

## **Bellevue is going GREEN!**

The Buffalo Bulletin will now be sent electronically. This will be the last paper copy distributed to every student.

If there is a need for a paper copy in the future you will need to come to the front office and pick it up (there will be limited issues). They will no longer be sent home.

Please go to <http://bellevueelementary.ptomanager.com/> to add your current email address so that you will receive all communications from Bellevue! Your email address will only be used for internal information for PTCO. We appreciate your support in this effort!





## Reaching New Heights...

"Dedicated to Excellence, with a commitment to the hearts and minds of every child, every day."

August 26th, 2009

### Message from the Principal

Dear Belleview Families,

It is going to be a phenomenal school year! Excitement fills the air. Camaraderie and happiness are widespread. It is my pleasure to begin the school year with each of you and continue our commitment to excellence, where students experience a rigorous academic programming that inspires extraordinary growth and creativity. We will examine what it will take to continue to be one of the top achieving elementary schools in Cherry Creek School District. In partnership with parents and community members, we strive to exceed high expectations, while at the same time, nurture the character and leadership potential of our students. Of course, we have the right people to conquer the challenge! We are excited to be back for another successful year and look forward to the journey ahead.

We are so fortunate to have a learning community comprised of the most devoted and talented professionals. I am proud to extend a warm welcome to our newest members of our team!

Art Teacher: Renee Jones

KEP Leader: Amanda Rich

Para-Educator: Susanne Mooney

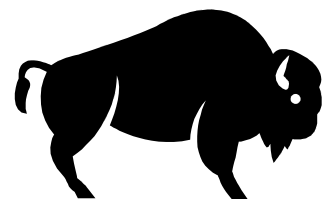
All members of the Belleview staff look forward to working together in the spirit of teamwork as we create a learning community focused on the hearts and minds of every child, every day.

In addition to new faces, you'll notice new technology resources throughout the building to equip students and staff with state of the art technology to provide the very best learning environment. We've installed SmartBoards into 14 classrooms, including the Media Center. With SmartBoard technology, learners are able to sustain engagement and interact with features such as: manipulation of diagrams and charts, highlighting important information with electronic ink, creating digital slideshows, and reviewing lessons previously taught, just to name a few. We look forward to celebrating 21<sup>st</sup> century learning with you.

On another note, Belleview is beginning the school year with an all school theme of "Our Diverse World." The intent of the theme is to show our students that even though children throughout the world are different in many ways, children share more similarities than they have differences. We are using Michele and Richard Steckel's Milestones Project book as a kickoff to the year. In this book, they spoke with children around the world from various cultures about milestones. We have featured some of these children from the book in large photographs adorning our main hallway.

What are milestones? In seventeen countries, on every continent, the Steckels have taken snapshots of the scenes that mark children's lives the world over. There are milestones: like celebrating a birthday, getting a first hair cut, and losing a first baby tooth; and universal themes: such as pets, play, and school...these photos illustrate our common humanity. Showing what children share across every culture will begin the process of honoring differences and connecting with one another.

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## Cont'd Message from the Principal

An important part of our project is to photograph all Belleview Elementary students in order to create a "Belleview Milestones Project." A few of our teachers have graciously volunteered to photograph each of our children over the next few weeks. After the photos are taken, each student will write a story stating what milestone is most important to them. Their photographs and stories will be displayed in our hallways. Please find the Permission to Photograph form at the bottom of this letter.

We would like your help in a couple of ways. First, talk with your child about a milestone in his/her life that is important and what s/he might want to bring to share (or perhaps a photograph of this moment in time) that would represent their milestone. For example, a picture of your child in a sport, a souvenir or postcard from a favorite trip, a picture of a pet, a certificate to celebrate an award or accomplishment, or a picture of your child riding their first bike would all be examples of a milestone. These items (if two dimensional) can be featured with your child's photograph and written reflection. Second, we would love your help in hanging up each child's finished product. If you are interested in supporting in this way, please see the bottom of this letter and return it to your child's teacher.

We will have the finished products on display starting in October through the end of the semester. Belleview Elementary is making our world a little smaller this fall by giving our students a better understanding of the many cultures that encompass our global community. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Please mark your calendars for Back to School Night! The intermediate grades (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) will be on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Primary grades (K-2) will be meeting on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Kindergarten will meet in the gym. Please check the Belleview Calendar on the next page for exact times & locations for each grade. Back to School Night is a wonderful way for parents to learn about your child(ren)'s academic course for the year, as well as important routines for the classroom and how you can reinforce learning at home.

