
Falcon News - November 2018

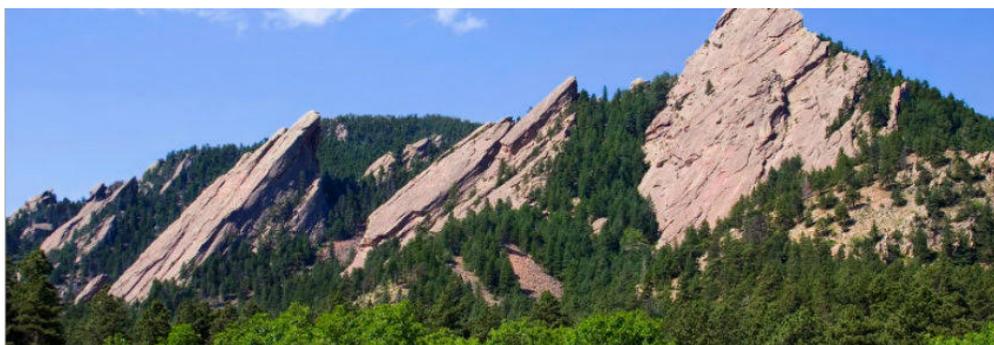
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Flatirons Falcon News

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From the Principal's Desk:

Happy Halloween Flatirons Families!

I am writing this letter to you on Halloween morning. Already there is excitement and laughter in the building as staff and students compare costumes and look forward to a day of fun, celebration, and being together.

I want to share with you that we will be doing a new Student Climate Survey the week of November 5th. The surveys will be taken online during the week when teachers are able to fit it into their schedules. The 2nd-4th grade survey focuses on conditions for learning, and the 5th-12th grade survey focuses on safe, supportive learning. The district is hoping to capture student voice by measuring collective and disaggregated perceptions of school climate and culture within the school and classroom context. We hope to connect survey results to research-based school-wide and classroom practices supporting a positive, safe and inclusive learning environment.

Last Friday afternoon we had our first No Place For Hate school assembly. Last year we were recognized as the first BVSD elementary school in the City of Boulder to be designated a No Place For Hate School by the Anti Defamation League. We are continuing that work this year with 22 students from 4th and 5th grade selected as part of our No Place For Hate Coalition. This group presented the assembly and will be teaching in classrooms throughout the year about how to not be a Bystander, but instead a positive Ally, when they see bullying behaviors. Please check out our Flatirons Facebook page for some great pictures of the event.

The Open Enrollment period for the district starts November, 9th. Already we have had numerous phone calls and families stopping by to check out Flatirons. Talking with families about what makes

Flatirons great is one of the favorite parts of my job. We have Open Enrollment Tours coming up on November 8th and 13th. During these tours, we like to have current parents be "tour guides" and take families around the building and talk about their experiences. We will be having a training for all the parent tour guides. If you would like to help with this, please let the office know or sign up on HelpAtSchool.

I hope all our Flatirons' families have a fun safe Halloween evening.
Sincerely,



Scott Boesel, Principal

Current Flatirons and BVSD Announcements:

Flatirons Open House Tours - Please Volunteer to show our school to new families!

November 8, 2018: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Meet in the Library

November 13, 2018: 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Meet in the Library

Please join us to show off our great school! During the Open House Visits/Tours prospective families meet Principal Scott Boesel, get information from our PTO, and take a tour of our school with current parents. Please consider helping us show off our great school by [signing up here](#).

Flatirons Chess Club needs your help! Please Volunteer!

As we are setting up for this year's Chess Club, we are looking for at least two new organizing members. Our current organizers, Lisa and Kale, are graduating from Flatirons this year, so we need parent volunteers who are willing to learn the ropes this year and help keep Flatirons Chess Club going in the future. Knowledge of chess is not necessary. Our first Chess Club meets Monday November 26th! [If you are interested: please contact Lisa Kistner \(lkistner@mac.com\) to learn more about keeping this great tradition of teaching Flatirons kids chess!](#) Here is the [Student Sign Up sheet](#). Here is the [link to Volunteer](#).

New Spirit Wear

New Flatirons Falcons Spirit Wear is on its way! Look for order forms in this weeks Friday Folders. We are offering t-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeves youth through adult sizes as well as new hats and mugs! [Here is examples](#) of the hat, mug and t-shirts. Please stop by the front hall to use the shirt samples to find your correct size for ordering.

Share-A-Coat program

It is time once again for the Share-A-Coat program, sponsored by Art Cleaners and the Boulder Valley Rotary Club. Collection boxes are now available in the Flatirons front hall. Once the coats are picked up, they will be distributed to various Boulder County charities and people in need. Boulder Valley Rotary Club plans to recognize the schools which collect the highest number of coats per student. They will reward schools with either a cash prize or a donation to a local charity in the name of the school.

CU Buffs Football vs. Washington State:

Flatirons Elementary Day with the Buffs! Saturday, November 10th (time TBD) Tickets start at just \$30! [Get more information here](#). To order online [click on this link](#).

Grandrabbit's Toy Shoppe Bunny Bucks

Bunny Bucks for Schools program is an easy way for parents to help teacher supply their classrooms with books, toys and learning materials. Parents can contribute to Flatirons Bunny Bucks account while shopping at Grandrabbit's which will contribute 5% of their pre-taxed purchase to Flatirons. [Here is more information](#).

