Qazi, Director of Reading for the Boulder Valley School District, for a presentation on dyslexia and how to best support our students. We then spent the second half of PD with the tremendous team from BVKID and with President Michael Bucey working with our staff during the "Experience Dyslexia" simulation. The simulation is best explained from BVKID as follows:

Experience Dyslexia® is a simulation that lets participants experience some of the challenges and frustrations faced by people with language-based learning differences. Participants are guided through six learning tasks commonly encountered in the classroom or workplace. These activities are followed by a group discussion focusing on experiences shared and lessons learned, as well as practical tips, accommodations and interventions for the classroom.

'Tis the season for Parent Teacher Conference opportunities. All families will get an email with a hyperlink from "Help at School" on Monday, January 13th to sign up for a time to meet your child's teacher. February conference dates are scheduled for Feb 4th and 6th.

We are all very excited to begin the Trip Tracker Program again at Coal Creek Elementary! Dr. Peter Hurst from the BVSD Transportation Department along with Suzy Tegen and PTA have been instrumental in bringing this program back to our community! Below is an excerpt from Dr. Hurst which explains the program and has a link for registration if you haven't signed up already.

Would you like your children to be rewarded for walking, biking, carpooling or bus riding to school? BVSD Trip Tracker is a program of the BVSD Transportation Department. We reimburse participating businesses and non-profits for all trip tracker dollars spent at a rate of 50 cents on the dollar. The program is supported by PTA paid program fees, annual fundraising and the Trip Tracker Auction.

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Beginning January 7th your children will be able to earn Trip Tracker dollars that they can spend at participating local businesses just like cash. They can also donate their Trip Tracker dollars to participating non-profits! Students earn these rewards by walking, biking, carpooling (multi-family), school bus riding and RTD riding. They can even earn Trip Tracker dollars when you drive them to school if you park at least two blocks away and walk them in.

The point of all this is to reduce single family car traffic and associated air pollution in front of school and encourage as much active transportation (walking and biking) as possible.

All you have to do for your children to participate is click on this [REGISTRATION LINK](#) and register them. Then you keep track of their trips (here's an optional [Trip Tracker Calendar](#) that you can print and keep handy for your kids to record their trips) and report their trip totals on the monthly survey that will be emailed to you on the last school day of each month (first one is January 31).

If you have any questions or if you own a local business and would like to have your business participate, please contact Peter Hurst, the program director (peter.hurst@bvsd.org) with any questions. More information is available on the program website www.bvsd.org/tracker

I'm also excited to share a wonderful opportunity that we are bringing to Coal Creek on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6 pm and is led by Simone Marean, Co-Founder and CEO of Girls Leadership. This program and presentation is titled, Raising Resilient Girls. It is designed to give K-8th grade parents concrete tools to raise confident, courageous, & resilient girls. Special thanks to Molly Trappe and PTA for bringing this opportunity to CCE for our parent community throughout Louisville. It is an hour long lecture followed by a 30 minute Q&A. PTA is covering the costs for this program and is completely free for those attending. Fliers are included in this newsletter, along with being sent home with female students in Grades 2 - 5 for upcoming classes that will be available for girls and a grown up.

In closing, it has been asked by one of our families that I share that we do have an immune compromised 2nd grader (along with several other students) at Coal Creek and these students have weakened immune systems that prevents them from optimally fighting infections. Please remember that if your child is not feeling well, running a fever and is sick, to please keep your child at home until they are feeling better and no longer contagious.

Thank you all very much for a great first week back!

~One Grateful Puma, Brian Muñoz

2020/21 Kindergarten Registration Evening

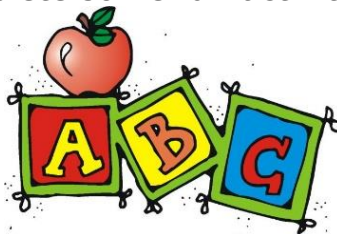
January 21st - 6-7PM

ADULTS ONLY

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten at Coal Creek beginning August 2020, please attend our Kindergarten Evening on January 21st, 2020 at 6pm.

If you are aware of any neighborhood children who will be attending the incoming kindergarten class, please ask their parents to attend the meeting or call Coal Creek office prior to the end of January.

This is a parent ONLY event. The incoming Kindees will join parents on May 5th at 6PM and have the opportunity to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms and complete some fun activities with the teachers.



Science Fair

Please remember there is still time to sign up for the Science Fair on January 29th from 6:00-7:00.

Every grade can participate but it is required for 5th grade.

If you have any questions please contact

Mrs. Lepine at juliette.lepine@bvsd.org

Thank you and we are looking forward to an exciting science fair and everyone is welcome to attend the evening of January 29th to see these amazing projects.

