



Falcon Focus



Newsletter March 2012

To Parents, Students, and Patrons of Briggsdale School District RE -10J,

Hooray it's March Madness. This is a big month in our district, TCAP testing is the focus at this time and of course spring break is a few weeks away. It is nice that the days are longer and we get to have outdoor activities again. March is also the time of year when the third quarter concludes and we start the fourth quarter. This is when we start to see students wander at times with their focus and their studies. Please remind your students that there is a half of a semester yet to be completed and that they need to stay focused for a while longer.

STATE FUNDING

All of the school districts in Colorado are facing some financial challenges. The State of Colorado has cut millions of dollars from the State K-12 education budget. Our district continues to look for ways to reduce spending and plan for next year's budget concerns. This is a process that is difficult for the school board, administration, staff, and community.

Fortunately, our district has been strong financially and we have been able to absorb expenses for several activities, district programs, and community needs. However, at this time, we must evaluate all of the financial responsibilities of the district, every budget line, and expenditure.

I have told our staff, the easiest fix for our district to absorb these money cuts is to increase our enrollment in the district. So tell people about our district, let them know there are homes for rent or purchase in the district. We have bus stops that meet students from outside the district.

We will keep our stakeholders informed as to the changes that may occur due to the changing times. If you have any questions please contact me in the school or call 656-3417. We will get through this if we work together.

STATE TESTING

A reminder in March we take our TCAP and state required tests. We will be providing your students with schedules and ideas to help prepare for the tests. Just like in the past, we are expecting the students to do well and demonstrate to the state their knowledge and abilities.

During the TCAP testing the Juniors and Seniors will not need to be at school until 12:30 PM. Any student is welcome to be here and they will work in the library until lunch. All Juniors and Seniors will need to inform the lunch staff as to their schedule for lunches during these days.

PARENT AND TEACHER CONFERENCES

This year we will have parent teacher conferences on April 4, 2012. Please come visit with our staff and see how your children are doing.

Rick Mondt, Superintendent Briggsdale Schools

Breakfast

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	No School	Cereal, Toast or Flavored muffin/roll Cheesestick or Egg Milk or Juice	Cereal, Toast or Flavored muffin/roll Egg or Yogurt Milk or Juice	Cereal, Toast or Flavored muffin/roll Cheesestick or Egg Milk or Juice	Cereal, Toast or Flavored muffin/roll Egg or Yogurt Milk or Juice	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	No School					

Spring Break

Kindergarten News

Please mark your calendar! Kindergarten screenings for the 2012-2013 school year will be Thursday, April 12th. Due to the screenings, this year's Kindergarten class will not have school on that day.

I want to give a big "thank you" to the parent helpers for the Valentine's Day Party. The kids had a great time!

A future date to keep in mind is Thursday, May 17th, as this will be Kindergarten Graduation.

Sincerely, Mrs. Beran

PARENT PORTAL

You can keep track of your student's progress on the Parent Portal. Logging on to the parent portal allows you to know what grades your student earns as well as check on attendance. If you are interested in a log in for the Parent Portal, please call Cathi Fulton at 656-3417.

ALGEBRA STUDENTS are learning to factor polynomials and building understanding as to what polynomials represent. They have learned to solve polynomials using the quadratic formula.

DATES TO NOTE



March 5	NO SCHOOL
March 12	NO SCHOOL
March 19	NO SCHOOL
March 21	JUNIOR HIGH MUSICAL "Bugsy Malone" 6:30 pm
March 26- April 2	SPRING BREAK

March Sports



March 10	HS Track Fort Morgan
March 12	HS Baseball Fleming at Briggsdale 1:00 pm
March 16	HS Baseball Merino at Briggsdale 1:00 pm
March 17	HS Track Brush
March 26	HS Baseball Briggsdale at Grover DBL 1:00 pm
March 31	HS Track University

Lunch

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SB or Hot Pockets Chips, Pudding Vegetable Fruit, Milk	2 SB or Chili Cinnamon roll Vegetable Fruit, Milk	3
4	5 No School	6 SB or Spaghetti Garlic Bread Vegetable Fruit, Milk	7 SB or Fajitas Spanish Rice Cookie, Fruit Milk	8 Fast Incur Choir SB or Ribs Baked Beans Fruit Pizza, Ice Cream Cake, Milk	9 SB or Hard or Soft Taco, Chicken Burrito Vegetable Fruit, Milk	10
11	12 No School	13 SB or Chick Nuggets Tri-Taters Vegetables Fruit, Milk	14 SB or Fetticini Alfredo, Mash, Potato Vegetable, Fruit Ice Cream, Milk	15 SB or Sub-Sandwich Tater-tots Vegetable Fruit, Milk	16 SB or Cheeseburger French Fries Vegetable Fruit, Milk	17
18	19 No School	20 SB or Hot Dogs with Chili and Cheese French Fries, Fruit Vegetable, Milk	21 SB or Lasagna Bread Stick Vegetable Fruit, Milk	22 SB or Pizza Vegetable Pudding, Fruit Milk	23 SB or Sweet/Sour Pork, Rice, Chow Mein Noodles, Fruit Milk	24
25	26 No School	27	28	29	30	31
		Spring Break				

COUNSELOR'S NOTES

Scholarship information continues to come in. If your student is not receiving information about scholarships by email, it is because he/she has not turned in a working email address. Please ask your student if he/she is receiving emails regarding scholarship information. If they are not, please have them turn in a working email address to Mrs. Fulton. In addition, scholarship information is available on the school's website at www.briggsdaleschool.org. From there, click on Mrs. Fulton's pages and Scholarship Opportunities. In addition, students have received a packet containing local scholarship information.