In closing, I want to share with you how honored I am to lead at Belleview and to get to know each of you, together in education to positively impact our children and prepare them for a future world. I look forward to a successful year!

In Partnership,

Amanda Waleski

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Please tear off and return to your child's teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my permission for my child to be photographed and to have his/her picture hang in the Belleview Elementary Hallway.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in helping assemble and hang the finished products in the main hallway at the end of September.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Bellevue Calendar of Events



08.31.09	Back To School Night For 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. 3rd Grade will meet in their Classrooms at (PLEASE NOTE THAT 3RD DOES NOT START UNTIL 6:30PM) 4th Grade will meet in their Classrooms at 4th Grade will then move to the Gym from 5th Grade will meet in the Gym at 5th Grade will then move to their rooms at	6:00PM -7:00PM 6:30PM-7:00PM  6:00PM-6:30PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 6:00PM-6:30PM 6:30PM-7:00PM
09.01.09	Back To School Night For Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Kindergarten will meet in the gym 1st Grade will meet in their classrooms at 2nd Grade will meet in their classrooms at	6:00PM-7:00PM 6:00PM-7:00PM 6:00PM-7:00PM 6:00PM-7:00PM
09.01.09	Vision and Hearing Screening	All Day
09.07.09	Memorial Day	NO SCHOOL! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

## On The Rack

The Rack is the paper holder that sits to the left on the wall as you come in the front door in the lobby. We use this "Rack" to advertise activities in our community that the students might like to participate in. Right now it's kind of sparse but keep checking it throughout the year and look for updates in the bulletin.

## Important Transportation Contact Information

Cherry Creek School District

**Route Planning:** 720-886-7477

For information on Routes, Stop times and locations, and for space available

**General Information and Questions:** 720-886-7425

**Emergency Contact** (before 6:00 p.m.):

East Transportation Terminal 720-886-4111

Central Transportation Terminal 720-886-7413

West Transportation Terminal 720-554-4650

**Emergency Contact** (after 6:00 p.m.):

Integrated Security Services 303-698-2698

For more information or identifying  
which terminal serves your school,  
please visit:

<http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us>

## PTCO Corner

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!! The essence of Belleview Elementary School is **Excellence!**

Our PTCO (Parent, Teacher, and Community Organization) provides funding for teacher assistants, computers and software, educational materials and programs, and more. In addition, the PTCO provides special services and opportunities to foster community. Our partnership with our incredible teaching and administrative staff, and our support for one another as parents, helps to make Belleview Elementary the wonderful school that it is!

THANK YOU to all of you who have already donated to the Pledge Drive. Our goal is to have 100% participation from our community. Working together towards a common goal, we can ALL make a big difference at Belleview! You will see a thermometer near the main entrance of the school. This is used to mark the current percentage participation in the Pledge Drive. Let's make this the best pledge drive yet! If you haven't made your pledge, please do so today! Remember that your donation will go 100% to benefit your child's education and is 100% tax deductible too!

You can always find a way to donate your time to Belleview. To volunteer, simply complete the Support our School (SOS) form which was included in your orientation packet handed out at registration. You can also logon to PTO Manager on the Belleview PTCO website to update your volunteer information. Please feel free to contact Melissa McDowell ([Melissa@peaksview.net](mailto:Melissa@peaksview.net)) with any questions.

The PTCO will be communicating with you via the bi-monthly Bulletin and weekly e-mails that highlight the upcoming week's events. Please stay tuned for more info...Belleview is going GREEN. We will utilize PTO Manager to distribute our Bulletin and other information electronically. We are still working out the kinks and will keep you posted.

We hope you can join us for our first General Meeting, Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:05am in the cafeteria. Come and meet other members of our great Belleview Community! We have a very special speaker that day... our very own Principal, Amanda Waleski. She will be discussing our collective vision and goals. She will also highlight all new and exciting features at Belleview! You won't want to miss it!

We are so excited for this year! Thank you for all of your wonderful support of the PTCO and Belleview Elementary School!

Jenny Kercher and Kim Danos

Co-Presidents

# PTCO Corner

## Buzz Book

Our Belleview student directory, called the Buzz Book, will have a new look this year! We will have a special Yellow Pages section for all our advertisers, and we will include some 5th grade students' artwork in the book. If your 5th grader is interested in submitting a drawing, please turn it in to the front desk with their name on it and a note of attention for Buzz Book. Please don't turn these in until after school starts so we won't overwhelm the front desk staff! Attached is the Order Form for your Buzz Books which must be turned into the front office by **Friday, September 4th**. Please make checks payable to Belleview PTCO.

