

# The Cub Reporter

## Upcoming Homecoming Activities!!

"Winning: It's How We Roll!"  
2022 Simla Homecoming Week

### Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

\*\*J.H. Volleyball: Limon at Simla - 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Dress-Up Day: "Guess Who?" (Dress up like a famous person)  
Best Costume Judging: J.H. & H.S. lunch *\$10.00 prize for best costume in each group*  
J.H. Lunch Activity: "Bottle Tic-Tac-Toe"  
H.S. Lunch Activity: "Chutes & Ladders" (Gym) *12 students per class*  
H.S. Activity Period: "Candyland" (Gym) *whole class*  
\*\*Athletic team pictures  
Secondary Float Building: J.H. 4:00-6:00 p.m.; HS 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

\*\*PSAT/NMSQT (optional for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders)  
\*\*Seniors to Limon College Fair 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Dress-Up Day: "Game Pieces" (Dress up like a board game piece)  
Best Costume Judging: J.H. & H.S. lunch *\$10.00 prize for best costume in each group*  
J.H. Lunch Activity: "Limbo"  
H.S. Lunch Activity: "Flippin' Frogs" (Gummy Candy Toss) *whole class*  
H.S. Activity Period: Class Meetings  
\*\*JH B & JV Volleyball at CSDB - 5:00 p.m.

### Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Dress-Up Day: "Twister" Color Wars 12<sup>th</sup> - Blue, 11<sup>th</sup> - Yellow, 10<sup>th</sup> - Red, 9<sup>th</sup> - Green  
Best Costume Judging: J.H. & H.S. lunch *\$10.00 prize for best costume in each group*  
J.H. Lunch Activity: "Simla Kahoot"  
H.S. Lunch Activity: "Pie Face" (Whipped Cream) *1 per class*  
H.S. Activity Period: "Hungry Hungry Hippos" (On the West-Side Black Top) *2 per class*

### Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

Dress-Up Day: "Blue & Gold"  
H.S. Lunch: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.  
J.H. Lunch Activity: "Blue & Gold Plinko"  
H.S. Lunch Activity: "Apples to Apples" (Bobbing East Side of Cafeteria) *1 per class*  
Float Building: J.H. 12:30 - 3:20 p.m.; H.S. 1:00 - 3:20 p.m.  
Half Time Practice (Sr. Royalty, Jr. Escorts & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Crowners): 1:00 p.m. on Football Field  
All School Pep Rally: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. (Main Gym)  
J.H. & H.S. Volleyball Game vs. Hanover: 4:30 p.m.  
Bonfire: 30 Minutes following the end of the Volleyball Match

### Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Dance Decorating: 8:00 a.m. (Possibly 8:00-10:00 a.m. Friday)  
Parade: 10:30 a.m. (Line up at 10:00 a.m. (Floats drive North down Pueblo from top of hill))  
Booster Club BBQ: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (In the Town Park)  
H.S. Football Game vs. Elbert 1:00 p.m.  
Half Time: Cheerleader's Dance, Royalty Crowned, and Float Winners Announced  
Homecoming Dance: 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.; Semi-Formal (No jeans or t-shirts!)  
\$6 :00 per Person

## YEARBOOK NEWS

If you ordered a 2021/2022 yearbook, please see Mrs. Tipton to pick it up. Also, the 2022/2023 yearbooks can now be ordered online! They are hard-covered and all-color. The cost is \$50. Go to the link below to order your yearbook: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01065722>

## Upcoming Events

Homecoming Week  
October 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Junior High BFL  
Volleyball Tournament  
Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Choir/Band Concert  
Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Halloween  
Parties  
Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Big Sandy Book Fair  
November 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Family Night  
November 17<sup>th</sup>

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**Tucker Tidbits for Elementary**  
**Kathy Tucker, Elementary Principal**

It's hard to believe, but October is now upon us. There is already a chill in the air, and hopefully, beautiful fall colors will follow. The first few weeks of school have been great! Students and teachers are "back in the groove" being challenged and learning new things. Our enrollment this year is the highest that it has ever been. That is certainly exciting!