Scholarship information regarding specific scholarships that are still open follows. Please encourage your student to apply for scholarships for which he/she qualifies.

US BANK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Amount: \$1000 x 40

Qualifications: Random drawing

Deadline: October through March

Applications available at usbank.com/scholarship.

COLORADO YOUNG FARMERS SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500 x 2 for college freshmen; \$500 x 1 for college sophomore; \$750 x 1 for college junior; \$1250 for college senior

Qualifications: Awards based on scholarship, activities and interest in agriculture, and Ag Ed major

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

COLORADO GARDEN SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Four year full ride scholarship

Qualifications: Must major in a horticulture related field.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

WEST GREELEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1000 x 2 and \$500 x 2

Qualifications: Major in natural resources or ag, minimum gpa 2.7. Must reside within the boundaries of the West Greeley Conservation district

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Application available from Mrs. Fulton.

GREELEY STAMPEDE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1000 x 15

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Qualifications: Must graduate from a Weld or Larimer County high school in 2012, involvement in school and community leadership, minimum GPA of 3.0, financial need.

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

HANSEN NURSING TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Pays toward tuition

Qualifications: Must be a Weld County high school senior who intends to pursue a career in nursing.

Deadline: March 28, 2012

Applications available at www.ncmcfoundation.org.

PINNACOL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Qualifications: Be the natural, adopted stepchild or full dependent of a worker killed or seriously injured in a compensable work-related accident during the course and scope of employment with a Colorado-based employer and entitled to receive benefits under the Colorado Workers' Compensation Acts. Be between the ages of 16 and 25 at the time of the application. Have a high school diploma or GED or be a high school senior.

Applications available at pinnacol.com/foundation.

CIBROWSKI FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Varies from \$1000 to \$3000 depending on what college you would attend.

Qualifications: Must pursue a career in engineering and/or chemistry, minimum gpa of 3.5, Minimum ACT score of 25 in English and 29 in Math.

Deadline: April 20, 2012

Application available from Mrs. Fulton.

BOB PIPER CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1000 x 2 and \$500 x 2

Qualifications: Minimum GPA of 2.0, American citizen, must major in a construction related field

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND OF COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP

Qualifications: Must be legally blind, US citizen

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Qualifications: US citizen, receive telecommunications service from a current NTCA member, minimum GPA 2.0, express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation

Amount: \$2500 x 30 and \$2000 x 19

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

WELD COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500

Qualifications: Must be Weld County resident with an ag background. Minimum GPA of 2.5.

Deadline: April 15, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
	NO SCHOOL	3rd Grade CSAP	3rd Grade CSAP	3rd Grade CSAP	3rd Grade CSAP	HS BB Regionals
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NO SCHOOL	3rd Grade CSAP	3rd Grade CSAP End of 3rd quarter 7pm - Accountability	3rd Grade CSAP 4th quarter begins HS State BB at the	3rd Grade CSAP HS State BB at the	HS State BB at the 9am - HS Track at
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	NO SCHOOL 1pm - Bb HERE with	6pm - sports			1pm - (NL) Bb game	8:30am - HS Track
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	NO SCHOOL		JH Play 6:30pm	12:30pm - Jr/sr		7pm - MORP dance
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Bb game at Grover NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 7pm - Board of	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	HS Track at

COLORADO CHAPTER NAPUS SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500?

Qualifications: Must have a parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a NAPUS member.

Deadline: April 13, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

WEST GREELEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1000 x 3; \$2500 x 1

Qualifications: Minimum GPA 2.7 and have a home address on the West Greeley Soil Conservation's tax roll (within the boundaries of the West Greeley Soil Conservation District.

Deadline: April 2, 2012

Applications available from Mrs. Fulton.

REUEL BOLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Briggsdale High School seniors and alumni are invited to apply.

Due: April 19, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER:

Awards Assembly

Need not be present to accept.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Cathi Fulton

Briggsdale School

P.O. Box 129

Briggsdale, CO 80611

CONDITIONS: Money will be paid directly to the college or university. Two scholarships will be awarded, each in the amount of \$1000.

To complete the scholarship application, please include the following:

1. Cover Page: Name and address
School experience
Address of the college or university you will be attending
2. Proof of current college acceptance and/or enrollment.
3. Complete an essay describing your future goals and aspirations. Include information about your financial need. Discuss your scholastic ability, evidence of leadership, and service to community and school. Address how the college experience will impact your life.

Sound Off!

Do you have comments or suggestions for our district? Email our accountability committee at: Accoutability@briggsdaleschool.org

**Briggsdale Preschool Screenings
For the 2012 - 2013 School Year**

Date:
Thursday, April 12, 2012

Time:
Please contact Briggsdale School
to schedule a screening time
970-656-3417

Place:
Briggsdale School
Please check-in at the office

Required Documentation:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Social Security Card

Students are required to be 3 years old by June 15, 2012.

Parents will receive an application and a screening packet to fill out during your child's screening.

To be considered for preschool, the application, along with the required documentation, will need to be turned in to the school by May 11, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Patton or
Cathi Fulton
970-656-3417

**Briggsdale Kindergarten Screenings
for the 2012-2013 School Year**

Date:
Thursday
April 12, 2012

Time:
9:00-11:00 - Screenings
11:00-3:40- Children can stay for a glimpse of what next year will be like

Place:
Briggsdale Elementary School

Required Documentation:

- Immunization Records
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate

(Students are required to be 5 years of age by June 15, 2012)

Contact:

Please call the school at 656-3417 for more information and to let us know your child will be attending