

# Buena Vista Elementary School

# Tiger Bulletin

Vision: We will create a community where each child is safe to explore and learn.

## Mark the Dates!

### January

- 7 First Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- 8 PTA Meeting, 6pm in Conference Room
- 21 No School – Martin Luther King Day
- 25 Movie Night, 6:30 pm in Gym
- 31 Skate Night at Skate City

### February

- 5 PTA Meeting, 6pm in Conference Room
- 15 Movie Night, 6:30 pm in Gym
- 18 President’s Day – No School

## Middle School SAIL and Program Information Nights

With the year progressing so rapidly, the following dates may come in handy as you are preparing for your student’s middle school experience.

- Middle School Information Night – Tuesday, January 15 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Chipeta Elementary. (representatives from North, West, and Holmes schools will be presenting on SAIL West, International Baccalaureate Program, and double accelerated and pre-AP classes.
- SAIL Irving Parent Information Night – Tuesday, January 22 and February 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 in the Irving auditorium
- SAIL West Parent Information Night – January 17 and February 13 from 6:30 – 7:30 in the West Middle School auditorium

## Ms. Garsoe’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade


As promised before, the snails and guppies and elodea are flourishing in our aquaria and terraria (Latin plurals!) The children set up all the experiments, and generally took charge of the Science lessons. It has been lots of fun, and we are coming to understand how the whole world is connected. December 12 was Barbara Cooney Day in our class, and we spent the day reading many books by this wonderful author and illustrator. Probably her most famous book is Miss Rumphius. We also studied holidays, in particular Ramadan, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Looking forward to 2008: our Martin Luther King study in January and the Science Fair at the end of February.

## Student Work from Ms. Garsoe’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Fountain Creek Reflections, by Jacob*

The pumpkins along the path, and the grasshoppers jumping.  
 The water flowing from the pond.  
 Ducks and geese flying above.  
 The trees swaying in the wind.  
 Cattails plush and furry, slowly oozing out.  
 Turtles sunbathing on a rock.  
 Scuds doggy paddling as fast as a jet propeller.  
 Squirrels scurrying at breakneck speed up the trees.  
 Fountain Creek Nature Center was a blast.

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## Extra-Curricular, Community Education Programs Beginning in January, 2008

Please look for more information and Registration forms in your Friday Folders

### Spanish Club

Spanish Club will meet once a month and is being taught by Ashley Knight who is a college senior majoring in French, Spanish and education. These will not be traditional classes, but a combination of immersion and instruction, within the context of culture and real life settings. One example is that students will learn the "chocolate song" where they not only learn the song, but carry out the steps for making chocolate. In general, the curriculum will be based on the following type of activity, which will expand throughout the year, with these themes: The Market Place; Cooking in the Kitchen; Multicultural Activities & Music; Hispanic Games. Each of these four themes will be offered once a month, and will be activity oriented. Spanish Club will meet on Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:45.

### Federation of Galaxy Explorers Club

Another new project to be launched in January is the Space Club, or The Federation of Galaxy Explorers. This is a national initiative to teach students about space exploration so they can consider this as a future career.



But in the meantime, they will have lots of fun putting on child-sized space suits when that is the topic, or making rockets. This club will meet once a month or more often if we can get enough volunteers to

be leaders of our BV Mission Teams. Parents and Community members, you do not have to be a teacher to lead. The national program, an affiliate of NASA, has complete lesson plans and materials available for all grades. Volunteers merely download the lesson plans and order the materials they will need for the lesson a few weeks in advance. Please consider this!

The program centers around four major directions (besides up!): Engineering, Rocketry; Space Citizenship; Earth Science & Satellites. Keep in mind that the US is committed to having a moon base set up by year 2020, about the time your children are graduating from college! So, get them involved now in this exciting and fun club. Except for a \$20 membership fee that pays for the curriculum, kids' T-Shirts, a monthly magazine to their home and the cost of shipping the materials on loan to the school, like space suits, helmets, moon shoes, kits, etc., there is no tuition. We are working on a schedule and will have information available after the winter break. Look for registration forms in the Friday folders.

### All BV Reads!

We have selected *Flotsam* by David Weisner as our January "Book of the Month" for our new community-wide reading program "All BV Reads!" We will be offering fun games, some competitions in reading, and all kinds of support to get kids to read more. This is not a focus on specific skills, but more a push to get kids excited with reading and to get into the habit of reading a lot.



We need volunteer parents who are willing to come to school and read to small groups of kids or simply listen to kids reading to you. Your participation will make a world of difference and it will certainly encourage your own children as well as provide support for parents who cannot do so in their own homes. If you have 15 minutes, you can make a difference in a child's life. Please contact the office if you are able to help or fill out the form that will be in Friday folders.

### MusicGarten

This is a program providing music classes for children as young as 3 months! There will be Mom & Me classes for 3-17 month old children; Toddlers: 18-36 month old children and Music Discovery for 3-4 year olds. All of these classes will be held during the day here at school.

Music Makers 1, for 5-6 year olds is a pre-keyboard class readying students for private lessons and further music study. There is also a Music Maker II for 7-8 year olds that takes a holistic approach to playing instruments. These classes are wonderful supplements to our already fantastic music, instrument and band classes here at Buena Vista. Classes for K-3 students are held immediately after school, while all infant/toddler/preschool classes are held during the day. BV wants to provide as many opportunities for the arts for our present and future students, so please look for the brochures for MUSIC GARTEN in your Friday Folders. (All of these classes are at specially reduced tuition rates for BV families).



**Thank You – To The Bookman** in the Red Rocks Shopping Center on W. Colorado Ave. for donating books for students who attended the December 14<sup>th</sup> movie night.