## ATTENTION ALL 5th GRADERS....

We are including some student art work this year in our Buzz Book and we would love you to participate. The Buzz Book will feature some of our 5th grade artists but you must submit something on or before Friday, Sept. 11th. Please put your name on the **BACK** of your picture and turn it into the front office. A PTCO committee will determine which drawings will be featured. Let me know if you have any questions.

Fonda Paxton

fondapax@msn.com

## FASB Fitness Festival Fall Training Days

Come ready to walk, run or jump rope around the Belleview track! Please bring your family and neighbors (no pets please).

Dates: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

August 25-27, September 1-3, September 8-10

Time: 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM

Location: Belleview Outdoor Track

Questions: Pam Smith (720) 554-3133

Linda Wegner (303) 779-0688

Susan Rielly (303) 691-6191

Stacy Landry (303) 955-7313

## Belleview Fundraising Drive

The fundraising drive has begun. As a reminder, no Sally Foster gift wrap sales this year. Therefore we are hoping for 100% participation. We will be available to take donations by mail or at Registration and Back to School Nights. There will also be additional pledge cards and a donation drop box available at the front desk. For each \$125 donation you will receive an embroidered "one of a kind" Belleview visor. Thank you for your support!

## School Store-

The School Store will be open Fridays during lunch. We will also be set up at any Back-to-School nights so please come see our new items. **Spirit Days are every Friday so wear your Buffalo t-shirts, sweatshirts, or shorts on Fridays.**

## Belleview Olympics – Fall Festival

Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 – 5:30 -8:00 p.m.

This year's Fall Festival is coming early! The Belleview Olym-

pics will be a great family event to celebrate the start of our new school year. There will be lots of fun crafts and games, a cake-walk, a giant inflatable basketball game set, a photo booth and much more – all in an Olympic theme.

To lead up to our Belleview Olympics, Mrs. Waleski will be participating in a game of "Where in the World is Mrs. Waleski?" She will travel to past Olympic sites, and give clues on the morning announcements about her travel plans. Students that guess her next destination correctly can win prizes!

## We need lots of help to have a great event – we still need:

- New or lightly used items for our grab bags (stuffed animals, happy meal toys, goody bag items, etc.) A collection box is in the front lobby.
- Olympic themed items (t-shirts, flags, posters) for decoration
- Paper towel and toilet paper tubes (for our Olympic torch craft!)
- International cuisine to share with all – please watch for a flyer on this!
- Baked goods for the cakewalk – again, please watch for a flyer.

If you are willing to volunteer at the event, or have a middle schooler or high schooler that may be willing, please contact Betsy Sklar ([betsy\\_sklar@yahoo.com](mailto:betsy_sklar@yahoo.com)) or Jodi Maples ([jodimaples@msn.com](mailto:jodimaples@msn.com)).

Any questions, ideas or items to donate? Please contact Rash Pumilia ([rb@pumilia.net](mailto:rb@pumilia.net)) or Donna Bucholtz ([dgbucholtz@aol.com](mailto:dgbucholtz@aol.com)).

## Hola, Ciao, Bonjour!

Foreign Language Class Registration coming soon! Look for it in the next Buffalo Bulletin!

Spanish, Italian and French will be offered for grades 1st -5th. Kindies will be added in the spring.

There will be a Spanish class for 1st, 2nd, 3rd; another Spanish class for 3rd, 4th, and 5th. (3rd graders have a choice which class to take.) Italian and French will have all grades together. Classes will run from 2:30-3:45pm and be in the KEP room (thanks to Ms. Kaplan's generosity).

Classes begin the week of September 21st and last for 10 weeks. Cost of each class session is \$100.

Questions or comments? Contact Susu Dugas at 303.740.8988 or [susu@dugasfamily.com](mailto:susu@dugasfamily.com).

**Classroom photographers:** We need classroom photographers! All you need is a digital camera! Take pictures on the playground, pictures of kids in your child's class when you are volunteering, pictures at an event, etc. With your help, our year-book will be amazing! Please contact Blair Mellon at [dbscmellon@hotmail.com](mailto:dbscmellon@hotmail.com) if you can help.

**Spelling Challenge** - Look for more information to come for the 1st annual Spelling Challenge coming in November