

Mark Your Calendar

- **Saturday October 3rd**
Pizza party lunch 11:30am at Parkside Park on 26th between Iris and Kalmia. Park Directions We would like to suggest a \$5.00 donation per family to help cover costs, and we will provide pizza and drinks for all. This is a great way to meet the families of the school. A sign up sheet will be by the door.
- **November 11th - No School**
Veterans Day
- **November 23rd – 27th No School**
Thanksgiving Week
- If your child will be going to kindergarten next year, and you plan on attending your neighborhood school, visit the school and register in the office so that they know you will be coming next September. Open enrollment for Kindergarten within the BVSD begins December 1st. If you intend looking around at kindergartens other than your local school, October and November will give you time to research possibilities.

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Autumn Has Arrived

We hope all the families are enjoying the start of autumn. As we get into some more unpredictable weather, please ensure your children come in layers; it is a lot more comfortable for everyone, if there are several layers, that can be added or subtracted as need be. If the extra bag of clothes left here for your child contains shorts and a t-shirt, please change them over for something seasonal.

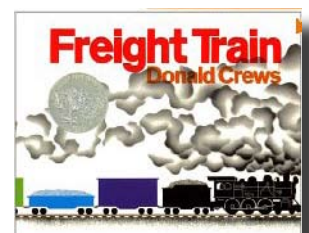
Halloween

The kids are predictably getting excited about Halloween. This year it falls on a Saturday. Afternoon and T/Th class children are invited to wear their costumes to school on Thursday, October 29th, the M, W, F morning class can dress up on Friday, October 30th, but please NO weapon like accessories. Children who have masks can bring them along, but we won't wear them in class for safety reasons. If your child would like to bring a healthy treat (i.e. fresh fruit, popcorn, pumpkin/banana bread) to share with friends that day let Elaine know, but no candy please. If the weather is agreeable, we will parade around the neighborhood to sing Halloween songs.

Profile

Storybook Journey

- Our next book will be "Freight Train" by Donald Crews, a copy of this book (larger than the one we will order) is located by the sign-in sheet so you can look through it before buying.
- Themes: Trains and transportation, cities, country, tunnels bridges, colors, positional words (over, under, through etc.) Order by Wednesday Sept 30th, book only for \$4.00 or \$50 for the year of books. Parents who have paid for the year will automatically be on the order sheet, so if you already have this book, or want to decline it, please write that on the order form.
- We still have some glass ornaments available for \$7 each in the office. There are examples of these beautiful pieces hanging the windows downstairs near the parent boxes.





Happenings

- Our site for pictures is up and running. If you have yet to look at it, go to <http://childrenshousepreschool.shutterfly.com/> and check it out. It is password protected, so email me if you need the password sent. I have tried to make sure pictures of all children appear, but let me know if you don't see many (less than 4) of your child, so I can make sure they are included.
- Scholastic book orders are due by Wednesday Sept 30th. This is a great way to get books at a very decent price, and the school gets bonus points for each order, which we use to stock the classroom library.

To Order online go to the Web address below, click on the tab for parents, and enter our class's personalized user name and password in the sign-in fields on the right side of the page. Note: You do not need to create your own user name and password.

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

User Name: chpschool

Password: class

Grocery Gift Cards

We have grocery gift cards available in the office for King Soopers, Safeway, Vitamin Cottage and Sunflower Market. This is a great way to support the school without any cost to you. Gift cards are used the same as a debit card, with balances kept on the card for your next visit. The school gets 4-5% of the face value of the cards, and last year we earned \$450 through this program. Cards can either be purchased any time you are picking up your child, or ordered in advance. If you would like a standing order monthly, I can add it on to your tuition, so you only need to write one check. Amounts vary by supermarket, so please email me for more information if you have any questions

Thank You

Thank you to all the parents who have helped us over the last month with time and donations. We have been very happy with the number of parents, and the skills they have been offering us in making our school great. The children have benefited from an abundance of home grown fruit and vegetables, and home cooked snacks as well as fresh snacks made with donated ingredients, and fixed benches and toys. Please email us the amount of time you have volunteered, or the value of any donations, or enter them into the volunteer log. This helps the school keep track of all our community does for us. We keep track of the hours and donations for our grantors who like to see how the community supports the preschool.

Food for Thought

We could use some agave, apples pears and oranges. The apples and pears get turned into sauce, so it doesn't matter if they look damaged. Last year we had a great quantity of apples on the tree at school, which we turned into 40 pounds of homemade apple sauce. Unfortunately this year our tree was bare, so if there is a tree in your neighborhood, feel free to pick up all of the fallen apples and bring them in

Websites

I thought parents might be interested in the following sites:

www.kidspages.org

<http://www.boulderparenting.org/>

<http://www.childishthingsconsign.com/>



With a Song in Our Hearts

Down by the Station

Down by the station
Early in the morning
See the little puffer bellies, All in a row
See the station master
Turn the little handle
Puff, puff, toot, toot, off we go

Little Red Caboose

Little red caboose behind the,
Little red caboose behind the,
Little red caboose behind the train, train, train.
Running down the track, track, track, track,
Smokestack on his back, back, back, back.
Little red caboose behind the train.

This Land Is Your Land

This land is your land - This land is my land
From California to the New York Island
From the redwood forest - to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

I've Been Working on the Railroad

I've been working on the railroad
All the livelong day
I've been working on the railroad
Just to pass the time away

Can't you hear the whistle blowing
Rise up so early in the morn
Can't you hear the captain shouting
Dinah, blow your horn

Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow your horn
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow your horn

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Someone's in the kitchen I know

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Strumming on the old banjo, and singing

Fie, fi, fiddly i o
Fie, fi, fiddly i o
Fie, fi, fiddly i o
Strumming on the old banjo

A Peanut Sat

A peanut sat
On a railway track
His heart was all a flutter
Around the bend came number ten
Choo! Choo! Peanut butter!!!

Freight Train

Freight train, freight train coming down the track
Freight train, freight train going so fast
Freight train, freight train
You better STOP
There's a _____ (children name object)
Move off the track!
Chug-a chug-a chug
Chug-a chug-a chug

5 Little Pumpkins

5 little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "My it's getting late"
The second one said, "I hear a noise!"
The third one said, "It's just some boys"
The fourth one said, "They're having fun"
The fifth one said, "We'd better run!"
So oooooohhh went the wind,
And out went the lights,
And away they all ran on Halloween night!



Out of the Mouths of Babes

Salsabel is playing hide and seek, and puts her own twist on the saying 'coming ready or not,' "Here I'm not, ready I come."

Noah is still adjusting to his new routine when he sees Michael on the phone. Noah, "Call my Mommy" Michael (knowing she can't be reached) "I can't call her right now." Noah "Well, text her."

Matuka "Here comes your dad. You can say 'Hi Dad'" Ahmed, "I'm not going to call my Babi 'Dad'"

Pieter engaging in Humane Society play, "I have to help this dog. There's dinosaurs in her ear! They're eating all the healthy stuff out of it."

Eli, "I didn't drink my energy drink. I have all the energy I need for today."

Lincoln, "Teacher Michael...you're so cute."

Children in a conversation about camelback water packs. Tessa, "My dad uses it for rock-climbing, biking and skiing." Eli, "My dad uses it for biking, but you can use it for rally driving."

Liam is excited about his return to school and walks onto the playground on Orientation Day and exclaims, "This is the most fun I had in my life!"

Eli, "We're going to get a Chihuahua because it never grows up."