Thank you, parents, for giving us the opportunity to teach your child. We value each and every one that walks through our doors, and as a staff, we work our very best to make sure that every child succeeds and reaches, or even exceeds, their potential because "More is Possible!" Together, we will have an extraordinary school year!

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Simla Elementary received the highest overall rating of "Distinction" on the state's District Performance Frameworks. Our school scored 75% on Academic Achievement and 75% on Academic Growth which placed us on the highest plan of "Performance". Your hard work paid off! WE are proud of you, students and teachers!!!

**Introducing our 2022-2023  
STUCO Leaders and Members:**



STUCO Leaders: Brooklyn Wickard, Lexi Guy, Malena Jones, and Brynley Layton  
STUCO Leader Alternates: Sterling Leland, Makenna Stanko, and Zephyr Madden

**Introducing our 2022-2023  
Cub's Den Leaders:**



The fifth-grade class, led by Mrs. Stanko and Mrs. Townley, will be leading our Cub's Dens this year. The first meeting was held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and leaders taught about "Perseverance"- not giving up. Each leader presented a PowerPoint on the topic and led discussions with their groups. In October, we will be learning about "Respect."

*Tucker Tidbits continued on page 3...*



## Read Aloud Month

Students will be bringing home an informational letter with pictures of books on the back of the sheet in late September/early October. When your child reads to you or you read to your child, please have your child initial or color a book. Reading should be age appropriate. Then on Friday, October 21st, your child will need to return the signed sheet to his/her teacher. Each participant who completes this activity will receive an extra recess, treat, and certificate. The extra recess will be on Friday, October 28th. Please help your child complete this activity and read, read, read!!!

## Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held Monday, October 24, 2022, by appointment. An email will be sent to all parents/families via "SignUp Genius" for you to sign up for your desired conference time as the date draws closer. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a letter. Please communicate with your child's teacher. Our school's goal is 100% contact with all elementary parents. Fifth grade parents and students will also have the opportunity to view and "try out" instruments in preparation for fifth grade band that will begin in the second semester.

## October Accountability Meeting

Our first meeting of the year was held in September. Officer elections were held, and this year's officers are as follows: President-Ryann Eurich, Vice president-JT Swennes, Secretary/treasurer-Willie Swennes. Congratulations to our new officers!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 (3:00-4:00 p.m.) in the library. If you are a parent and/or community member interested in serving on our Accountability Committee, please email Mrs. Tucker, [ktucker@bigsandy100j.org](mailto:ktucker@bigsandy100j.org). We would love to have you join our team!



## October is Fire Prevention Month!

Each October, the Simla Volunteer Fire Department educates our students regarding fire safety, including what to do if a fire occurs. Students are asked each year to develop or become familiar with their families' fire escape plan, including a family meeting spot. If your family does not have one in place, you can take advantage of this opportunity and develop one. This will be an exciting and educational experience for all who participate. This year's presentation will be on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for all students, PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade. A big thank you to our fire department for educating our students and keeping us safe!

## Halloween Parties

Halloween Parties will be on Friday, October 28, 2022. Preschool parties will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2022. **Please note the following change: Students will be allowed to wear their costumes to school on the day of their Halloween parties.** This is different than what we have done in the past. With that being said, please make sure that your child's costume is conducive to learning in the classroom. If a part of your child's costume could be a distraction, then please direct them to wear that part at recess or at the end of the day.

**"Trunk or Treat" will be returning this year!** This will take place in the overflow parking lot in front of the school (same place as last year). If you would like to participate, please let Mrs. Tucker know by emailing her, [ktucker@bigsandy100j.org](mailto:ktucker@bigsandy100j.org), or by calling the front office, 719-541-2291. Parents, community members, and business owners are encouraged to participate and provide a fun experience for our students.

The annual parade for kindergarten through fifth grades will begin at 2:20 p.m. This will be held outside this year, weather permitting. All classroom parties will follow. Once again, thank you parents for supporting students and providing super parties!

