

The Lyons Tale

October 2011

Lyons Middle Senior High

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, October 1	High School Homecoming Dance, 8:30–11:30 pm, Cafetorium
Monday, October 3	Parent Teacher Conferences, 3-7:30 pm Jazz Band at Oskar Blues 7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 5	Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am (see webpage for period details) St. Vrain Band Night, 6:30 pm
Monday, October 10	GAP Meeting, 12:20 pm, Library District Parent Update Meeting, 6-7 pm, Library MS & HS Choir Concert, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Tuesday, October 11	Booster Club Meeting, 6 pm, Office Conference Room
Wednesday, October 12	PSAT Testing 7:35 am MS MESA Parent Info Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 18
Thursday, October 13	End of Quarter 1 for Middle School
Friday, October 14	Non-Student Contact Day, NO SCHOOL
Monday, October 17	Jostens Presentations to 10 th graders for Class Rings & To 12 th graders for Graduation caps, gowns & announcements MS Student Activists, Senior Center Evening Meal Project
Tuesday, October 18	Superintendent Community Update Meeting 6-7 pm, Cafetorium
Wednesday, October 19	MS & HS Band Concert, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Thursday, October 20	Picture Retakes
Friday, October 21	MS Reading Interviews, 8-10:30 am, Library
Thursday, October 27	District College Fair at Skyline High School 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, November 1	PLAN Test for all sophomores
Wednesday, November 2	Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am

PLEASE check the Lyons Sports webpage for the most accurate schedules.

<http://lyonssports.org>

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Principal's Page

Welcome to the October edition of our school on-line newsletter. Please take the time to review the items found in this edition. Great things are happening everyday here at Lyons Middle Senior. Your involvement and support are critical as we move through this school year.

Please plan to attend our first Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 3rd from 3:00-7:30 pm. Research indicates that parents who are involved and support education have a very positive impact on their children and the success they have in school. Attending conferences is an important part of being involved and supportive. In addition, I encourage you to communicate with your child's teachers and the school administrators throughout the year regarding any concerns you might have.

Another opportunity for parents to support the school is by joining the Lyons Booster Club. This organization works so hard to provide extra financial support to the fine arts department, classroom needs, field trips, technology, athletic groups and so many other school needs. As you are probably aware, the state of Colorado cut funding for K-12 education. Both the building budget and the athletic budget were cut by 25%. This will have a huge impact on the ability to continue to provide the level of support that has been provided in the past. So, JOIN the Booster Club and make a positive difference here at Lyons Middle Senior.

As we enter the month of October, please take advantage of all of the events and activities going on here at Lyons Middle Senior. Furthermore, here are just a few opportunities for you to volunteer your time and resources to the success of Lyons Middle Senior:

- Middle School Reading Program
- School Accountability Committee
- And, in case you missed it... [BOOSTER CLUB!](#)

I look forward to working with you as we strive to make a great school even better!

Respectfully yours,

Greg Winger



Middle School Reading Interviews

6th-8th grade students are required to read four different novels independently at home each year. Parents and high school honor English students interview each middle school student about the book they recently read.

Please email slauson_kathy@svvsd.org if you can be a volunteer parent interviewer one or more of the following dates! 8-10:30 am or any time during that window.

October 21st, December 9th, February 24th, and April 27th.

Li**ns**
BOOSTER CLUB

See page 12
in this newsletter for
membership information



Dear Lyons Middle Senior Parents and Guardians:

I want to inform you of an upcoming opportunity to learn more about our school and how it is continuing to improve teaching and learning for our students.

The Parent Update Meeting for Lyons Middle Senior will take place at **6 pm on Monday, October 10th in the library**. You'll have an opportunity to hear about recent successes, ongoing developments with Lyons Middle Senior instructional programming and strategies to enhance learning and increase academic achievement.

District officials will also be on hand to discuss the new school accreditation framework designed by the Colorado Department of Education, and, specifically, the varying levels of accreditation. It's important that you know how Lyons Middle Senior is progressing and the action steps we are taking to ensure our students are achieving at their highest possible levels. This past year Lyons Middle Senior was awarded the honor of being "Accredited with Distinction", the highest award possible.

