

Bauder Bugle

May 2024 Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Hello Bauder families,

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the year. We finished up our state standardized testing in April. Overall, the testing went very smoothly. Although this testing is very important and gives us and you valuable information about how your student is progressing, we try our best to make sure it is not an overly stressful experience for students. As the year finishes up, we still have some of our school level end of the year testing to do. It's always exciting to see how much growth students show on these measures.



The end of the year often brings a real mix of emotions for students. While they tend to get very excited about the fun events and field trips that we have coming up, they can also feel some trepidation about the uncertainty of summer and less time with their friends. Often, we adults just assume they will be excited about summer break, and we overlook some of the anxiety they may be feeling. It can be helpful to have conversations with your students about what the plans are for summer and how they are feeling about them. Please keep an eye out for information about resources and summer events in our Thursday Updates which will continue through the end of the month.

As we finish up this school year we also start looking ahead to next year. Very soon, we will go through our class placement process. There are many factors that our staff take into consideration to make sure that each class is well balanced, and all students are set up for a successful year. If you would like to make a class placement request, you have just a few days left to do so. We do

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consider parent requests for a friendship placement OR for a certain teacher. You may not, however, make a teacher request AND a friendship request as that would be making an educational decision for another family's child. You can send these to Emily White at ewhite@psdschools.org prior to May 6th. We do our best to accommodate the request, but we cannot guarantee it as there are many factors that go into creating well balanced classes across the grade level. **Requests received after May 6th will not be considered.**

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful PTO for putting on another amazing Community Night here at Bauder last week. It was so fun to see everyone coming together in community and enjoying each other's company. Bauder is a special place and I feel so lucky to be your principal.

Stephen Boese
Principal
Bauder Elementary School

Dates to Remember:

May

Fri.	5/03	Flag Parade 9:15-11:30 am
Mon.-Fri.	5/6-5/10	Staff Appreciation Week
Thurs.	5/09	Rollerland 5-8
		PSD Track Meet 4 th /5 th Grade
Sat.	5/11	District Track Meet 8-12
Fri.	5/24	No School – Teacher Workday
Mon.	5/27	No School-Memorial Day
Tues.	5/28	Field Day
Thurs.	5/30	5 th Grade Promotion 9:30-12:00
		Last Day of School Dismissal Time 11:58am



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Bauder Flag Parade

On Friday, May 3rd we celebrated our Flag Parade and Passports Around the World Event at Bauder. This event was an opportunity for the families, staff, and students of Bauder to celebrate the diversity of our school and community! Students marched in a Parade for the rest of the school and guests. They then walked up on the stage to greet the crowd in their native language followed by sharing a few facts about their country. Afterwards classes traveled to multiple different presentations in their classrooms to learn more about 3 different countries presented by Bauder families and staff. It was a great time and a chance to share and learn about many countries.

2024 Poudre School District Manuel Cordova Elementary Track & Field Meet

Thursday, May 9, 2024
 Distance Events-800 and 1600
 5:30PM-6:15PM-800 Run for 4th girls & 4th boys
 6:15PM-7:00PM-1600 Run for 5th girls & 5th boys

Rain date: Thursday, May 16

Saturday, May 11, 2024
 Sprints and Field Events
 All grades
 8:00AM-12:00PM

Rain date: Saturday, May 18



Held @ Timnath MS/HS Track

Track Events

50 meter dash
 75 meter dash
 100 meter dash
 200 meter dash
 800 meter run
 1600 meter run
 4 x 75 meter shuttle relay

Field Events

Long Jump
 Triple Jump
 Shot Put (6 lb)
 Softball Throw

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Book Swap

We are excited to announce Bauder is having a book swap! Just in time for your kiddo to enjoy a book over the summer. Please bring your gently used books to Bauder the week of May 6-10. Students will get to pick books May 13th- May 17th. Keep an eye out for the Thursday Flyer for more information. For any questions feel free to reach out to our librarian, Mrs. Fox (rfox@psdschools.org).



4th Grade Musical



Our 4th Grade Musical, “The Little White Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings” will be held on Tuesday, May 14th. Fourth Grade Art enrichment students created all the props and backdrops, and Fourth Grade music & tech enrichment students will perform. In fact, they will perform 3 times, with 3 different casts! It is quite a production, and we expect to hear great things from our audiences. The musical’s message to “be true to yourself” is an enduring and universal message no matter what your age.

