



BVMS September 2025 Family Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

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- **Monday 9/1** - No School, Labor Day
- **Monday 9/22** - No School for students, DPS Staff planning day
- **Thursday 10/9** - Fall Family Conferences 4:30pm- 7:00pm (details below)
- **Friday 10/10** - Quarter 1 Student Celebration!
- **Monday 10/13** - No School for students, DPS Staff planning day
- **Thursday 10/16** - Fall Choir Concert 5:30pm-6:30pm
- **Friday 10/17** - Last day of Quarter 1
- **Wednesday 10/23** - Fall Band Concert 5:30pm-6:30pm
- **Friday 10/31** - No School for students, DPS Staff planning day

Message Proud Principal Rachael Sutherland

Yeti Families!

We had a **GREAT** start to the year. More than any year before, students are back into school mode: getting to class on time, getting to know our systems at BVMS, laughing with friends, and overall just being great middle school kids.

HUGE NEWS!!!! We are GREEN AGAIN!

This means that BVMS has had back to back years of meeting state and DPS academic expectations.

Air conditioning update: We have been working with the district for almost 2 months on getting this fixed. Believe me, it's been a challenge and thank you for your patience. Our in-house AC has more issues than they anticipated hence they are going to continue to work on it. In the meantime, we have been sent a GIANT chiller (the size of a small house!) that will chill the entire building. So far, it's kicked in well and BV is cooling down.

Fun Update: Ask your student what HOUSE they are in!!! House competitions are part of what makes BV special and competitions start this week!!

Family Voice Update: Our Collaborative School Committee starts meetings this month on Sept 18th from 5:00-6:00 PM. Please be a part of this if you want to find out the inside scoop at BV.

Hope you all had a great 3 day weekend. Let's have a great September!

Collaborative School Committee

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

All meetings will be held in person at BVMS starting at 5:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless communicated otherwise. Please email [Mama Yeti](#) if you would like to attend and would benefit from Interpretation in your primary language if it is not English.

As a school for the community, by the community, we respect and support all of our families! In order to provide that support, we need to hear your voices to ensure we are getting a pulse on what you feel is going right, what could be tweaked and what could be added going forward to ensure we are supporting our community.

The CSC is a vital part of our school community, responsible for advising on key decisions, allocating resources, and fostering collaboration among parents, teachers, and administrators. Serving on the CSC provides you with a platform to actively contribute to the educational experience at Bear Valley!

Why Join the CSC meetings?

- **Impactful Decision-Making:** As a CSC member, you'll have the chance to influence decisions related to curriculum, budgeting, and school policies.

- **Collaborative Community:** Work closely with teachers, administrators, and fellow parents to create positive changes and improve our school.
- **Support Student Success:** Your insights and perspectives can directly benefit our students' learning experiences.
- **Voice for Parents:** Serve as a voice for parents and help ensure their concerns and ideas are heard and considered.

Chromebooks

Our community has been hard at work building digital citizenship skills for safe Chromebook use. It's crucial to ensure students are #yetiready to be responsible with the district-provided device. Note that fees of up to \$400 may be charged for vandalism or deliberate damage.

Your child will be bringing home this [Chromebook Contract](#). Please review with them this week and return the signed copy no later than Friday 9/5.

Attendance MATTERS!

Students at BVMS should arrive on campus no later than 8:40 am and be seated in their Learning Community classroom by 8:50 am. This expectation promotes responsibility and discipline for a productive learning environment and building future life skills.

Parents' support is essential, and BVMS provides morning routine assistance to aid in education and future goals. We appreciate you scheduling appointments on our no school days and always calling the attendance line at 720-423-9666 or email us at bvoffice@dpsk12.org when your child will be absent so we know that you know they are not in the building. Thank you!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● September 1st 2025 ● September 22nd 2025 ● October 13th 2025 ● October 31st 2025 ● November 24th-28th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanksgiving Break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 1st (BVMS only) ● Dec 22nd- Jan 5th 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter Break ● January 19th 2026 ● February 16th 2026 ● February 27th 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 13th 2026 (BVMS only) ● Mar 30th - Apr 3rd 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring Break ● April 6th 2026 (BVMS only) ● May 1st 2026 ● May 25th 2026
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Lifetouch Photos

School pictures are ready! Students should receive their FREE ID card in the next few weeks. Please note we are unable to print these cards so please ensure they keep them safe.

- To order photo prints, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account using your student's student ID number.
 - All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card.
 - More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

Fall Family Conferences

Please join us for our open house style spring family conferences on **Thursday 10/9 from 4:30-7:00pm** (check-in ends at 6:45pm).

- Upon arrival, families will receive a packet that will include the students most recent progress report and other helpful resources
- Each teacher can provide families 5 minutes to help recap the students grades, glows and grows in their class.
- Chairs will be in hallways to allow families to wait
- A QR reader will be available for families to request an additional time via a phone call or possibly a face to face meeting depending on the student's needs/concerns.

Lost & Found

Has your child misplaced an item? Please encourage them to check the lost and found container located right outside our main office. Valuable items such as technology and jewelry are kept in a drawer

In case you missed a prior issue...

Want to see a prior issue of BV Family News?

Links are posted on the BVMS website, click [HERE](#) to access.