As Superintendent Haddad mentioned, parent involvement correlates highly with improved student achievement and success. Please join us on October 10th and help Lyons Middle Senior rise to even higher levels of success.

Sincerely,

Greg Winger
Principal

Attendance

24 hour direct attendance line at Lyons Middle Senior 720-494-3844
Please call the attendance line if your student is going to be absent.

District Webpage www.stvrain.k12.co.us

In the event of inclement weather or mechanical break down, school may be closed or the starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal or school closing. Please check for announcements at the top of the district webpage or tune into TV Channels 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 16. Radio stations are listed on the district webpage under the quick link of school closures. [Students are expected to be in class on time unless the district has announced a delayed start.](#)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and security of students and staff is one of our highest priorities. This year, SVVSD has adopted the *I Love U Guys Foundation*, Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The SRP is designed to establish standards for responding to emergencies that may occur in or near our schools. It is based on four basic response actions: **Lockout**, **Lockdown**, **Evacuate** and **Shelter**.

During the year our students will be trained in these four actions through educational programs and by conducting regular drills. Parents will be invited to attend community safety presentations to better understand these safety and security initiatives and specific parental responses for the four actions.

SRP – 4 Actions



Lockout – threat or hazard is outside the school building

Students: brought inside school building and exterior doors are locked and secured. Whenever possible, classroom activities would continue uninterrupted

Parents: monitor your phone line for communication from the school or District and wait for directions regarding reunification. You're asked not to respond to the school until the school has notified you



Lockdown – threat or hazard is inside the school building

Students: classrooms are locked, teachers turn off lights and keep students quiet and out of sight of any internal threat

Parents: monitor your phone line for communication from the school or District and wait for notification regarding reunification. You're asked not to respond to the school until the school has notified you



Evacuate – moving students from the building to an outside area or another location

Students: leave personal items and move in an orderly fashion to next location

Parents: you'd be notified of the evacuation site and asked to pick up your child. You or a family member would also be asked to show picture ID and complete a reunification form before your child would be released



Shelter – students move to main level or interior rooms of the school building (e.g. tornado)

Students: asked to sit facing the wall while covering their head

Parents: wait until hazard has passed before you respond to the school to pick up your child

Thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Stacy Davis

St. Vrain Valley School District Safety Manager

Tidbits



“NO DOGS ALLOWED”

By Deputy Brit Fell

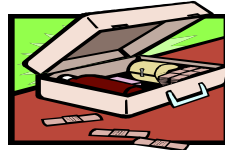
Over the years dogs on our athletic fields have grown from a minor problem to an issue that simply has to be dealt with. It's become far too common that our student athletes step in that well known item that dogs like to leave behind. One might say that an inconsiderate few have changed things for everyone else.

The new law of the land here at Lyons Middle Senior is that dogs are simply not allowed on our athletic fields. This includes during athletic events and all other times. **It is not an issue of the dogs being leashed or not. They are simply not allowed on the property.** This of course does not apply to registered service dogs.

In case you were not aware, the Town of Lyons has one of the largest dog parks in Boulder County. It is located just west of the football field on the Bohn Park property and can be accessed by the public pathway on the north side of the school. There is also another off leash area along the St. Vrain River just east of 2nd Avenue. We hope people will understand the reasoning behind this restriction and will continue to come and support our great student athletes.

It's Not Too Late To Join Student Activists, Middle School Kids Who Care

Lyons Middle School Student Activists, Kids Who Care, have already begun their planning and projects for the 2011-2012 year with the purpose of taking actions that contribute to others. The students involved recognize this as an opportunity to develop themselves as up and coming leaders.



Some of the past year's accomplishments included raising \$1137 and 400 lbs of food for the Community Food Share with their "Come Together Dinner", raising \$1108 for 150 Health Kits for Haiti, making blankets and hats for chemotherapy kids, and a very successful "Coat, Hat, Scarf & Mitten Drive".

This coming year will no doubt equal or surpass last year's success. Meetings are usually held twice a month on Wednesdays after school and often meet in Mrs. Busby's art room. However, there are some projects that take place at other locations and times. The next meeting in October will be to prepare and serve dinner to the elderly at the Walt Self Senior Center in Lyons on Monday the 17th. Please contact Mrs. Busby for more information if your child wants to join.