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Honor Choir and Guitar Concerts

Congratulations to Bauder's PSD Honor Choir representatives: Miley Bratsch, Daphne Edler, Jazmine Gibson, and Serenity Loera -Reyna. Our students joined with selected elementary and middle school students from schools across the district for a concert on March 6th at the Lincoln Center. Our students sang with joy and musicality and were excellent representatives for our school. We wish these rising stars all the best in their middle school musical adventures!



Bauder Pride Guitars rocked concerts in April!

Beginning Guitar took us on a musical tour of their learning, demonstrating, chords, exercises and strums. We sang along with them to songs they chose such as *This Land is Your Land*, *On Top of Spaghetti*, and *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*. Congratulations on a fantastic year!

Intermediate Guitar shared their skills as well, playing a full sing along concert. The first half of the program was folk music including songs like *Country Roads*, *Let it Be*, and *Blowin' in the Wind*. This year we learned how to transpose and use capos and showed that off in the second half of the concert with *Wagon Wheel* and *Chicken Fried*. Nice job by this fun, energetic team!

Advanced Guitar chose to share their music in the community and invited Intermediate Guitars to join them for a Play Out at Rigden Farms Senior Living - on their day off school no less. Rigden residents joyfully sang with us and invited us to, "Come back - SOON." Excellent job sharing the joy of music with our community. We celebrated after the concert with a "field trip" to Dairy Queen. Well earned guitarists - you really do ROCK!

Honor Choir and Guitar Concerts

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Our final Play Out was at the Spring Event hosted by PTO. We really enjoyed playing together one last time and sharing our music with everyone. Thanks for the invitation!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

FIELD DAY

2024

Hello Bauder Families! Field day is coming up and I am looking for just over 80 volunteers to help out! If you are interested, scan the QR code to sign up!

**Thank you for your support!
- Ms. Falardeau**

Tuesday, May 28th

**2 half day sessions:
9am- 11am 3rd-5th grade
1pm- 3pm K-2nd grade**



Reminder- You must have the Bauder volunteer form filled out before the 28th!

Bus Transportation 2024-2025



Need a Bus for next year? Apply now....

Poudre School District aims to transport as many students as possible to and from school. To ensure that families needing transportation receive this service, **riders must apply for busing each year, even if they've had busing before.** Starting April 29th families can request bussing. **All requests must be made by July 15th.** Families who miss this deadline can apply in the fall after the first two weeks of school.

Families may request transportation at PSDSchools.org. Submitting a request is not a guarantee of services. Even with ongoing recruiting efforts and the hiring of additional bus operators, PSD is still busing fewer students than in previous years because of a reduction in routes due to the ongoing driver shortage.

Last Day of School Dismissal Time



The last day of school on May 30, will be a half day for students. Students will be released 3.5 hours early, which will be 11:58 am for Bauder students. Breakfast will be served. No lunch will be served on May 30. It is a full day for staff.

5th Grade Promotion

5th Grade students will be celebrating their promotion from 5th grade to middle school on May 30th at 9:30-12:00. The promotion ceremony will be in the Bauder flex room. Seating for guests will start at 9:15 am.

Lost and Found

Is your child missing their coat, hats, gloves, hoodies, eyeglasses, water bottles, etc.? Our lost and found is bursting at the seams. Please stop by the office and check out our vast collection of items in our lost and found. Please note that any unclaimed items at the end of May will be donated.



April Bauder Excellent Behavior Awards

Kindergarten:

Devalk –Taylor M.
Cameron K.
Jero R.

Lynn – Leif L.
Jasper F.
Aryam A.
Alea P.
Eli C.



Moon -Pepper K.
Ophelia T.
Orly J.
Sirius F.

1st Grade:

Peardot – Armon B.
Percy A.
Chance O.
Rjay W.
Coralena R.

Vigil –Elyjah H.
Quinn W.
Fletcher S.
Skylar F.

Warner – Maya K.
Mia M.
Breckin E.

2nd Grade:

Bright – Bruce D.
Dylan A.
Levi N.

Cox-Wyatt K.
Luca K.
Macie H.
Fisher B.
Marcos S.
Karizzma S.

Mitchell-Blakely H.
Rylan L.
Orrin N.

Repetto –Emily S.
Avalon D.

3rd Grade:

Dohn – Jack C.
Gabriel K.
Emmett C.
Mia S.
Omama E.
Bergen Y.