The schedule will be as follows:

2:00-2:15 p.m. Recess

2:20-2:30 p.m. Parade

2:30-3:10 p.m. Trunk or Treat

3:10-3:55 p.m. Halloween Parties



## Grandparent's Day

November 9, 2022

We are so excited to be able to host this special event in our elementary this year. Grandparents will be able to accompany their grandchild to school, spend time with them in their classroom, and then eat lunch in the cafeteria. The time would be 8:00-noon. Please email your teacher or Mrs. Tucker, ktucker@bigsandy100j.org, for any questions. The book fair will also be available at this time for both grandparents and students to visit.

**"Children are great imitators. So, give them something great to imitate." —Anonymous**

### **From the Principal's Desk** **Sammi Swennes, Secondary Principal**

#### **Year-to-Date**

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start. Our students are working hard in the classroom because they are being challenged by our outstanding teaching staff. Our high school is currently at 107 students and the junior high is at 90 students—both of these are as big as I have seen them since I have been principal.

Our fall sports programs are underway. We invite you to come to any of our high school and junior high sports to see our student athletes in action.

**We are very excited for you to check out the gym this year—we have put up the Student Athlete Banners for the Class of 2023!!**



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### **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

We also offer a variety of academic clubs/teams like Matchwits, Future Business Leaders of America and National Honor Society. Students may also participate in Student Council, TrueSport, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the high school and C.U.B.S. Crew in the Junior High.

We are very proud of all of the students that participate in these extra-curricular activities! They are willing to commit the time and dedication to make Simla Junior High and High School the best that it can be. I would like to personally invite you and your family to come to one of our ball games or meets to watch our students in action.

### **Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success**

In a recent edition of The Parent Institute, the following clip was published. It stresses the importance of regular attendance at school.

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Here's how you can improve your child's school attendance:

1. Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
2. Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
3. Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
4. Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late to school.
5. Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
6. Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
7. Show your child why education is important and give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.

Thus far, we have done a wonderful job of being present and ready to learn. Our secondary school reported a 95% attendance rate this past year. This year we want to try to do even better. Thank you, our students and parents, for the commitment to Big Sandy Schools and our drive for excellence. With all that being said, we do want your child to stay home if they are sick. We are still in a COVID year, and the best way for us to stay open for in person learning is if student stay home when they aren't feeling well. As much as we want students in school, we want them in school healthy even more. Please call the office if your child isn't feeling well, and if you do go to the doctor, please bring a doctor's note back to the office when your child returns to school. Let's all work together to stay healthy and stay in person this year!

#### **½ Day Policy**

Secondary students participating in extra -curricular activities (sports and clubs) must be in attendance a ½ day in order to practice or play in an event for that same day. The definition of a ½ day is 4 hours of attendance in a school day. If a bus is leaving after 12:00 p.m. the student must be in attendance for 4 hours of that school day. If the bus is leaving earlier than 12:00 p.m. the student must be in attendance for all hours in that school day.

#### **Expectations of Parents and Fans at Games**

Our expectation for all parents and fans at games is to have appropriate behavior at all times. The use of inappropriate language, heckling of the opposing teams' players and coaches, heckling of our own players and coaches, and inappropriate behavior and language towards an official are inexcusable. If behavior from any of our parents or fans is inappropriate in any way you may be asked to leave the game by a school administrator. School administration will then determine if you will be allowed to attend future extracurricular events. Our goal is not to remove parents or fans from games, but instead hold our parents and fans to the same high sportsmanship standards that we hold our students too.

#### **Expectations of Students at Games**

If your child attends a ball game, please make sure that he/she is supervised and watches the game. If staff needs to correct a student, then the student will receive consequences such as a lunch or after school detention and the student will need to sit with the parent or with the adult who brought him/her to the game. If inappropriate behavior continues then the student will need to stay home and not attend extracurricular activities until the administration decides that he or she is ready to follow the rules. Thank you for your cooperation. We have these rules so the patrons can watch the games and to try and ensure student safety.

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### **School Store**

The Freshmen Class is sponsoring the School Store this year. The store is currently open from 7:45 – 7:55 a.m. and then again during junior high break from 9:58 – 10:04 a.m. and the high school break from 11:02 - 11:06 a.m. Students can buy snacks to eat throughout the school day.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

The Fall Parent/Teacher conferences were held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you were unable to attend on this date, and you would like to visit with your child's teachers, feel free to call the school office and set up a time to visit with your child's teacher, during their planning time.