Busby_stephanie@svvsd.org

News from the Library



Tech News - All of our school computers have been upgraded to Microsoft Word 2010.

With the addition of Media Cast to the District, many of the movies previously available on DVD or video through the District are now able to be streamed through this system. This system also provides streaming of presentations.

At Home - Helpful Database references for school projects are available through our school webpage under Library. We have World Book, Gale, and a new bibliographic citation site called Easy Bib (the students will find this very useful). <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us>

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Please be sure to take a look at the list posted on the Library window to see if your student has any lost books. If an item is lost please pay for it on Infinite Campus, in the front office, or in the IMC as soon as possible so the book can be replaced in a timely manner.

Coming Up – Scholastic Book Fair at the end of November

Lyons Middle School

MESA

**MATH
ENGINEERING
SCIENCE
ACHIEVEMENT**

Invites All Interested Middle School
Students & Parents to our

Kick-Off and Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

6:30-7:30 p.m. at Lyons M/S High School

Mr. Holloway's Classroom, Room 18

Tell your parents and ask them to come with you to learn about our programming this year including projects in the Life, Earth, and Space sciences. Please see Mr. Holloway for more information.

Topics to be covered:

- Explanation of program
- Preliminary schedules available
- Student enrollment requirements & forms
- Questions & Answers

MESA is an after-school club offered at Lyons Middle School for ALL middle schoolers who have an interest in Math and Science. MESA is part of a nation-wide program. Participants must enroll before the end of October. Our club will be meeting weekly after school with an emphasis each semester upon one major activity. Enrolled students may choose to participate in only the activities that interest them.

Parent and family involvement is very welcome. We love parent support! No previous experience necessary.

Holloway_samuel@svvsd.org

High School Counseling News:

Denise Rominger, H.S. Counselor rominger_denise@svvsd.org

Paula Randazzo, Interventionist randazzo_paula@svvsd.org

Kathy Slauson, Registrar/Secretary slauson_kathy@svvsd.org

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

High School students at all grade levels have received **checklists** referencing tasks for them to complete at their grade level in preparation for their future. Please ask your students to see the copy they received and review this with them.

PSAT/NMSQT Wednesday, Oct. 12th 7:35 a.m. Still space available.

The PSAT (Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors) is the preparatory test for the SAT and eligibility for qualifying Juniors for the National Merit Scholar award. This is a voluntary test and the cost is \$15.00, please register ASAP in the front office. Students will report to their testing rooms at 7:35 a.m. Test room assignments will be posted in the high school hallway by October 7th. More info will be given to students as the test date approaches. Students taking the test are encouraged to get a good night sleep, eat breakfast, come prepared with no. 2 pencils and a calculator.

For ALL Sophomores:

PLAN Test Tuesday, November 1st

All Sophomores at Lyons HS will take this test. This is preparation for the ACT, which is now required by the state for all juniors. A career interest inventory is also part of the exam. There is no sign up necessary and no cost to students. More info will be given to students as the test date approaches.

ACT/ SAT Testing Information:

ACT (No Writing) \$34.00

ACT Plus Writing \$49.50

SAT \$49.00

ACT Registration Postmark Deadline by:	ACT Test Dates	SAT Registration Postmark Deadline :	SAT Test Dates
November 4, 2011	December 10, 2011	October 7, 2011	November 5, 2011
January 13, 2012	February 11, 2012	November 8, 2011	December 3, 2011
March 9, 2012	April 14, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 28, 2012
May 4, 2012	June 9, 2012	February 10, 2012	March 10, 2012
		April 6, 2012	May 5, 2012
		May 8, 2012	June 2, 2012

Online registration is preferred: ACT www.act.org SAT www.collegeboard.com
If you are unable to register online pick up a registration packet in the counseling office.

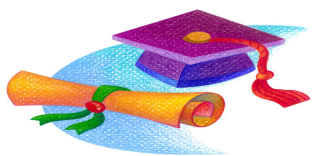
The Lyons H.S. Code Number is: 060-955

Late registration for the ACT and SAT is possible, however, late fees apply. Contact the counseling office for more details.