Fris – Porter C.
Amanda L.
Brayden B.
Nala M.
Ezekiel W.

Richen-Yadir V.
Brophy E.
Calla T.
Josiah P.

April Bauder Excellent Behavior Awards

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4th Grade:

Allen –Ashlyn R.
Arlo B.
Lucy C.

King –Zoey K.



Marshall – Jaxon W.
Savannah H.

Reger-Foster B.
Mesa C.
Raven H.
Xavier M.

5th Grade:

Hendrickson- Theo U.
Afeni E.
Scarlet H.

Provencio –Jax S.
Trindon M.
Elliot W.

Strike – Miley B.
Eliana K.
Mason E.
Greta Y.
Finn M.



Breakfast with Your Student

Breakfast is served in our cafeteria from 8:30-8:45 each morning. Parents are welcome to be with their students during this time. Prior to coming into the cafeteria please visit the office to get signed in and get a visitor pass. You will need to bring in your driver's license to be scanned in. We are asking that parents exit the cafeteria when the 8:45 bell rings and your student will then proceed to class.

Report Cards

We are pleased to announce report cards will be available to you electronically in [ParentVUE](#), by end of the day, Thursday, May 30. If you have forgotten your password, click 'Forgot Password' on the Account Access page. If you do not currently use the PVUE portal, please contact the school to receive an Activation Key to create your ParentVUE account. Note, PVUE can be accessed through a secure login using the web portal (<http://www.psdschools.org/pvue>) or app which can be downloaded from the [iTunes Store](#) for Apple (iPhone) devices or [Google Play](#) for Android devices. For additional information please see ParentVUE section found on the [PSD website](#).

Counselor Corner at Bauder!



Preparing for Summer

Preparing for summer break is an important process that can help ensure the break is both enjoyable and beneficial for their development. It's a great opportunity to balance relaxation and unstructured play with activities that promote learning, physical activity, and social skills. Here are some thoughts on making the most of the summer break:

1. **Set Goals:** Discuss with your child what they would like to achieve or learn over the summer. This could be related to academics, such as reading a certain number of books, learning a new skill, or improving in a particular subject. Setting goals helps keep children focused and provides a sense of accomplishment. Create a fun way to keep track of your child's progress.
2. **Create a Balanced Schedule:** While summer is a time for relaxation, creating a loose but balanced schedule can help children make the most of their break. This schedule can include time for reading, creative activities, outdoor play, and planned outings. Ensure there's also plenty of downtime for relaxation and spontaneous fun.
3. **Incorporate Learning Opportunities:** Prevent the "summer slide" by incorporating educational activities that are also fun. Visit libraries, museums, and science centers, or use educational apps and online resources. Bauder has fun educational games on their website. Just visit Bauder's website, click on: Students, and Commonly Used Applications. You can also encourage writing through journals or letters to family members.
4. **Promote Physical Activity:** Summer break is a perfect time for children to be active. Encourage outdoor play, enroll them in sports camps or classes, go on family hikes, or have regular trips to the park or swimming pool.
5. **Foster Social Skills:** Arrange playdates, consider summer camps, or participate in community events to keep your child socially engaged. Summer is a great time for children to make new friends and strengthen existing friendships outside the school environment.
6. **Encourage Independence:** Use the summer break to teach your child new responsibilities and foster independence. This could be as simple as making their own breakfast, helping with household chores, or managing their own schedule for the day.
7. **Embrace Boredom:** It's important for children to experience boredom as it encourages creativity and self-directed play. Avoid the urge to fill every moment with activities and allow your child the space to use their imagination and come up with their own

entertainment. Kids come up with unique, fun adventures when they use their creativity. Perhaps they will choose to go on a nature scavenger hunt, build a fort out of bed sheets or look for stars during the nighttime!

8. **Plan Family Activities:** Summer break is an excellent time for family bonding. Plan activities that the whole family can enjoy together, whether it's a vacation, day trips, or simple things like movie nights, picnics, backyard camping, or a bike ride around Fort Collins' bike trails.
9. **Review and Reflect:** At the end of the summer, review the goals set at the beginning with your child. Celebrate the achievements and reflect on the experiences. This can help them see their growth and set the stage for a positive transition back to school.
10. **Take advantage of all that Fort Collins has to offer.** Some examples of Fort Collins family activities may be found [HERE!](#)

We will miss seeing your students over the summer break! We will be excited to greet them on their first day of school for the 2024-2025 school year, on August 15!