[Registration Form](#)



Spelling Bee

Winner was **Grace Xue**



Congratulations!

CMAS Testing Window

The testing window is April 6 - 24.
We will provide additional information in March as to a specific schedule.
Please make every effort to have your children in school during this timeframe.



Attendance Line



Please remember to call 720-561-4502
by 8am in order to excuse your child's tardy or absence.
If we do not have confirmation of where your child is by 9am,
we will have to dispatch Louisville Police to your home.
Thanks for helping us keep your child safe.

Counselor Corner

Hello and Happy New Year Coal Creek Families!

While I hope you had a wonderful break and holiday season with your students, selfishly I'm glad they're back! It has been great to see their smiles, hear their laughter, and listen to their stories of the break. I'm excited to share some of the things that Counseling will be doing in the next semester.

There has been quite a dive into emotional regulation within Coal Creek. The Zones of Regulation, a detailed curriculum built for elementary schools, has been discussed within multiple classrooms, primarily in 1st and 2nd grade. Please ask your child about the Zones, which are blue, green, yellow and red, what they mean, and how your student/classroom may be using them. We've only begun to scratch the surface, really identifying how our zones and behaviors affect others, what feelings belong in which zone, and appropriate times to be in each zone. For example, a good time to be in the blue zone is when my dog ran away, I was sad, and when I'm sad it can make others sad or concerned about me.

The next step that Zones of Regulation will dive into is what do students do when they are in a zone they don't want to be in or that may not be appropriate, for example, yelling and screaming during class time when the teacher is talking. Creating a "toolbelt" of multiple skills is essential for children to have. This way they are prepared for many different things. This makes for great discussion at dinner or in a car ride home. Ask your child "what would you do if 'insert item here' happened? How would you calm down or regulate?"

Also, students had an assembly today that will be talked about our Habit of Mind skill "Managing Impulsivity." This is a large topic, but so important for us to learn about and practice, as well as our children. Students will have watched skits, done by teachers, and gotten to work with them to correct the skits so that teachers are managing their impulses. From cutting in line, skipping through hallways, blurting out answers, and so much more, conversations at home around skills to manage impulses can lead to enhanced relationships with friends, teachers, and others as they continue to progress into being adults.

Again, I hope you had a wonderful break. I'm so honored to be a part of this community and privileged to be working with your children. Please reach out with any questions. Here's to a wonderful 2020!

In Partnership,
Rob Dorr



Coal Creek Elementary Library



Did you know our school library has a copy of almost every Caldecott winner book since the award began in 1938? It's true! This week in library students read and previewed the pictures of many of these books and they will be available for checkout next week. We are excitedly awaiting the announcement of the 2020 Caldecott winner book coming up towards the end of the month.

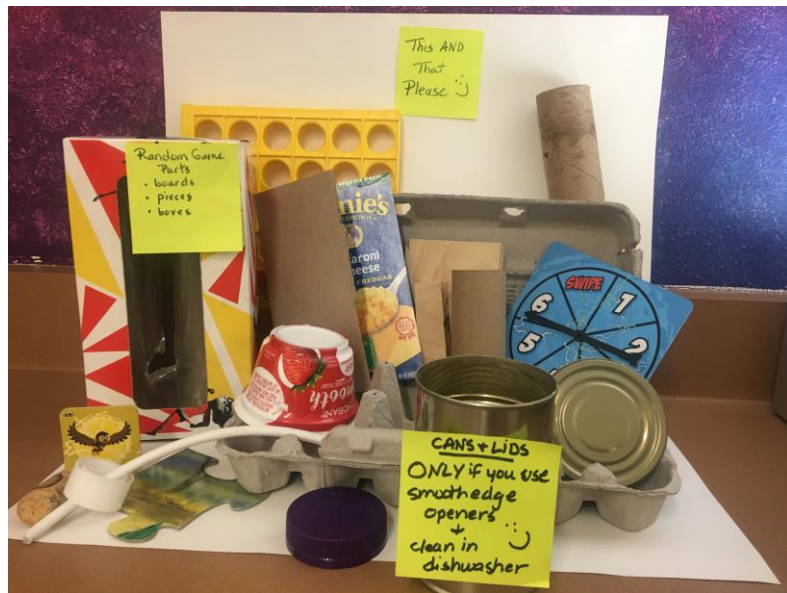
The Big 6 Research Skills! 3rd-4th grade students will be learning about the Big 6 research skills to help them organize and breakdown research projects into manageable parts. They will be using these steps as we continue researching this spring.