Juniors & Seniors

College classes...For FREE?!?!

PSEO= Post Secondary Enrollment Options. Juniors/ Seniors may take up to two college courses at Front Range Community College or CU-Boulder per semester. These classes must be a continuation of a student's high school studies after they have exhausted our available curriculum. Tuition costs will be reimbursed after they successfully complete the classes (C or better). For those students interested in taking advantage of post-secondary classes for the **spring semester**, contact Ms. Rominger for an application packet. The application process is currently being revised by the district, students need to pay attention to building announcements for information and the deadline(as it is still to be determined but will be a very short window of time to complete this).



SENIORS: Please review your Senior checklist with your parent.

Look at websites for Colleges, Universities, and Trade schools that you are considering and note both early application and standard application deadlines. Start working on those applications, essays and letters of recommendation. ☺

Notice: Transcript Fees

The first transcript ordered for the school year is free. Each additional transcript is \$2.00. When applying to colleges, make sure your application is complete before requesting a transcript from the office.

College Opportunity Fund (COF) Seniors planning on attending a Colorado college next year should sign-up online at <https://secure.collegeincolorado.org> Look for the COF and apply for the stipend. You must have a valid Colorado ID.

Upcoming College Fairs:

COLLEGE FAIRS & WORKSHOPS

Out of State College Nights

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 , 6:30-8:30 Monarch HS **OR**

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 6:30-8:30 Kennedy HS

Saturday College Fair & Workshops

Saturday, October 15 , 2011 10:00-2:00, Douglas County HS, Castle Rock

St. Vrain Valley School District College Fair

Thursday, October 27, 2011 6:30-8:30 @ Skyline High School

All High School students are encouraged to attend college fairs as it is never too early to start learning about the process and considering plans for the future. Students are encouraged to explore college options by going to <https://secure.collegeincolorado.org>

SAVE THE DATE! Want help completing financial aid (FAFSA) application? College goal Sunday, February 12, 2012 2:00-4:00 at Front Range Community College is a free opportunity to get this support. Go to www.collegegoalcolorado.org to find out what to do ahead of time and what you should bring with you.

Visits from college representatives : UNC, CSU, CU and Ft. Lewis came to Lyons the week of September 19th. If you need more information from these schools or others check out individual school websites, call their admissions office &/or go for a visit.



CHECK OUT A CAMPUS!



Colleges & universities have daily tours and information sessions available to prospective students check out their websites for information.

In addition here is a list of upcoming open houses:

CU-Boulder Student for a Day Oct. 21; Nov. 11, 18

CSU Showcase Days Oct. 7, 28; Nov. 11

DU Open house visits Oct. 10, 24

UNC Preview Days Oct. 14, 29; Nov. 19

Colorado College Oct. 10

Johnson & Wales Preview Day Nov. 12, Dec. 3

Mesa State see website to arrange tour

Metro State Denver Nov. 5

Regis University Oct. 21, 28 Nov. 12

Western State Oct. 28

GIFTED TALENTED Identification: Search for Students

Each year schools in St. Vrain Valley School District complete a process to identify students in grades K-12 who demonstrate exceptional ability or performance in one or more academic areas and may therefore qualify for Gifted/Talented educational services. These students perform at least two years above grade level in their strength area(s) and require additional academic challenges in order to support their continued educational growth and progress. In addition, they usually demonstrate characteristics of unique creativity and high motivation in their strength areas.

The search for gifted/talented students begins with an opportunity for parents and/or teachers to refer students for review. Once referrals are received, a team of educators review student CSAP data, standardized test scores, rating scales and other school data to determine student eligibility.

If you believe that your child qualifies and would benefit from district Gifted/Talented services, please pick up a nomination form from the school office, or contact our school's Gifted/Talented resource teacher or liaison, Peggy McCarthy. Mccarthy_peggy@svvsd.org

Dear Families of Lyons Middle Senior,

I want to take a moment to (re) introduce myself to you and give you some information about who I am and the work that I do in your student's school.