### **End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

It is hard to believe that we will complete the first quarter of school this month! The quarter ends on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home the following week.

### **Free/Reduced Lunch Forms reminder**

Just a reminder, if you haven't done so already, please make sure that you have obtained and returned a free/reduced lunch form to Mrs. Johnson, in the Superintendent's office. If you lost your form and need to complete a new one, please stop by her office and pick one up.

### **Honor Roll Drawing**

This year the Honor Roll will be divided into three levels, determined by the GPA a student acquires in a nine-week period:

Blue - 3.00 - 3.49 GPA  
Gold - 3.50 - 3.99 GPA  
Superintendent's - 4.00 GPA

At the end of each nine-week period, teachers will post their grades and student GPAs will be determined. Names will be posted outside of the principal's office and sent to the Ranchland News for publication. In addition to the publicity, students on the Honor Roll will receive a tangible prize each time they attain this feat.

Homecoming is coming up the week of October 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Dress up days are:

Tuesday: Guess Who? Dress like your favorite star.

Wednesday: Dress like your favorite game board piece.

Thursday: Color Wars – your child will be told what color they should wear that day.

Friday: Blue and Gold Day

There will be lots of activities and fun to be had this week! We encourage all students and staff to participate. A more detailed calendar of the week will be sent home closer to Homecoming.

### **NHS Guidelines**

Students having a 3.5 GPA after the first semester of their sophomore year are considered for membership by a faculty committee. The committee also looks at a student's character, leadership abilities, and community service. Mrs. Bauer is sponsoring the NHS this year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact her.

### **Choir Concert**

Join us on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for the first choir/band concert of the year. Mrs. Weber and the students have been preparing an amazing performance for the Simla Community. We are so excited for the kids to have the opportunity to share their musical talents with you!

**Superintendent/Board Notes**  
**Steve Wilson, Superintendent**

The majority of our first 9-weeks is finished. We have had a great start with student learning and extra-curricular activities. So far, we have had minimal disruptions and have had many positive things going on.

With continued consistent quality teaching and learning each day and week throughout the year, we expect a good year of education.

Our longtime Transportation Director will be retiring at the end of this school year. If anyone has an interest in being our full-time Transportation Director which includes being our school mechanic, scheduling bus routes and trips with our drivers, teaching auto mechanic classes... Please let me know.

**EPA**

We submitted a federal EPA grant for over a million dollars to receive some electric school buses and charging stations; we will be notified in October whether or not we were selected from a lottery. We also submitted another ESSER grant in which the state gave us three days to turn it in as they had money to “use it or lose it” from the federal government; we will be notified one way or another within the next couple of weeks.

**Audit Report**

Our annual auditing report will probably be finalized within a month or so. On the initial exit interview, things were positive. If our audit shows that we are 1) Honest, 2) Competent 3) Have Good Fund Balances, then I believe we had a good financial year. We also are going through a CDE (Colorado Department of Education) audit which happens every 3-5 years.

**Scheduling Appointments**

Please continue to make it a point to try and schedule appointments and errands on the days that we do not have school (Mondays) if possible; with only 147 scheduled school days during the year, every day of instruction is important for student learning.

**Safety Procedures**

For everyone’s safety, please reinforce and discuss bike riders’ safety procedures as well as safety procedures with those children that walk to and from school. There are three “drop and go” pick up and drop off areas; the high school “drop and go” is underutilized and if used, might give some relief to the other two areas.

**Big Sandy Schools  
Official Website**

Bigsandy100j.com is our school’s website. This website is a great tool for school updates and communication with our community. Tamrah Docterman does a great job being the webmaster and continues to refine and update it.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to Kevin Braun for serving on our school board. He recently moved out of our school district and had to resign as a board member. If anyone has an interest to finish out Mr. Braun’s term of a little over a year, please write a letter of interest to the school board and turn it in to me.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION**

Finally, we try and make the decision on school closures by 6:00 a.m. Our first contact is with [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net). FlashAlert then contacts all media outlets in Colorado Springs, Denver, and Pueblo. These media outlets then post school closures on their websites, radio stations, and television stations. We also use ShoutPoint. ShoutPoint is an automatic calling system and e-mailing system that will call/e-mail each family to give out this type of information; **please let Alisa Easler know in the main office if you need to update a phone number, e-mail address, or address.**

We hope you and your children have a great school year! Go Cubs!

