



FEBRUARY 21, 2025

*Keep Calm
Spring Break
is Around the Corner*840 75th Street, Boulder, CO 80303 ~ (720) 561-5541 ~ **Attendance Line: (720) 561-5542 or [IC Parent Portal](#)**

Dear Douglass Families,

As your principal, one of my top priorities is ensuring the safety of our students, staff and school community. Practicing emergency drills on a regular basis is one of the ways we can make sure that our students are well prepared and therefore safer if there ever is an emergency at the school.

I want to let you know that we are planning on conducting a Lockdown drill on Thursday, February 27 in collaboration with BVSD Security and the Boulder County Sheriff Police Department, so that you may spend some time preparing your child for the drill. BVSD's Safety, Security & Emergency Services Department will be onsite to manage our drills to ensure that our students and staff understand what to do in an emergency.

As you may know, the term Lockdown is part of the [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#), *developed by the I Love You Guys Foundation*. The SRP provides BVSD staff, students and first responders a unified plan and shared vocabulary, which helps to create clear communication during a crisis.

During a Lockdown drill, we practice what we would do if there is a threat inside the building. The learning community and individual classroom doors are secured, lights are turned off, and students are kept quiet and in place indoors. BVSD created an informational video for LOCKDOWN protocol:

(click [LOCKDOWN](#) to be directed to video link)



The District's [Be Ready](#) page is a great resource regarding our plans during an emergency, as well as the role that our parents play, how we will communicate during a situation and how we evaluate threats.

Our goal, as always, is to prepare our students for any emergency that could happen while they are at our school, without creating unnecessary fear and panic. We work closely with our staff to approach drills in age-appropriate ways for our different grades. We are always aware of balancing knowledge with our students' social-emotional needs. To that end, please know that we will have support for any student that might need it through our school counselor and other trusted members of our staff.

Please reach out to us or your child's teacher if you have concerns about how your child will respond to participating in safety drills, so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Have a wonderful weekend!

NEWS AND EVENTS:

- **Parent Conferences: February 25 & 27** - 3:00-8:00 p.m. Visit [HelpAtSchools](#) if you haven't already signed up for a conference time.
- **February 25: Volunteers Are Needed** for a Rainbow Day Event on **2/25/2025** at Douglass!



Throughout the school year, BVSD Food Services holds “**Rainbow Days**” to encourage students to eat a colorful, nutritious lunch by including fruits and vegetables from the salad bar.

Rainbow Days are held in the cafeteria during lunch time and last ~2 hours. We need **Rock Star Volunteers** to encourage students in line to try a variety of produce and engage with students at tables about what it means to “eat a rainbow.”

(Bonus points for wearing a salad bar-inspired accessory provided by us!) It's a fun, easy way to support BVSD's mission of not only feeding kids nutritious food, but educating them about why it's so important.

If you are interested in volunteering at your school's Rainbow Day please [sign up here!](#)

- **February 28: Spirit Day!**

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~ CHECK OUT THE DOUGLASS PTO EVENTS BELOW ~

CONGRATULATIONS DOLPHINS OF THE WEEK!

Teachers and staff notice students who are showing that they follow our Douglass Decree - **WE CARE** ABOUT:

C OMMUNITY

We take care of each other and our spaces.

A CHIEVEMENT

We work hard to reach our goals.

R ELATIONSHIPS

We are respectful and treat each other with respect and kindness.

E NVIRONMENT

We keep our spaces clean and tidy, respect the environment and our planet.

Ethan Rodgers, Hazel Schupp, Murray Lyon, Copeland Manz, Liam Donovan, Alex Main, Max Lewis, Addy Peters, Kate Taniguchi, Xiola Digett-Carlinski, Whinrey Carlstrom, Bree Csordas, Owen Harrison, Silas Freet, Reece Patnode



HAPPY WEEKEND!

Your Principal ~ Jonathan Wolfer



PTO



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- **THANK YOU!!! Soup-Er Dinner for Staff during conferences.** The teachers enjoyed a wonderful soup and salad dinner on Wednesday night during conferences! **PTO appreciates and thanks all the families who contributed items!** Conferences continue next Tuesday and Thursday and PTO will be providing catered dinners for staff.
- **February 24: CHIP COOKIES, Erie - Restaurant Fundraiser! 3:00-9:00 pm IN PERSON ONLY** - Mention Douglass and 20% is given back to Douglass.
- **March 7: 1st Friday Coffee, 8:00 am.** Join Mr. Wolfer and Douglass parents, ask questions, get school updates, etc.
- **March 12: PTO Meeting, 3:00 pm. JOIN US!** Meet with the PTO board, teacher reps and Mr. Wolfer for Douglass/BVSD news, planning and more (*Childcare Provided*)
- **March 18: MICI Italian, Lafayette, Restaurant Fundraiser! 11:00am - 9:00pm** - Mention Douglass at checkout in person or use code **GIVEBACK** for online orders, and 20% is given back to Douglass.
- **Volunteer for Gestures of Appreciation for our Teachers/Staff:** Bring in coffee, drinks or a breakfast! Check [HelpAtSchools - Gestures of Appreciation](#) to volunteer.

And mark your calendars for these fun annual events to close out our school year!

More details and volunteer signups will come out in April

- **May 2:** Jog-A-Thon (*parents welcome*)
- **May 9:** Fun and Fitness Day with Mr. Soole (*parents welcome*)
- **May 16:** All School End of Year Party (*student event only; parent volunteers welcome*)
- **May 21:** 5th Grade Graduation at 4:00pm

RESOURCEFUL LINKS



2024-25 STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION



BRIDGE THE GAP



INFINITE CAMPUS (Parent Portal)



HELPAHSCHOOLS (Parents Check Often for Updates)



SCHOOL MESSENGER (How to Select Your Communication Preferences)



BVSD CALENDERS



DISTRICT VOLUNTEER APPLICATION (RAPTOR)



FOOD SERVICES (Breakfast/Lunch Menus)



School Café (New Payment System)



Free and Reduced Eligibility Application Instructions



Allergen and Nutrition Information

WE CARE: Community, Achievement, Relationships, Environment

Douglass Elementary School is a nurturing environment where students achieve academic excellence, build strong character, engage in arts and athletics, and succeed as thoughtful leaders in the 21st Century.

Our mission is to provide learning opportunities that foster caring, creativity, academic excellence, and leadership.