



May Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- May 19, APE last day of school
- Check out the updated May calendar for track days and field trips.
- May 4, No charging breakfast or lunch
- Track Days: There will be concessions for students and parents during track days. Cash only. Sack lunch also available.
- High Country Bank will be teaching a lesson in every classroom in honor of the *American Bankers Association Education Foundation National Teach Children to Save Day* beginning May 4 and ending May 11. Huge thank you to Scott Erchal and his staff on wanting to work with our students!

Principal's Message

April is drawing to a close and we only have 12 days of school left. Please remember that the last day of school for elementary students is May 19. The last day for middle school and high school students is May 21.

As school draws to an end, I would like to take a moment and thank some additional people who have made contributions to our students and school.

In March, we completed our CSAP testing for grades 3-5. At the end of testing, we gave away prizes for students who had perfect weekly attendance and then perfect attendance for the entire testing period. **David Schneider, owner of New Release Video, donated 9 free movie/game rental certificates. Mike and Joyce Carr, owners of Punky's donated three \$5 certificates.** Thank you so much to these three business owners for their donation to our students during CSAP.

In February, the APE Accountability Team hosted the 2nd Annual Family

Festival and several business owners and community people donated door prizes. Those businesses and people are listed below.

- Atmos Energy**, Don Crane;
- Absolute Bikes**, Salida;
- American Adventure Expeditions**, Buena Vista;
- Collegiate Peaks Bank**, Buena Vista;
- Colorado East Bank**, Buena Vista;
- Coyote Cantina**, Buena Vista;
- De Strelow**;
- High Country Bank**, Buena Vista;
- KSVB Radio**, Salida;
- Mary Kay**, Buena Vista, Joyce Eberhart;
- Mother's Bistro**, Buena Vista;
- Pancho's**, Buena Vista;
- Pleasant Avenue Nursery**;
- Sangre DeCristo Electric Association, Inc.**;
- Swatch Vista's B & B**,
- Serendipity Yarn & Gifts**;
- The Trailhead**, Buena Vista;
- Walden Chamber Music Society of Colorado**, Buena Vista;
- Mammography Fund**.

Please support these local businesses for their support in your child's

school!

ROAD

CONSTRUCTION

Thank you to everyone who helped with and was patient with the changes in our arrival and dismissal procedures during the road paving last week. We understand the inconvenience for everyone involved; however a few days of the street closure have left us with a nice new road!

SHARON BORREGO

As many of you know, we have one retirement this year. Sharon Borrego, 5th grade teacher, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Sharon has been a part of the BVSD and APE staff for 36 years. In the four years that I have known Sharon, I have very much appreciated the relationship we have developed and am reminded by her, it takes different levels of teaching experiences and viewpoints to staff a school. Sharon also reminds me that in any organization or family, there is always one person who knows the history, and history is important.

For newer staff, it is important to know where we came from when planning and looking to where we are and want to go. When I first came to Buena Vista, I had many people relate stories from their elementary years and it went something like, "I had Mrs. Borrego as my 3rd grade teacher and I loved her!" It was ALWAYS followed by, "Boy was she tough, but I learned so much." As many of us can understand, it seems like we all have a Mrs. Borrego story. As I reflect on my time with her and my own Mrs. Borrego stories, I can honestly (and with sadness) say and write, I worked with Mrs. Borrego at Avery-Parsons Elementary and boy was she tough, but I learned so much from her! I will miss you!

Have a great summer! Have fun and be safe!

Student produced Mural in APE Cafeteria



If you haven't been in the cafeteria lately, then you've missed the huge mural designed and painted by students of Avery-Parsons Elementary. Julie Arment, APE art teacher, began prep work earlier in the fall. In February, work on painting the mural was started by kids from grades first through fifth, for completion by spring break. As always, we are extremely proud of the work of our students. Pictured are students who worked on this mural: (row 1) Naomi Glenn, Grady Bott, Jonah Bricker, Ehlana Broaddus, Kate Jordan, Emma Jordan, Sarah Johnson, Nathan Foreman; (row 2) Tori Storms, Alicia Dooley, Maya Fowler, Whitney White, Colton Moffitt, Krista Johannes, Greer Garrison, Summer Saar, Nick Miller; (row 3) Emily Foreman, Emily Osborne, Jesse Stokes, Jared Brown, Paige Lovejoy, Bailey Heiman, Becky Blitstein, Samantha Scott, Abby Cranor, Brooke McFarland. Not pictured: Kelton Bassingthwaite and Ethan Bassingthwaite.