**Counselor Corner**  
**Chad Thieman, Counselor**

The Counseling Office operates with an open-door policy. If I can assist any student or parent, my door is open to you – stop in anytime! Parents, please call in advance so that I can be sure to be available. You may also email questions to me at: [cthieman@bigsandy100j.org](mailto:cthieman@bigsandy100j.org).

**Seniors:**  
**Researching Future Programs**

Our seniors are currently researching degree programs and college/vocational & technical school/apprenticeship options. We have been making use of online resources including a state-sponsored website known as *My Colorado Journey*. *This site provides guidance in career planning, college planning, and financial aid. Currently the seniors are working through the College Application Month materials in preparation for the FREE college/university application days which will be over 3 days: October 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. I recommend that parents check out this website as well. The web address is: [www.mycoloradojourney.com](http://www.mycoloradojourney.com).*

**Scholarships:**

Seniors need to remember to sign up in the scholarship book to receive the applications that arrive in my office. We continually update our scholarship list and are always looking for new information to add. If you find out about a scholarship opportunity that is not included on our list, please let me know. We also have a link to our scholarship spreadsheet on the school website: [www.bigsandy100j.com](http://www.bigsandy100j.com). Another useful online resource to search for scholarships is found at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

**FAFSA!**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. Financial information is taken from you and your parent's 2021 Federal tax returns. The first step in the process is to apply for an FSA ID at [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov). This username and password is used to sign the completed FAFSA application. The FAFSA can be completed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Remember that this application process is free! If you encounter something requiring payment then you are on the wrong site. You must apply and be accepted at a college in order for them to complete a Financial Aid package for you. Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance in this process.

There are several scholarship applications that are open right now and seniors should be working on those applications. It is important to not wait until the last minute to complete applications! *I regularly remind our seniors that they will not have enough time during senior seminar class to complete all of their applications – they must use additional time away from school to accomplish all that needs to be done!*

Our seniors will be attending a college fair in Limon on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Seminar Participation Policy:**

Virtually all of the content of the senior seminar course is given in class through direct student/teacher contact. Because it is so important to be in class for this instruction, we have a clear participation policy. If a student is present and participating, they receive 5 daily points. If a student is not present or is not participating, they do not receive the points for that day. The only non-participation excuses accepted are: 1. college visits/job shadows; 2. other school related events such as early dismissal for athletics; and 3. a doctor's written release from attendance/participation. If a student does not earn their participation points for the day, they will have the opportunity to complete an extra credit assignment at the end of the quarter to earn additional points. This policy is necessary to help ensure that our seniors are present and participating in class on a regular basis.



### **JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES:**

We will be giving the PSAT/NMSQT assessment on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. This optional test for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders is a practice for the SAT and is the qualifier for Juniors to be in the National Merit Scholarship program. Entry into the scholarship competition is determined solely by the PSAT/NMSQT score. See Mr. Thieman for more details and to sign up for the test if you would like to take it.

### **ALL HS GRADES:**

To meet the Higher Education Admissions Requirements (HEAR) for Colorado's public colleges and universities, graduating students should have completed: 4 years of English; 4 years of Math (Alg. 1 and higher); 3 years each of Science and Social Studies; 1 year of Foreign Language (Simla offers Spanish); and 2 additional years of academic electives. (\*\*Foreign Language is not required for graduation at Simla and only 3 years of high school math are required.) Keep these college admission requirements in mind when choosing the types of courses to take each year.

FYI – students who take Algebra I during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year are still required to complete 3 more high school level math classes between their 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade years. Our expectation is that each high school student has successfully completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 as a regular course of mathematics study.