Thank you!

Bauder Counselors

MaryAnn Spence and Maribeth Ragle



This year, **Ms. Spence** works with grades K, 2, and 4. She will follow these students until they leave Bauder.

Ms. Spence's Contact Information:

- mspence@psdschools.org
- 970-488-4190

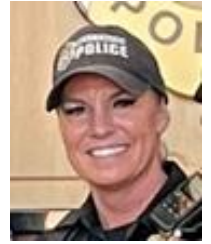


This year, **Mrs. Ragle** works with grades 1, 3, and 5. She will follow these students until they leave Bauder. **Mrs. Ragle's Contact Information:**

- mragle@psdschools.org
- 970-488-4169

SRO Corner

As the weather starts getting nicer, we probably all want to get in our cars and enjoy the open roads. Here are some safety tips to remember when doing so:



- **Always wear a seat belt.** Why wouldn't you? Seat belts are the #1 lifesaving piece of equipment built into vehicles today. They save lives! Make sure that those riding in the car, including young children, are properly installed and secured by their belts.
- **Always travel within the speed limit** and if the road conditions are hazardous, then go slower. Speed is involved in approximately 30% of all traffic crashes resulting in fatal and serious injuries.
- **Set-up your infotainment systems before leaving on a trip.** Technology is great and every time we turn around manufacturers are adding more to our vehicles. Be sure to set up your GPS, radio stations or other techy gadgets before you begin driving. That goes for your mobile device too. Turn on your **"Do Not Disturb While Driving"** setting to avoid using your phone when driving.
- **Make sure your car is in tip top shape for traveling.** There is nothing worse nor more dangerous than a breakdown on the road or a flat tire. If there is a breakdown, get away from the car. It is much safer.
- **NEVER and I mean NEVER drive when you are impaired by alcohol or other drugs.** Most people know when they have had too much to drink and if you don't, then always have a "sober" designated driver or an Uber ready. Much easier and cheaper than paying fines, lawyers, and increased insurance rates if you are caught. It is also safer than risking your life and someone else's because you decided to drive when you knew you shouldn't.
- **Stay a safe distance behind the car in front of you no matter how many people cut in.** The general rule is now a 3-second gap. During inclement weather, allow more time to safely stop for the conditions in which you're driving. The most important thing is that *YOU DO NOT TAILGATE*. You risk multiple car pileups among other dangerous scenarios, so stay as far back as you can. Of course, if you are using your mobile device, it doesn't matter how far you are behind that car, you are courting disaster.
- **Pull into a safe place if you are tired.** Late night? Not enough sleep? *Drowsy driving is just as dangerous as drunk, drugged, and distracted driving.* The car is not your bedroom, and you will be a much better driver if you keep them separate.

Staff Retirement

We have been truly blessed to have some amazing teachers and staff here at Bauder. Two of our staff members are retiring this year. One of our wonderful 4th grade teachers, Shawna Reger and one of our amazing Child Nutrition Team members, Judi Kapperman will both be retiring this month. We want to thank them for their time and for the contributions they have made at Bauder. Shawna and Judi will be greatly missed. We want to wish them the best of luck on their next adventure. A brief history of their time at Bauder is below:

Shawna Reger's Teaching history:

Always a Buck...

I've had the privilege of being part of the Bauder Community for over thirty years and have always appreciated the unwavering commitment of staff to students, the energy, enthusiasm and excitement each student brings to the school day, and the support of our amazing, invested families.

During my time at Bauder, I've been a CSU Human Development and Family Studies Intern (1988), a student teacher in second grade with Mrs. RoseMary Kaufman, a long-term and day substitute for many teachers, a reading and math interventionist (Title 1 teacher), and a classroom teacher in second, third, fourth, and fifth grades. I've also tutored, coordinated, and taught summer school and after school programs, run crafting and service project clubs for students, and been on district committees. I've witnessed the building additions that give Bauder the distinct footprint it now has, our merger with Moore Elementary, and many leadership and staff changes. We've changed from a Bauder Buck being a bucking bronco to our current deer mascot. Each year brings its own favorite memories, such as field trips to the Poudre River, turning our room into a one-room schoolhouse, sewing, rocking new math skills, reading to learn about history and science, and other amazing opportunities. I was away from Bauder for only one school year, teaching Special Education at Leshur Junior High School, with Mrs. Kaufman's husband as my principal. :)

I'm excited for a new adventure! I move to Nebraska this summer and will be a first-grade teacher at the same school in which one of my daughters teaches third grade! I thank everyone for making Bauder such an amazing school, one I'm proud to have called home for so many years.

