

Bauder Bugle

December 2025 Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Hello Bauder families,

Can you believe that it's already December? I hope that everyone enjoyed some nice family time during our November Fall Break. Just a few more weeks until we have some more time off for the winter holidays. The winter break is a time for joy but can also be very stressful for families. Please refer to our [Family Resources](#) page on the Bauder website if you need any support this holiday season. And remember that keeping a consistent schedule and routine is very important for young children. Maintaining regular bedtimes and mealtimes can help students get through the break successfully and come back to school ready to learn. Don't forget to make daily reading a part of the routine as well. Please be sure to read the 'Counselor Corner' in this month's newsletter. It has some great parenting tips.



Kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open! If you or anyone you know has a student who will be starting kindergarten next year, make sure they get registered as soon as possible. To register online, visit the PSD Online Registration web page. If you need any assistance, feel free to call our office. We're happy to help.

As the first semester comes to an end, it's time to take stock of all we've accomplished so far this school year. I hope you have been able to participate in one of our community events. I have really enjoyed seeing families at our student celebrations, our fund run, our movie night, at parent teacher conferences, and at Donuts with Dear Ones. We also do some mid-year benchmark testing and analyze just how far students have come academically and socially. We have seen some great growth and I'm sure you're noticing it at home as well. I really hope your students have enjoyed the first semester and are feeling proud about the growth they have made.

Sincerely,

Stephen Boese
Principal
Bauder Elementary

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Dates to Remember:



December:

Tuesday	12/02	PTO 6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday	12/03	Kindergarten Registration Day for 2026-2027 Spelling Bee 2:30-3:30pm SAAC meeting 5:00-6:00pm
Thursday	12/11	2 nd /3 rd Grade Music program 3:05-3:40pm
Wednesday	12/17	Caroling and Cocoa 5:00-6:30pm
Mon—Tue	12/22/25 - 01/06/26	Winter Break

January:

Tuesday	01/06/26	First day back to school PTO 6:30-7:30pm
Monday	01/19	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday	01/23	Donuts with Dear Ones 8:25-8:45am

2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration

It is time to register your student for 2026-2027 Kindergarten registration. We will have registration support on Dec. 3rd if you need assistance in registering your child. Registrations are online at Pdschools.org.



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

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DECEMBER 17TH 5-6:30
CELEBRATE THE SEASON BY CAROLING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOODS WITH YOUR BAUDER COMMUNITY. ARRIVAL AND INFORMATION 5-5:15, CAROLING 5:15-6:00, RETURN TO BAUDER TO ENJOY SOME GOODIES 6-6:30.

- Bring your whole family
- Wear clothes for the weather
- Adults only - flashlight or headlamp
- Bring a plate of goodies to share after caroling (our fabulous PTO will provide cocoa and marshmallows)

Feel free to contact ewhite@psdschools.org with questions

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Bauder Food Drive

Thank you for your generous food drive donations. Your contributions help provide meals for those in need, offering hope and making a real difference to our Bauder school community. Your support is deeply appreciated.



Artist of the Week

Hello! My name is Ms. Svendsen, and I am the art teacher at Bauder. Every week, I feature one artist as 'Artist of the Week'. I am looking for students who have a creative approach to artmaking, or who spend a lot of time and effort on their art. I do this to spotlight the hard work of unique artists in our school community. Congratulations to our November artists: Juneau M., Loxley S. and Stella R.



Winter Break Dec. 22nd – January 5th

We want to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful break. This is a wonderful time for families to connect, relax and make lasting memories. This winter break offers a chance to rest, recharge and spend quality time with loved ones. We hope you enjoy this time together. We look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday, January 6th.



Creative Endeavors Art Show



Poudre School District teachers and students are back to deck the hall of the Foothills Fashion Mall Thursday, December 4, 2025 – Monday, January 26, 2026. Come and see the creative artwork from grades K-12 on display in the Dick's Sporting Good hallway.

Lost and Found

Bauder Bucks, your jackets and water bottles miss you! Please have your student check our Lost and Found areas for any missing items. Every day, dozens of jackets, sweatshirts, and water bottles are separated from their small owners.

- **What to do:** If you've lost something, check the last place you remember having it. If you can't find it check the Lost and Found areas in each pod.
- **Where to look:** All lost items are kept in the lost and found areas in each pod. It's best to come by during lunch or after school to find your lost item.
- **What you might find:** We have a large collection of jackets, sweatshirts, and reusable water bottles. Many items are forgotten on the playground or left behind after a classroom activity.

Tips for Parents:

- Please remind your student to check for any lost items.
- Consider labeling your child's name on their belongings to make it easier to return and identify. We may have several identical jackets or water bottles.