My name is Paula Randazzo and I am the Prevention/Intervention Specialist at Lyons Middle Senior High School. I work for the Boulder County Prevention and Intervention Program, which is able to provide prevention and intervention services to most middle schools and high schools in both the St. Vrain Valley School District (SVVSD) and the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD). I personally divide my time between Lyons Middle Senior High School and The Town of Lyons as their Youth Specialist.

I work with students who need or desire extra support in any area of their lives. This can mean support around issues of school success, peer conflict or mediation, social skill development, personal or family issues, transition, mental health needs, stress management, coping skill development, or any other area of need. Students choose to meet with me for a variety of reasons, but often simply because they feel they can use an extra adult advocate during a difficult or stressful time in their lives.

Meeting with me is never mandatory, but is instead a voluntary service available to students if they and their parents/guardians agree that it might be beneficial. Meeting with me is also free and confidential.

Please feel free to be in touch if you have any questions about or requests for my services. I can be reached at Lyons Middle Senior High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 303.823.6631 x 45622. I can also be reached by email at randazzo_paula@svvsd.org

Warmly,
Paula Randazzo, M.A.
Intervention Specialist
Lyons Middle Senior High School
Tues & Thurs: 8:30-3:00

High Schoolers... Come Join G.A.P.!

Generational Active People is now recruiting students for the school year '11/'12! G.A.P. is an intergenerational group sponsored by the Town of Lyons, that brings together high school students with the senior citizens in the community. This group's mission is to build intergenerational connections and bridge the gap that exists in our society. Together, students and seniors gather twice a month to have fun, share stories, learn about each other, develop friendships, create art, and go on outings.

This group generally meets once a month at school during the school day, and then once a month in the evening at the senior center in town. All are welcome to join!!! For those students who also participate in NHS, time spent in G.A.P. can be applied to the community hours needed for NHS.

For those interested in becoming a member, please contact Paula Randazzo, LMSHS' Intervention Specialist, at 303-823-6631 x45622, or email at randazzo_paula@svvsd.org, or leave a note with Ann Cisar in the main office.

The first get-together will be Monday, October 10th, during High School lunch. Meeting will be located in the IMC.

Yearbook News

Questions related to yearbook?

Contact Anna Marie Strzyz at: strzyz_annamarie@svvsd.org or **303-823-6631**

Important Dates for Seniors:

- **December 9th:**
Senior portraits and senior dedications due
- **November 11th:**
Early order discount on senior dedication

Important Yearbook Order Dates:

- **Sept 12th:** Sibling discount deadline
- **Jan. 8th:**
Early order yearbook discount and personalization deadline

Attention students involved in sports/activities outside of Lyons High School:

The yearbook staff wishes to highlight the athletes who participate in sports at schools or clubs other than Lyons High School. Please submit pictures via email (lyonsyearbook@gmail.com) or in person (front office).

Attention Senior Parents:

You will be receiving a letter about the senior sections of the yearbook shortly. In the meantime, here are some important dates for you to keep in mind.

- Senior portraits are due **December 9th**. Please email electronic files of pictures or bring a hard copy to the front office.
- The senior dedication section: You will have the choice between a half page and quarter page section – both will be in full color. The deadline for the dedications is **December 9th**; however, we are offering a **15% early order discount** for dedications received by **November 11th**.

Yearbooks On Sale Now!

You can now order your yearbooks online or in person. For online credit card orders, simply go to <http://www.jostensyearbook.com> and follow the prompts.

To pay by cash or check, complete the order form posted on our school webpage, <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us>. It can be found under Lyons forms. You may bring the completed form and payment to the front office.

Order your yearbook before Jan 8th and the cost is only \$55. After Jan 8th, the cost of the yearbook is \$60.

Personalize your yearbook! A variety of personalization options are available for purchase. See the order form or website for information on how to make your yearbook unique. The deadline for personalization orders is Jan 8th.

Lions BOOSTER CLUB

It's all about the KIDS!

Attention all parents! The Lyons Booster Club is for all parents of 6th-12th graders at Lyons Middle Senior. Please consider becoming involved in a great organization that contributes financially and in many other ways to all areas of the school.