Shawna Reger

Judi Kapperman's time at Bauder:

Judi started her nutrition services training at Odea elementary school, she then transferred to Lincoln middle school and was in their lunchroom for a year. She transferred to Bauder as a part of our amazing nutrition services team and has been here ever since. We were lucky to have her here for 6 years. In retirement Judi plans on spending time with horses and her dogs, and travel.

Lunch with Your Student

We love that so many parents are coming to have lunch with their students. Please remember to bring your driver's license. We are not able to have parents at recess for safety reasons. We do have volunteer opportunities for you to supervise at recess. If you are interested in supervising a recess time, please reach out to Mary Ann Spence or Maribeth Ragle. They will be able to schedule a time to go over rules, playground expectations and scheduling. You will need to be registered as a volunteer. Please note there will be no lunch served on the last day of school, as it is a half day.



Afterschool Pick Up Changes

The afternoon schedules for students and staff are very busy with Encore, I/E classes, and recess. We are requesting that parents/guardians make any changes to after school pick up plans before 2:45pm. We will let your student know any changes at that time. We will not be able to communicate any changes in plans after this time, so please plan accordingly.



Attendance Calls

We are required to have a reason for your student's absence. 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 having to call and inquire why your student is absent. Any absence without a reason is considered an unexcused absence. Our attendance line phone number is **970-488-4151** and can be accessed 24 hours a day. Thank you for your help!



Parent Vue updates

Has your phone number, address or email changed lately? Have any of your emergency contact numbers changed? Parent Vue 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.

End of Year Medicine Pick Up

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Medications cannot be sent home with students at the end of the school year.



Parents must pick up all medications on or before the last day of school. Medications must be picked up by the end of the school day.

REMINDER: the last day of school is a half day.

If medications need to be picked up before the last day of school, make arrangements with the school nurse or health tech.

Emergency or as-needed medications (Epi-pens, Tylenol, Inhalers, etc.) must also be picked up.

The school nurse will follow state health department procedures and deliver all medications not picked up to the DEA to dispose of properly.

If medications will be brought back to the school in the fall, you may obtain a medical permission form from the health tech in your school, or on the PSD website.

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or health tech.

This procedure is important to safeguard all students against improper or accidental ingestion of medication.

TDAP for Incoming 6th grade Students

To: Parents/guardians of students enrolled in Colorado schools

From: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,

Immunization Branch **Re:** Tdap vaccine required for sixth-grade entry

Dear Parent/Guardian, *(health care providers, please see reverse side).*

Colorado law [requires](#) students who are entering sixth grade to receive a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before their first day of school.

The Tdap vaccine can prevent tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds and cannot be spread from person to person. Diphtheria and pertussis spread from person to person.

- **Tetanus** causes painful stiffening of the muscles. Tetanus can lead to serious health problems, including the inability to open your mouth, difficulty swallowing and breathing, and death.
- **Diphtheria** can lead to difficulty breathing, heart failure, paralysis, and death.
- **Pertussis**, also known as “whooping cough,” can cause uncontrollable, violent coughing that makes it hard to breathe, eat, or drink. Pertussis can be extremely serious, especially in infants and young children, and can cause pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage, or death. In teens and adults, it can cause weight loss, loss of bladder control, passing out, and rib fractures from severe coughing.

While the Tdap vaccine is typically given at age 11 for students who are entering sixth grade, it may also be given as early as 10 years of age.

When it is given at age 10, it will: 1) Count as a valid adolescent Tdap dose, and 2) meet Colorado’s sixth grade Tdap school vaccine requirement.

Is your sixth-grader missing their Tdap vaccine? Click [here](#) to find an immunization provider near you.

If your child does not receive Tdap vaccine at sixth-grade entry, regardless of their age, a certificate of [medical](#) or [nonmedical](#) exemption must be submitted to the school. This will ensure your student is compliant with Colorado school immunization law and able to attend school.

For clinical questions about vaccines or more information, email cdphe_vacs@cdphe.co.us.