All lost and found items not claimed will be donated in January



Visitors and Volunteers



We use the Raptor Management system to check ALL visitors and volunteers into our school building. If you are coming to volunteer or visit during school hours you must bring in your physical driver's license, passport, or state offered ID to go beyond the office. You are welcome to come and have lunch with your child(ren) after signing in at the office.

We are blessed to have an amazing group of volunteers at Bauder. If you are interested in being a volunteer, you will need to register on the district website and be approved before volunteering. You will be sent an email from the district once your background check has been completed. PTO has many opportunities to volunteer. Volunteer registrations last 3 years. It is a great idea to check your registration status prior to volunteering for field trips. Please feel free to contact our office to see if it is time to renew your registration.

School Start and Dismissal Times



The start time for Bauder is 9:05am and the dismissal time is 3:43pm. Students will be allowed to be on the playground at 8:45am. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:45-9:00am. Please do not send students to school before 8:45am as there is no supervision.

Counselor's Corner

COUNSELOR CORNER

WITH MRS. RAGLE &
MRS. SPENCE

Positive Parenting:

Connection over Correction

This month, we encourage families to focus on teaching and connection. Instead of asking, "What's wrong with you?" try "What happened?" or "How can we fix this together?"

Positive parenting helps children feel safe, respected, and motivated to make better choices next time.

Try This: Pause before reacting. Take a breath and respond with curiosity instead of anger.

Help Kids Use Their Words

Encourage your child to express emotions with "I feel" statements:

- "I feel sad when you don't play with me. Can you please include me next time?"
- "I feel angry when my toys break. Can you please help me fix them?"

Modeling this language at home builds empathy, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Family Challenge: Everyone uses one "I feel" statement a day this week!

Small Jobs = Big Confidence

Giving kids small responsibilities builds independence and self-worth. Here are some age appropriate ideas:

- K-2: Feed a pet, put clothes in the hamper, set the table
- 3-5: Help make lunch, fold laundry, water plants, pack their backpack

Simple Routines for Smooth Mornings

Encourage kids to:

- Pack their backpacks before bed
- Pick out tomorrow's outfit
- Create a quick morning checklist (brush teeth, breakfast, water bottle)

Small routines lead to calm mornings & confident kids.

Screen Time Swap: Choose Connection

Winter evenings are the perfect time to unplug. Try one of these instead:

- Read together for 10 minutes
- Play a board game
- Bake or decorate cookies
- Share your "favorite part of the day"

Even 15 minutes of real connection can make a lasting impact!

Counselor Note

The Toy, Games, Puzzle Library at the Foothills mall is a free "library" for toys. It's hours are: M: 3-6pm, T: 5-8p & Sa: 10a-4p. You sign up for a "library card" and check games and puzzles out completely free and return them when you're done! They also have play spaces set up if your family wants to test out a few games before taking home.

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Attendance Calls

We are required to have a reason for your student's absence. Absences without a reason will be unexcused per district policy. You can report the absence for your student either by calling our attendance line or through your ParentVue account. Please make sure when calling the attendance line to give your student's name, the day of absence and most importantly the reason for the absence. Providing this information will prevent the office from having to call and inquire why your student is absent. We appreciate your help! Our attendance line phone number is **970-488-4151** and can be accessed 24 hours a day.



Safety reminder

Please follow all traffic laws and be considerate of our neighbors when parking on Fuqua and Lake streets to drop your students off and pick them up.

ParentVue updates

Has your phone number, address or email changed lately? Have your emergency contact numbers changed? ParentVue is a terrific way to update this information. Please contact the office if you need any help with logging in or updating your information. Thank you for keeping this information current.

Changes in student pick up plans

If you need to make changes to your students' after-school plans, we are asking that you call the office before 3:00pm. Our office is extremely busy at the end of the day. There are many classroom activities and changes in schedules that make it difficult to convey the changes to students. You can help your students feel confident by sharing the after-school plan with them in the morning.



Keep Covered This Winter

- **Keep your contact information current with Health First Colorado by setting up an account on PEAK.**
- **Need help with PEAK? Contact PSD's Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, 970-490-3578.**
- **Know your nearest urgent care and their holiday hours.**
- **Open enrollment on the Connect for Health Colorado marketplace is happening now through January 15, 2026.**



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Manténgase cubierto este invierno

- Actualice su información de contacto con Health First Colorado (programa de Medicaid) por medio de su cuenta de PEAK.
- Necesita ayuda con PEAK? Comuníquese con la especialista de inscripción y divulgación en PSD, 970-490-3578.
- Familiarizarse con la sala de urgencias mas cercana y conozca los horarios en los días festivos.
- La inscripción abierta en el mercado estatal de seguros de salud de Colorado esta abierta desde ahora hasta el 15 de enero 2026.



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