2011-12 Membership

- To JOIN Booster Club and our email Blaster: Go to our website ●
- <http://lyonsboosterclub.com> and click on **Contact Sheet** in the left ●
- column. If you were a member last year, just click on the button to find ●
- your information, check it over for accuracy and submit! ●
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- You may pay the \$10.00 dues in the school office or make donations via ●
- PayPal. The state requires us to have parents register every year. ●
- Registration forms are also available in the school office. ●



BINGO: We are currently seeking a Booster parent to oversee the four Bingo teams that are already established. Please email Teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com if you have any questions about how you could help with Bingo!

The Lions Booster Club hosts Bingo every Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Longmont Bingo Alley, 640 19th Ave. (near 19th & Main).

We need more parents and students (who are 14 years or older) to help! We have four teams that rotate, so the time commitment is only about four hours once a month. The entire student body benefits from this huge fundraiser. Over half of our funds come from Bingo. Plus, everyone on the Bingo team has a great time together!

5 K Mud Race in Lyons, October 8th. Please email blaster@lyonsboosterclub.com for more details and if your group (sports, fine arts, yearbook, etc.) would like to volunteer. For every group of 10 volunteers working 8 hour shifts, the race organization will make a \$500 donation. Adults are needed to supervise each group.

PROM Manager: Prom is April 28th this school year. After Prom is a fun and safe activity for our juniors and seniors to attend. After Prom is from midnight – 4:30 am. We are looking for a junior parent(s) to coordinate the various sub-committees. We have a detailed “What needs to be done” list so you would not be starting from scratch! Please contact Teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com if you have any questions!

NEXT MEETING: The next Booster Club meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 pm in the school office conference room. Please join us! We need your input! Any Lyons Middle Senior parent/guardian is welcome to attend.

♪ Band Notes from Dr. Gregg ♪

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Oct 3	7:30 pm	Jazz Band at Oskar Blues
Wed, Oct 5	6:30 pm	High School Band performs at St. Vrain Band Night
Wed, Oct 12	7:00 pm	CU Wind Symphony giving FREE concert at Mead HS!!
Fri, Oct 14	7:00 pm	Home Football Game – Band does NOT need to play at this game!
Wed, Oct 19	7:00 pm	BAND CONCERT!! All band students!!
Fri, Oct 28	7:00 pm	Home Football Game
Sat, Oct 29	6:00 pm	High School Band: Lyons Halloween Parade

First Band Concert – October 19th

We are having a Halloween theme for this concert! Much of the music fits this theme, and kids are encouraged to wear their best Halloween costume. Please make sure their faces are not obscured (no masks) and make sure that the costumes are school appropriate (no weapons, follows dress code, etc). If kids choose not to wear a costume, they need to wear their normal concert uniform.

Fundraisers:

Three fundraisers are being offered for kids needing to raise money for the Disney trip. Any middle school students are invited to sell items as well; money raised by middle school students will go into the general band fund that purchases music, instruments, & supplies.

Yankee Candles: Happening NOW! Orders & money due October 7th.

Qdoba Coupons: Coupons will be available in mid-October.

Holiday wreaths & garlands: Selling in November, delivery early December.

I will need help with counting money and distribution of products for the candles and wreaths. Please let me know if you can help. If you have a fundraising idea (or if you want to head up a fundraiser ☺), please let me know.

Bingo Volunteers needed!

The Booster Club Bingo team is looking for more volunteers to help with Sunday afternoon bingo sessions. This is a tremendous fundraiser for the school, and the band program has been lucky to receive wonderful financial support from the bingo profit allocations. If you volunteer, you will only work one Sunday per month. Please consider donating some of your time to this great organization. If you'd like to help, please email Teresa Hoffman teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com

Great Opportunity!!!

The University of Colorado Wind Ensemble has volunteered to give a *free* concert on Wednesday, October 12th to all district band students. This concert will be held at Mead High School. I will be reserving a bus to/from Lyons so that all students can experience this internationally-recognized group as they perform some of the greatest band literature ever composed. Although the concert is free, I am asking kids to pay \$3-\$5 to help pay for the bus cost. More information to come via email but please RESERVE THIS DATE! (btw, parents are encouraged to join us!!)