Each Tuesday morning the eligibility report is posted for all junior high and high school students. If a student has a course grade of 60% - 65%, then their name appears on the Near-to-Fail list. If a student has less than a 60%, then their name appears on the Failing list. Students must be on the Near to Fail list once in a specific class **before** being declared ineligible no matter what their grade is – so every student has a 1-week grace period to raise their % to a passing level again before they can be declared ineligible. Letters are sent home to alert parents that their student is on one of these lists. Login to Infinite Campus to check current grades if you receive a letter. Any athlete who is on the Failing list in one class will not be eligible to play in any of that week's athletic contests. Their eligibility is regained once the next list is published on the following Tuesday if they have a 60% or higher in that class. Please feel free to call myself or Mrs. Swennes directly if you have questions about this process. Our Internet-based student information program, Infinite Campus, offers parents and students a portal to check current grades, attendance information, etc. Call (541-2291) or email ([ttucker@bigsandy100j.org](mailto:ttucker@bigsandy100j.org)) Mr. Tucker for information on how to get a login to access the system. There is a link for the portal on our school website: [www.bigsandy100j.com](http://www.bigsandy100j.com).

### **Students and Parents:**

Stop by my office and say, "Hello" anytime! Enjoy the fall weather!

### **Big Sandy Booster Club Chad Maranville**

The Big Sandy Booster Club is made up of parents/families of Simla Junior High and High School athletes and Scholars. Our goal is to raise money to provide a quality After Prom to our students as well as to provide two scholarships each year to graduating seniors.

We are asking for support and involvement from our student body families in the form of membership dues of \$25.00/ family, as well as, activity support when needed.

We will be having a fundraising picnic for Homecoming on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in the park right after the parade and are asking for donations of brownies or cookies to serve with the hamburgers, chips and drinks that will be provided by the Booster Club. We are also looking for volunteers to help grill hamburgers, and a serving/cleanup crew for that picnic. This fundraiser will be used for After Prom supplies and entertainment as well as Scholarship funding.

***Thank you to all that donate of their time for this very important group.***

### **ACT and SAT Assessments**

The next ACT test date is Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open through November 4<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$63.00. Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register for the ACT.

All enrolled juniors will take the SAT here at the school on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Nurse's Notes**  
**Margaret (Maggie) Volosin BSN, RN**

### **IMMUNIZATIONS:**

As I prepare to start reviewing immunization records for each student, please make sure you have provided an up-to-date immunization record to the school for each student. All students entering Kindergarten are required by state law to have the MMR, Varicella, Dtap, Polio, and Hepatitis B vaccines. In addition to those vaccines, students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade are also required to have a Tdap vaccine. If you choose to exempt your child from any or all **required** vaccines, the exemption process changed in August 2021 with the passing of Senate Bill 163. Below is the letter from Immunize Colorado explaining the new exemption process.

*While a medical exemption for those children who cannot be vaccinated and a nonmedical exemption for those who choose not to vaccinate remains an option for Colorado families, the new law makes the following changes:*

- *Parents and caregivers claiming a medical exemption from vaccination for their child must have a completed certificate of medical exemption with the signature of a healthcare provider. Medical exemptions only need to be submitted once, unless the student's information or school changes.*
  
- *If a parent or caregiver chooses not to have their child vaccinated, they may claim a nonmedical exemption in one of two ways:*
  - *Submit the official Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption with the signature of an immunizing provider (such as a medical doctor, advanced practice nurse, pharmacist, etc.) OR*
  
  - *Submit the official Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption received upon completion of CDPHE's Online Immunization Education Module.*
    - *Use the following link: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>*
  
    - *Scroll to the bottom and complete the "Online Immunization Education Module". This can be done once for all children in a family.*

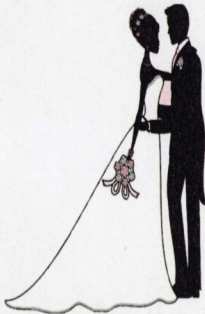
*Note: Nonmedical exemptions for school-aged children must be submitted annually and expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. **If a student exempts from one or more school-required vaccines for either medical or nonmedical reasons, the appropriate exemption form, as described above, MUST be on file with their school.** The certificate was standardized to include the collection of information necessary in the event of a disease outbreak in our community.*

- *All immunizing health care providers are required to report both immunizations and exemptions to the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Parents and caregivers retain the right to opt their child out of CIIS.*

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me by phone or email. I am at the school on Tuesday each week, but can be reached at [mvolosin@bigsandy100J.org](mailto:mvolosin@bigsandy100J.org) for a faster response anytime.**

# RECEPTION BUFFET, WEDDING AND A MURDER?!?

## A Wedding to Die For (Till Death Do Us Part)



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Mysteries by Moushey

Performance by the High School Drama Class



You are cordially invited!!

