



## RAPTOR NEWS

**Visit our school website at [tvk8.svvsd.org](http://tvk8.svvsd.org)**

### Reminders:

- Parent/Teachers conferences are Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending with your student to check on their progress
- The Book Fair will be open during conferences in the library
- There will be NO SCHOOL on Mon. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day

### Dates for next week:

- Mon 2/9 – Sunshine Dental Club  
Music Makers Practice 3:30-4:15pm  
Wrestling Match @ TV K8 3:30pm
- Tues 2/10 – Fit for Lit 3:20-4:45pm  
Wrestling Practice 3:30-5:30pm  
Unsolved Science/Art Room 3:30-4:30pm
- Wed 2/11 – **Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair 3:20-7:30pm**  
Denver Museum w/1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades 12:45-1:30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Practice 3:30-4:30pm  
Wrestling Match @ Coal Ridge 3:30pm  
Community Schools: Bingo/Art Room
- Thurs 2/12 – **Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair 3:20-7:30pm**  
Community Schools: Lava Cake Cooking Class (Art Room) 3:30-4:30pm  
Wrestling Practice 3:30-5:30pm
- Fri 2/13 – **Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair 3:20-7:30pm**  
Wrestling Practice 3:30-5:30pm

**MONDAY, FEB 16<sup>TH</sup> – NO SCHOOL/PRESIDENT'S DAY**

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

February 6, 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to notify you that Thunder Valley has been selected to represent schools across the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). First administered in 1969, NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subject areas. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from state assessments because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

In our school, the NAEP assessment will be given on February 25, 2015. Your child may be selected to take a mathematics, reading, or science assessment. In addition to answering questions in one of these subjects, students will be asked questions about themselves and their educational experiences, such as the amount of reading they do and the types of classes they take. These questions provide contextual information for the assessment, as well as information that may be related to students' learning. If you would like to view sample subject area and contextual questions, please visit <http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp>.

It will take about 90 minutes for most students to participate in the assessment. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), and the information provided will be used for statistical purposes only. Your child's grades will not be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to provide an accurate measure of student achievement that will inform improvements in education. Your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask, however, that you encourage your child to do their best and get plenty of rest the night before the assessment. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Should you have questions, or if you would like a copy of the brochure, please contact me at 303-833-2456 or at [musick\\_karen@svvsd.org](mailto:musick_karen@svvsd.org).

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP and pleased that your child may be selected. We know that Thunder Valley's students will help us show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Musick

Principal

Estimado(a) padre, madre o tutor:

Nos complace informarle que Thunder Valley ha sido seleccionada para representar a las escuelas de la nación mediante su participación en la Evaluación Nacional del Progreso Educativo (NAEP, por sus siglas en inglés). NAEP, la cual se administró por primera vez en 1969, es la evaluación continua y nacionalmente representativa más grande acerca de lo que los estudiantes saben y pueden hacer en diferentes materias. NAEP es administrada por el Centro Nacional de Estadísticas de la Educación (NCES, por sus siglas en inglés) que forma parte del Departamento de Educación de Estados Unidos. NAEP es diferente de las evaluaciones estatales ya que, por medio de ellas, se obtiene un indicador común de los logros estudiantiles en todo el país. Los resultados de NAEP se publican en un informe llamado La Libreta de Calificaciones de la Nación, el cual proporciona información acerca de los logros de los estudiantes a los educadores, padres, legisladores y al público.

En nuestra escuela, la evaluación NAEP se administrará el 25 de febrero del 2015. Su hijo(a) posiblemente sea seleccionado(a) para participar en una evaluación de matemáticas, lectura o ciencias. Además de responder preguntas sobre una de estas materias, a los estudiantes se les harán preguntas acerca de sí mismos y de sus experiencias educativas tales como qué tanto leen y qué tipos de clases toman. Estas preguntas brindan información de contexto para la evaluación, así como información que puede estar relacionada con el aprendizaje de los estudiantes. Si desea ver ejemplos (en inglés) de preguntas de las materias y de las preguntas de contexto, por favor visite <http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp>.

A la mayoría de los estudiantes les tomará aproximadamente 90 minutos participar en la evaluación. Los resultados son totalmente confidenciales (de acuerdo con lo que estipula la ley de Protección de la Confidencialidad de la Información del Título V, Subtítulo A, Ley Pública 107-347), y la información dada se usará únicamente con fines estadísticos. Las calificaciones de su hijo(a) no se verán afectadas. Su hijo(a) puede ser excusado(a) de participar por cualquier motivo, no está obligado(a) a terminar la evaluación y puede dejar de responder cualquier pregunta. Aunque participar en NAEP es voluntario, dependemos de la participación de los estudiantes para proporcionar una medición exacta de los logros de los estudiantes que servirá de base para hacer mejoras en la educación. Su hijo(a) representará a muchos otros estudiantes, de manera que la participación es muy importante. Sin embargo, si usted no quiere que su hijo(a) participe, por favor notifíqueme por escrito antes del 6 de febrero del 2015.

No es necesario estudiar en preparación para NAEP. No obstante, queremos pedirle que motive a su hijo(a) a que haga su mejor esfuerzo y a que descanse mucho la noche anterior a la evaluación. Un folleto (en inglés) que explica lo que la participación en NAEP significa para usted y para su hijo(a) está disponible en <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Si desea hacer alguna pregunta o desea una copia del folleto, por favor comuníquese conmigo al 303-833-2456 o por correo electrónico a [musick\\_karen@svvsd.org](mailto:musick_karen@svvsd.org).