Email Distribution:

If you are not receiving regular emails from me, then you are not current on my distribution list. Due to the transition to a new email server over the summer, most of my parent/student contact emails were lost. If you would like to be added back on, please email me at Gregg_karen@svvsd.org

News Release:

Several of our staff were interviewed by a CU Journalism professor early in the year. The article was published online a few weeks ago and it tells about the strengths of our students, both academically and co-curricularly. Enjoy!

<http://weeklyseven.com/latest/2011/09/08/small-town-colorado-team-brass>

Galileo Schedule

Elementary

August 22- Sept 9	Pre Blueprint (Optional)
October 27- November 4	Trimester 1 Assessment
January 23 - February 10	Trimester 2 Assessment
April 30 - May 18	Trimester 3 Assessment

- o Blueprint will cover all evidence outcomes for the grade level
- o Trimester Assessments will cover evidence outcomes in that trimester only


Secondary

August 22- Sept 9	Pre Blueprint (Optional)
September 26 - October 13	Quarter 1 Assessment
November 28 - December 16	Semester 1/Quarter 2 Assessment
February 16- March 9	Quarter 3 Assessment
May 7- May 24	Semester 2/Quarter 4 Assessment

- o Quarter assessments will cover evidence outcomes in that quarter only
- o Semester assessments will cover evidence outcomes for that semester (high school only)
- o Blueprint will cover all evidence outcomes for the grade level


SRI Windows

August 18 - September 16
November 28 - December 16 (optional)
April 16 - May 11



"Please take a moment to look at the new St. Vrain Valley School District Special Education Newsletter. This newsletter will be released quarterly and can be found online at the SVVSD website under the Department of Student Services, Special Education. It offers great resources and information for both parents and students and aims to help connect the special education community in the St. Vrain Valley. Also, if you are interested in receiving a copy of this newsletter sent directly to you, please email Cynthia Arendt @ arendt_cynthia@svvdsd.org."

Cynthia Arendt, MS, CCC-SLP



The Weld County Commissioners are seeking Weld County residents interested in volunteering on the following advisory boards: Fair Board, Planning Commission, Board of Public Health, and Noxious Weed Management Board. Applications will be accepted through September 30. Residency requirements may apply. Contact Vicky Sprague at [970-336-7204](tel:970-336-7204) or vsprague@co.weld.co.us for more information.



The health and safety of our students is critically important. For this reason, the St. Vrain Valley School District encourages parents to take preventative measures to prevent illnesses like the flu and pertussis (whooping cough). Flu shots are recommended for students but are not required. Pertussis (Tdap) vaccinations are *required by state law* for students entering 6th grade.

Important Information about Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

This information is for all parents of students entering 6th grade in St Vrain Valley School District. All 6th graders must receive a Tdap vaccine. Tdap stands for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (or whooping cough).

Contracting pertussis can result in hospitalization, seizures, neurological problems, and even death. Please contact your health care provider or your local health department to schedule an appointment for your child to receive the vaccine. **If you choose *not* to immunize your child, you are required to sign a personal exemption statement and present the signed exemption to your school.**

Public Health Clinics

If your family does not currently have a health provider, you can make an appointment for your child to receive the vaccination at a public health clinic. Public health clinics schedule Tdap vaccinations by appointment at set times throughout the week. These times and locations are listed below.

Boulder County Public Health

Cost: \$14.50 per child (no cap)

Longmont Branch/ Mondays 1:00-6:45 PM

St. Vrain Building
529 Coffman St.
Ph. 303-678-6166

Boulder Branch/ Wednesdays 1:00-6:45 PM

Sundquist Building
3482 Broadway
Ph. 303-413-7500

Weld County Public Health

Cost: \$14.70 per child (no caps)

Southwest Weld County Branch/ Monday – Friday

4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½

Mondays* 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesdays 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Wednesdays 1:00 PM– 5:00 PM

Thursdays 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Fridays 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM (walk-ins: limited to 20, first-come/first-served)

*On the 2nd Monday of the month, the schedule is 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

IMPORTANT: Cash & checks are accepted. If you are Medicaid-eligible, please bring your card. Parents must be present for children under 18 years or sign a Health Department Consent Form in advance.

Parents are urged to have the child's immunization record at the time of the appointment.

The fee for children's vaccines will be waived for those unable to pay.