Conferences are coming up so is the Book Fair. Your help setting up, cashiering and taking down the fair are needed. [Volunteer Sign Up Here](#)

Thank you for your support! Sarah Kirby and Lynn Montoya

March 18th

Plan an evening out to celebrate the creativity of Coal Creek Students



I Spy: things that the art room could use

Our sculpture supply resource (RAFT) closed. Please consider collecting the following items for the art room: corks, tissue boxes, clean lids, clean small plastic containers, puzzle pieces, cans and can lids (smooth cut only), game pieces, cardboard rolls, clean thin cardboard food boxes, small pieces of wood, odds and ends that are interesting for sculpture.

Update:

K: Building on painting skills through landscapes, ways to show distance and focusing on how art contributes to our community. Students contributed paper filled ornaments about color mixing for an educational bulletin board

1: Building painting skills and expression inspired by Helen Frankenthaler.

Exploring art about and for our communities. Students contributed color filled ornaments and color swatches with fancy color names for an educational bulletin board about color mixing

2: Exploring art about and for our communities and using a variety of studios, sculpture opening soon, visiting artist Rodney Swantstrom working with color and light.

3-5: We started learning about our brain and how it makes connections. Now we are beginning to notice connections between Art and Math, Social Studies, Reading, Science, Nature, our lives, Technology, Health, PE, Music and News/Media and documenting them in a group Conceptual Art Artwork also 3rd-Digital Arts opened and an optional Color Wheel Project 4th- adding Paper Mache to sculpture studio 5th-Digital Selfies

Famous Artist Quote: Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Every artist was first an amateur"

Henri Matisse. "Creativity takes courage"

Just for fun- check this out: [Tom and Jerry moments recreated in Sculpture](#)

Michelle Zuccaro **michelle.zuccaro@bvsd.org**

PTA News

Welcome to 2020 Puma families! The Roaring Twenties are back and better than ever.



All Coal Creek Parents are invited to join the PTA on **January 31, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.** in the cafeteria for a presentation by a guest speaker Michelle Eckrode about the new RISE program.

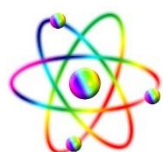
FREE Girls Leadership evening at Coal Creek on **Wednesday January 22 from 6-7:30pm**, join co-founder of Girls Leadership and best-selling author, Rachel Simmons as she discusses "Raising Resilient Girls." This evening is for **adults only** and open to the public. Make sure to register at <https://girlsleadership.org/programs/coalcreekrrg/> don't delay as the event is already half full. **Also**, Girls Leadership 2/3 grade and 4/5th grade classes will begin the last week of February and run four weeks until the 3rd week of March in the Coal Creek library. Priority registration is now open for Coal Creek families only and then will open to the public on January 14th. Space is limited for this class so don't delay registering!



Kindee Parents Patio Coffee - 7:45 am on Wednesday, January 22, please join us to connect as we start 2020! We will have hot coffee in the Kindergarten Patio with an opportunity to get to know one another, chat with Mr. Muñoz, and learn about how you can become more connected with the school community.



The Coal Creek PTA needs excited parent leaders. We are accepting applications for upcoming Board vacancies in the 2020-21 school year. Serving on the PTA Board is an opportunity to get to know our community, understand the issues that affect our school, and make a positive impact on our children's education. The PTA is seeking applications for the following vacancies: PTA President, Treasurer, Marketing and Fundraising Chair, and Co-director of Volunteering. Information about each position is available on the Coal Creek PTA website, <https://www.coalcreekpta.com/ptaboard>. Please contact any of the current Board Members with any questions you may have about the positions – we are happy to talk with you!



Science Fair is Wednesday, **January 29, 2020**, at 6:00 p.m. Come and support all of the young scientists.

Save the date for the **Silent Disco Fundraiser at Tilt** the night of Saturday **February 22**. More details and pre-order of tickets coming soon.



Your PTA Board thanks you for everything that you do for the kids!

Peggy Wood – Secretary; Sara Estrada – Marketing and Fundraising Chair; Cristi Knudsen & Leah Vanberg – Volunteer Co-Chairs; Juliette Lepine – Teacher Liaison; Mark Larson – President; Carie Whalen – Vice President; Greg Reedy – Vice President/Finance; Amy Baggett – Treasurer

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"I LEARNED SO MUCH AT THE PRESENTATION AND THOUGHT SIMONE WAS ONE OF THE BEST PRESENTERS I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED. WE ARE ALL SO TIRED BY THE END OF THE DAY AND SHE KEPT US ENGAGED AND CHUCKLING."

– BETH

RAISING RESILIENT GIRLS

COAL CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

6:00 – 7:30 PM | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

Eager to learn about the pressures that are unique to being a girl today and how you can help girls navigate these challenges with confidence?

