



Bear Valley International



Family Newsletter

April 2023

♥ Hello, Bear Valley Community! ♥

My name is Rachael Sutherland, and I am incredibly honored to be the new principal of Bear Valley International School. Our school is in need of a committed leader who will put in years of hard work with students and staff to get us back on track to being the school of choice in Southwest Denver.

I believe at the heart of a school are students, staff, and parents who feel appreciated and heard by the administrative team. I am prepared to take on Bear Valley with great care and trust that I will stick with this community that has experienced many shifts in leadership. Much of my first couple months will be spent listening and learning about what makes Bear Valley special, what is working, what traditions to uphold, and then deciding what needs to be changed starting next year to ensure students are happy, safe and making academic gains.

At the heart of what makes me most ready to lead BVIS is my love for middle school. Building relationships with students, making them feel empowered to be their best selves and proud of who they are is the best part of my job. It is important that I also build relationships with students' families...

I cannot wait for the journey that lies ahead at BVIS, and my door is always open for conversation and feedback.

~ Rachael

Click [HERE](#) to read the full letter

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Interim Principal- Teresa Klava

Attendance- In order for your student to be excused, you must call the main number 720-423-9600 and leave a detailed message on the attendance line. Or email us at bvoffice@dpsk12.org

Upcoming Dates!

APRIL

★ **April 17-21**- CMAS Early Release @1:00pm

MAY

- ★ **Thur, May 4** @ 5:30pm - Into The Woods Jr!
- ★ **Fri, May 5** @ 6:30pm - Into the Wood Jr!
- ★ **Mon, May 8** BVIS ONLY, NO SCHOOL
- ★ **Thur, May 11** @ 5pm Spring Yeti Fest
- ★ **Fri, May 12** SW IB Fest at Sabin (see below)
- ★ **Wed, May 24** @ 6pm 8th Continuation
- ★ **Fri, May 26** - 6th & 7th Last Day & Field Day early release at 11:30am

Looking ahead to the 23-24 school year!

For our rising 7th & 8th graders, please be sure you are filling out the [23-24 Letter of Intent Form](#) to ensure we are holding a spot for you!

In accordance with the [CO Healthy Start resolution](#), our 23-24 bell schedule will be 8:50am-3:50pm. West Cafe doors will open at 8:30am for FREE breakfast.

Important Announcements

CMAS testing is approaching!

BVIS testing Dates are 4/17-4/21

- ★ **All week, Monday through Friday we will release early @ 1:00pm.**
 - If your child rides the DPS bus, they will depart school at 1:10pm.
- ★ If you are able, we are **looking for donations of individually wrapped bulk snacks** (granola bars, Cheez Its, Goldfish etc) as we will be providing a snack each day to all scholars between testing to help energize.
 - In addition to snacks, scholars also LOVE [Life Savers wintergreen mints](#) as they can enjoy during testing.
 - Please bring in snack donations to the main office no later than 4/15.

What can I do to help my child be successful?

- ★ Make sure that they log off early from technology so they can get a restful night's sleep ALL week.
- ★ Be sure they are ON TIME. All scholars who arrive after 7:30 am will have to sit in the auditorium until the testing is done and will do make-ups the following week.
- ★ Pick up your child by 1:00pm every day and encourage them to continue to rest for the next day of testing.

Into the Woods Jr, The MUSICAL!

Our Yeti to Shine Theatre Club has been working extremely hard to present BVIS's VERY 1st MUSICAL, Into the Woods Jr.

We hope you can join us on one of the two performance dates, either 5/4 or 5/5.

Student admission will be FREE!

Southwest IB Festival

Our 5th annual Southwest IB Festival is quickly approaching and will be on Friday, May 12th from 5:00-7:00 pm - mark your calendars now! This is not an event you want to miss!

Every year we host an end of year festival that brings together students, families, staff, and community members from the 3 schools in the Southwest IB continuum - Sabin World School, Bear Valley International, and Kennedy High School. We have local food trucks, snow cones, bouncy castles and games, a Ninja Nation obstacle course, face painters, balloon artists, community vendors and partners, student work, community performances, student performances, and much more!!

SOUTHWEST IB FESTIVAL

MAY 12, 2023 5-7PM

ON THE SABIN FIELD*

JOIN US FOR:

FOOD TRUCKS, BALLOON ARTISTS, NINJA COURSE, OBSTACLE COURSE, SNOW CONE TRUCK, FACE PAINTERS, BOUNCY HOUSE, INFLATABLE SLIDES, DUNK TANK, MUSICAL AND DANCE PERFORMANCES AND MORE!



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, LOCATION WILL BE MOVED INSIDE TO KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ON MAY 8TH.

NOTE: ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT PRESENTED BY:



SCHOLAR SHOUT-OUTS!

Yeti Spotlight!

Huge #Yeticlapp goes to Mr. Bruder and his BTV P4 class for hosting 2 Denver Channel 7 News Anchors on Thursday 3/9! They even mentioned us during their broadcast the next day!



Congrats to Ms. Santana & Mr. Kenney and our Performance Scholars for a #Yetitastic Spring Concert!

Save the date for our next showcase, the **Spring Yeti-FEST on Thur 5/11!**



GTANA PA - She was so thoughtful with a beautiful poem she created and was a huge risk taker by sharing it!

BRI - She is a phenomenal human; she's kind, empathetic, and dedicated. Welcome back to BVIS! We missed you!

ROBERT B - Robert started quarter 4 so strong! He's working hard and asking for help when he needs it!

JOSIAH G - He is just the BEST! Josiah tries his best every single day in all his classes. His work is high level and detailed. I appreciate his maturity and willingness to help his peers. He has shown so much growth this year and I am proud to be his teacher!

ALINA Q - Alina has been the best stage manager for Into The Woods that any director could ask for! She has learned so many aspects of working backstage, including running a lighting board, with focus and ease. She always shows up to rehearsal ready to learn and work, and is always available for anything the show may need - including standing in for actors! I am so grateful for her and can't wait to watch her stage management skills grow this year into next!

DULCE - She is always willing to organize and help out in the school office or Mental Health office!

SHAMIYA - Shamiya stepped in to help a student who was struggling with anxiety without missing a beat. She set an example of how we support peers rather than making their lives harder.

ZOE - Zoe has been diving into reading lately and has discovered a new favorite author in Kate DiCamillo! I love seeing her grow as a reader and a person.

Resources & Information from DPS



At each of our grade level exit doors we have non-perishable bags from our partners at [Food For Thought](#) for scholars to take home to help fill their pantry. All are welcome to come to the main office any time 7-2pm to pick up bags directly.

[DPS Substance Use Prevention Program](#) is your community-based source of information and tools to help identify and prevent teen alcohol and drug abuse.

Click below to find out more about:

[Substance Use](#)

[Community Assistance](#)

[Marijuana specific info](#)

[Upcoming Events!](#)

[Community Hubs](#)

Denver Public Schools is working with the City of Denver and community partners to open community hubs. These hubs are a key part of our strategy. We understand that some students find it hard to learn because they are hungry, tired, hurt, sad, or have other basic needs. The hubs will provide services to address these needs. We know that families and communities work hard to care for their kids, so the hubs will also support family and community members.

Current Community Hub Locations

- Place Bridge Academy (Southeast Region): 720-424-1040
- Colfax Elementary (Northwest Region): 720-423-1180
- Smith Elementary (Near Northeast Region): 720-423-1170
- Focus Points (Central Region): 303-877-7831
- John H. Amesse (Far Northeast Region): 720-424-2961
- Johnson Elementary (Southwest Region): 720-424-2970

CLICK [HERE](#) to see the full list of services provided