Nos entusiasma que nuestra escuela participará en NAEP y nos alegra que su hijo(a) posiblemente sea seleccionado(a). Sabemos que los estudiantes de Thunder Valley nos ayudarán a mostrar lo que los estudiantes de nuestro país saben y pueden hacer.

Atentamente,

Dr. Karen Musick, Directora

## **MUSIC NEWS:**

Music Department's Fundraiser items will be delivered on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

**Band** – Visit website to get information <http://www.thundervalleybands.weebly.com/>

**Elementary Music** - See Mrs. Kirkwood's website for more information.

<https://sites.google.com/a/svvsd.org/mrs-kirkwood-s-music-room>

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Learn more about the iPad s and other technology students are using. Here is the newly District released Family Technology Connection newsletter and blog for parental communications: <https://tech.svvsd.org/family/> .

Parents please **sign up for the newsletter** by clicking the "**Newsletter Signup**" at the top of the page for parents to receive tips, advice, and updates on a variety of topics including the [Learning Technology Plan](#).

We have four **Camp iPad for Parent** opportunities on two dates in two different locations (with addition opportunities coming in the future). Interested parents please log into the following <https://tech.svvsd.org/family/2015/01/27/camp-ipad-for-parents-register-today/> for more information and to register - but hurry, we expect the events to fill up quickly!

**WASHINGTON DC 8TH GRADE STUDENT:** Final parent meeting for this years trip - Monday March 16th 5:30-7pm in my room.

New parent meeting for NEXT years trip - Wednesday April 22nd 6-7pm my room.

Walk-a-thon fundraiser for next years trip - Friday May 8th 3:30-5:30 on the track.

Through February 13th we are having an all school Jean drive where the school with the most collected gently used jeans will either get an all school concert from the Vamps or a school grant. The jeans will be donated to a local shelter. We are also having a competition where the class with the most jeans collected will get a cupcake party. All sized jeans are accepted. Please bring the jeans to your homeroom/core extension teacher. If you donate 3 or more jeans you will get a 5 dollar coupon for Aeropostale. Good luck!!

-Ms. Friske's Community Service Core Extension Class

# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWS

Still time to register for:

Unsolved Science  
Tuesdays February 10-March 3rd  
3:30-4:30

Lava Cake Treats  
February 12  
3:30-4:30

BINGO  
February 18th  
3:30-4:30

Thunder Valley Community Schools is encouraging on-line registration and payment for all activities. Visit our school website [tvk8.svvsd.org](http://tvk8.svvsd.org) and follow the few steps below:

Click on "Online Payments"  
Click on "CS Thunder Valley"  
Click On the Class or classes you want  
Register with parent and students name

## SPORTS NEWS:

-Wrestling Schedule:

Mon., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ TV K8 - 3:30pm

Wed. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> @ TV K8 - 3:30pm

Wed. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> @ Lyons - 3:30pm

Wed. Feb 25<sup>th</sup> @ Altona - 3:30pm

Mon. Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tournament @ Frederick High School - 4:00pm

Mon. Mar 4<sup>th</sup> @ Sunset - 3:30pm

Sat. Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> grade Tournament @ Mead High School - 8am

-Sign up for Spring Soccer by March 4<sup>th</sup> through the City of Longmont (flyer below)

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS):

NJHS will be selling valentine suckers at the end of the lunch periods for \$.50.

They will be on sale until next Friday 2/13. Thank you for supporting our annual fundraiser!

## Middle School Intramural Soccer



The City of Longmont intramural soccer program is a great way to show your schools pride by playing the game you love! This is a co-ed league created for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. By joining our league, you have a great opportunity to become more comfortable before moving on to the high school level. Practices start after school 3-4 times per week and last 1-1.5 hours.

One game per week is scheduled Mon-Thurs. Practice schedules are school specific and will be sent out to participants by the coaches before the season begins.

*\*no practices or games during spring break  
(April 6-10)*

**Season:** Mar 9 – May 7

**Fee:** \$55 / Free Reduced Lunch: \$45

**2015 Partial Scholarships Available**  
call: 303-651-8406 for more information

### **Registration**

**(NOTE: Registration Ends March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00PM)**

There are multiple ways you can register for the Middle School Intramural Soccer Program. If you have any questions with any or the following options please call Centennial Pool at 303-651-8406.

1. Online- Go to [www.longmontcolorado.gov/rec](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov/rec) and search soccer. Scroll down until you see Middle School Soccer and find your school which should match up with the registration code below.
2. Go to any city rec facility: Centennial Pool 1201 Alpine St., Longmont Recreation Center 301 Quail Rd., or Memorial Building 700 Longs Peak Ave. and register in person. For quick registration find your schools registration code below and have ready when registering on site for faster service.

## **School Registration Codes**

Longs Peak- 226100.1

Sunset- 226100.2

Westview- 226100.3

Timberline- 226100.4

Twin Peaks Charter- 226100.5

Imagine- 226100.6

Thunder Valley- 226100.7

Coal Ridge- 226100.8

Erie- 226100.9

Trail Ridge – 226100.10

# WE'RE HAVING A BLOCK PARTY



**WITH LIFE SIZE LEGO BUILDING BLOCKS!**

***FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>***  
***NO SCHOOL DAY FUN!***

We'll have a truckload of huge life size Lego building blocks delivered to our gym. We'll also have over 4,000 regular Legos so we can design our creations in miniature and then build them as big as we can. You don't have to be a regular attender of the Lion's Den to join in the fun on our No School Days.

We're open from 7am – 6pm for a full day of fun.

Cost: \$45  
Min/Max: 20/60  
Please bring a sack lunch

Space is limited!  
**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

**Registration Deadline**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>**

And individual registration form will also be coming home soon –  
Look for it in your Thursday Folder