We invite you to join Girls Leadership's Founder and Executive Director, Simone Marean, for her acclaimed parent education talk "Raising Resilient Girls." As written up in Parent Magazine, Simone's talk focuses on practical, actionable advice that you can use at home to help support the young girl or girls in your life. Her presentation covers the development of girl dynamics from pre-school through high school.

Since 1999, the national non-profit organization, Girls Leadership, has awakened thousands of girls to a new, bold definition of leadership. Co-founded by bestselling author, Rachel Simmons, Girls Leadership believes that leadership is a way of life, which begins in girlhood. We define leadership as a girl's ability to know how she feels, say what she needs, and respond courageously to her mistakes. Girls graduate from our programs more emotionally intelligent, resilient, and confident.

WHO Grown-ups

WHEN Wednesday, Jan 22nd 6:00-7:30pm (1hr. talk with 30 min. Q&A)

WHERE Coal Creek Elementary School
801 West Tamarisk Street
Louisville, CO 80027

COST Free

RSVP <https://girlsleadership.org/programs/coalcreekrrg/>

Host Jennifer Wert at JenniferW@GirlsLeadership.org

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2/3 GIRL & GROWN-UP SERIES:

NINE TOOLS FOR TRUE FRIENDSHIP

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ROLE PLAYING WAS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE, GIVING GIRLS A CHANCE TO TRY ON NEW TOOLS.
— JENNY

Participate in a fun, engaging workshop, where you and your girl will build a common language, practice healthy approaches to conflict, and learn authentic communications skills.

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Girls Leadership's Girl & Grown-up Workshop *Nine Tools For True Friendships* provides an opportunity for girls and their significant role models to explore and share feelings, communicate authentically, and make healthy relationship choices. Each workshop is 90 minutes.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

- Week 1 – Standing Up for Yourself
- Week 2 – Sharing Feelings
- Week 3 – Double Sorry
- Week 4 – Choices for Friend Trouble

WHO Girls in grades second and third grade with one adult

WHEN Tuesdays: February 26, March 3, 10 & 17 | 4:30-6:00 PM

WHERE Coal Creek Elementary – 801 West Tamarisk Street, Louisville, CO 80027

Cost \$215 per grown-up/girl pair
Scholarships are available.
Visit <https://girlsleadership.org/scholarships/> for details.

Registration <https://girlsleadership.org/programs/coalcreek23parti/>
Password: coalcreek23parti

Questions Contact Jennifer Wert at JenniferW@girlsleadership.org

4/5 GIRL & GROWN-UP SERIES:

4 STEPS TO GETTING WHAT YOU NEED
COAL CREEK ELEMENTARY | FEB 2020



MY DAUGHTER WORKED OUT A
CONFLICT WITH A GOOD FRIEND OF
HERS BY USING THE SKILLS SHE
LEARNED. – NORMA

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Girls Leadership's Girl & Grown-up Workshop *4 Steps to Getting What You Need* provides an opportunity for girls and their significant role models to practice using the skills of assertive self-expression through activities, discussion, and paired scenarios. Each workshop is 90 minutes.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Week 1 – Assertive Self Expression
Week 2 – Emotional Intelligence at Home
Week 3 – Owning Our Mistakes
Week 4 – Road Map for Conflict

WHO Girls in grades four and five with one adult

WHEN Tuesdays: February 26, March 3, 10 & 17 | 6:30-8:00 PM

WHERE Coal Creek Elementary School – 801 West Tamarisk Street, Louisville, CO 80027

Cost \$215 per adult/girl pair
Scholarships are available.
Visit <https://girlsleadership.org/scholarships/> for details.

Registration <https://girlsleadership.org/programs/coalcreek45/>
Password: coalcreek45

Questions Contact Jennifer Wert at JenniferW@girlsleadership.org

2019-20 Important Dates to Remember

January 13 – 26

January 20

January 21

January 29

February 4 & 6

February 13

February 14

February 17

March 18

March 18

March 23 – 27

April 17 & 20

May 1

May 5

May 20

May 21

May 21

Parent Conference Sign Ups Posted

Mt. Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration Evening

Science Fair

Parent Conferences

Valentines Parties

Professional Day – NO SCHOOL

President's Day – NO SCHOOL

Class Photos

Art Show

Spring Break

Conference Exchange Days – NO SCHOOL

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

2020-21 Kindergarten Orientation

Fun and Fitness

Fifth Grade Promotion

Last Day of School

(All dates/times are subject to change. Check the website for updated information.)

Preschool in Boulder Valley



Join us for our play-based program

Now accepting applications for Preschool 2020-2021!

<https://www.bvdsd.org/parents-students/enrollment/preschool>

Families who apply during the lottery window will be notified around
January 15, 2020 if their child has been awarded a seat.