The Little Red Riding Hood

Do not miss the the Little Red Riding Hood performance by the Boulder Opera Company! Located at NOMAD Playhouse December 7th, 8th, 9th. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to support Flatirons PTO - use the code "FLATIRONS" when buying tickets. [Information is at this link](#). To purchase tickets [Use this link](#).

The Nutcracker

Planning to go to [the Nutcracker](#) this year? Buy tickets by filling out the [attached form](#) and 20% of the cost of the ticket sale will be donated back to Flatirons! The deadline for using this form to buy tickets is November 5th, but you can return the form and a check as soon as you like and it will speedily make its way to the box office to guarantee you the best seats available. Flatirons student, Lexi Miller, will be performing as a mouse on Saturday night and at the Sunday matinee. Beat the rush, raise money for Flatirons, and see a fantastic ballet!

No Place for Hate Assembly

On Friday October 26th the Flatirons No Place for Hate coalition put together an assembly to help all students identify bullying behaviors. The twenty two student members of the coalition performed skits that showed the difference between normal conflict and bullying. Additionally the students performed follow up skits where students acted as allies and intervened when they saw bullying behaviors. This activity was planned by the coalition with the goal of educating students on how to correctly use the word bullying.

This school year will be the second time time Flatirons has made a commitment to becoming a No Place for Hate School. By doing so Flatirons is engaged in planning and implementing school-wide and classroom activities that help create a culture of care and respect so that all people who enter the building can feel safe. To honor this moment, and to remind everyone in the building that they have a role in making our school and a safe and respectful place, Mr. Boesel has purchased No Place for Hate T-shirts for all students and staff. Throughout the year we will be planning more school wide events to help create a caring and respectful school climate.

Parent Notification Letter: School Climate Survey

Our school is administering a nationally developed school climate survey from the American Institutes for Research The district selected surveys to better understand the current climate of schools across the district. The surveys will ask students about their perceptions of school on topics such as student engagement, school environment, and school safety. Surveys will be administered online by the Office of Student Assessment and Program Evaluation in Boulder Valley School District. [Here is more information](#).

Report Cards

First Trimester Elementary Report Cards open in Infinite Campus November 14th [Here is your Parents' Guide](#) to Accessing Grades 1-5 digital report cards.

Flatirons Choir Sings the National Anthem!

CU Buffs Basketball vs. Washington State:

Flatirons Elementary Choir Day with the Buffs! Saturday, January 12th, 8:00 pm. Tickets start at just \$20! [Get more information here](#). To order online [click on this link](#).

Our Plan for an Emergency - The Standard Response Protocol

Boulder Valley School District is committed to keeping our school communities safe. We know that before learning is possible, our students and staff must feel secure, so we have developed measures to protect our children and to respond in the event of a threat at our schools. During an emergency, having a unified plan and shared vocabulary for students, staff and first responders is paramount. That is why we use the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), developed by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. [Click here to see our Be Ready plan and videos.](#)

Learn about Colorado Constitutional Amendment 73

This November Colorado voters will decide whether to add a new constitutional amendment to provide additional funding for K-12 education. Learn more about Amendment 73, including what it is and what it will mean for the Boulder Valley School District and arguments for and against via the resources below:

[2018 Ballot Information Booklet \(Blue Book\)](#)

[Amendment 73 Factual Summary for Boulder Valley School District \(PDF\)](#)

[VIDEO: Amendment 73 - BVSD - Factual Information](#)

[Amendment 73 Impact Calculator](#)

[STORY: Board of Education passes resolution in support of Amendment 73](#)

Lost and Found

Please stop by the Lost and Found and look for missing items. It is overflowing with coats, hats and water bottles.

Upcoming Flatirons Events For November:

Thursday, November 8, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Flatirons Elementary [Open House](#) Visits/Tours. [Click here to volunteer!](#)

Friday, November 9th,

Open Enrollment Begins

Saturday, November 10th, (time TBD)

[CU Buffs Football vs. Washington State:](#) Flatirons Elementary Day with the Buffs! [Get more information here.](#) To order online [click on this link.](#)

Monday, November 12,

No School for students

Tuesday, November 13:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Flatirons Elementary [Open House](#) Visits/Tours - [Click here to volunteer!](#)

6:00-7:00 PTO Meeting in the Library - Child Care and Pizza provided for kids

Wednesday, November 14th,

KG Report Cards go home

1-5 Grade Report Cards open for parents in Infinite Campus

Thursday November 15th, 6:00 pm

Choir Concert in the Gym

November 19th-23rd,

No School for students - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday November 28th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Kindergarten Orientation (Adults Only Please) [Click here for more information](#)

Reoccurring Announcements:

Teacher and Staff Wish Lists on Amazon

This school year we have created Teacher and Staff Wish Lists on Amazon. The wish lists will be available year round to help improve the classroom experiences for our kiddos at Flatirons Elementary! Wish lists are a great way to support your teacher and/or resource area directly. [Here are instructions.](#)

Lifelong Learning *NEW CLASSES start next week* Classes for students offered at Flatirons this fall:

Strategic Kids Lego Star Wars Grades K-1, Grades 2-5

Strategic Chess Grades K-1, Grades 2-5

Flatirons Elementary, 1150 7th Street, Boulder, CO 80302

Attendance: (720)561-4602, Office: (720)561-4600, Fax (720)561-4601

School Hours: 8:15 am - 2:50 pm

Office hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Web site: fle.bvdsd.org Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FlatironsElementary>



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SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.