Join us Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> when everything goes wrong at  
*The High Society Wedding of the Year!*

*The wedding dress, the flowers, the cake, the napkins, the father-of-the-bride's tux, and  
the mix-up with the caterer...what else could go wrong?*

*Maybe Murder???*

Bring your team of 3 to 6 sleuths and solve the  
Murder and win prizes. You will hunt for clues  
and

Interrogate suspects.

There are prizes for the

Most Original, Most Creative and Most Clueless!

Solve the mystery of **WHO-DUN-IT** and reveal the motive!

There will also be a "Guess the Culprit" raffle.

**Dinner and the Show** are \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students, and  
5 and under are free.

Reception at 5:30 (yes, before the wedding!)

Wedding at 6:30p.m.

Dessert, Solve the Crime, and Prizes 7:30-8:30p.m.

So, start building your team.

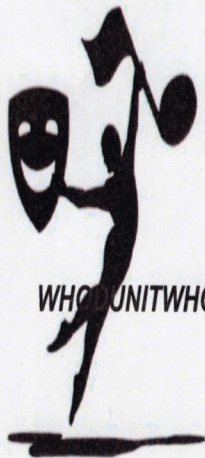
Cast members will be pre-selling tickets soon

More info to come...

WHO-DUN-ITWHO-DUN-ITWHO-DUN-ITWHO-DUN-ITWHO-DUN-ITWHO-DUN-ITWHO-DUN-IT

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Dress in Wedding  
Attire or as a famous  
detective and receive  
5 free raffle tickets!



Come Join us for the Band and Choir Concert!



October 26th at 6:30 p.m.



Doors open at 6:10 p.m.

All are welcome!

# COME JOIN US FOR

## SIMLA LIBRARY'S

### AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

COME BY THE LIBRARY **STARTING SEPT 12TH** FOR AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK AND SCHOOL PROJECT HELP. **DON'T HAVE HOMEWORK? NO PROBLEM! WE ALSO HAVE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES, GAMES, AND MORE.**

**EVERY MONDAY:** STEAM PROJECTS FOR AGES 5+ AT NOON

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** WEEKLY CRAFTS/GAMES FOR ALL AGES

ALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN AT 4:30 PM OR ONCE HOMEWORK IS COMPLETED



For more information on Simla Branch Programming contact Jennifer at [jrichardson@pplibraries.org](mailto:jrichardson@pplibraries.org) or visit [www.pplibraries.org](http://www.pplibraries.org)



## Dorothy in Wonderland

by Brian D Taylor,

Join the Junior High Drama classes and see what happens when the worlds of Oz and Wonderland collide in this fun and fantastic romp, cleverly adapted from the works of L. Frank Baum and Lewis Carroll. The production will be held for two nights, Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30p.m..

See Dorothy and Alice team up to defeat the Queen of Hearts at her own game. Meet all the usual characters, Scarecrow, Lion, Tinman and Toto, as well as Cheshire Cat, Mad Hatter, March Hare and the White Rabbit. Will the Wizard and Glinda help Dorothy get back to Kansas and Alice get back to London? Join the cast and find out!



Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado



LUNCH

# OCTOBER 2022

Big Sandy 100J

This Institution is an equal opportunity Provider. Menu subject to change

## Monday

3

10

17

24

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## Tuesday

4

Cub sub  
French fries  
Lettuce, Tomato  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

11

Egg, Sausage, muffin  
Hash brown, carrots  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

18

Pizza  
Salad, Salad bar  
Fruit, cookie  
Milk

25

Burritos  
Green chili w/pork  
Lettuce, cheese  
Salad bar, cowboy bread  
Fruit, Milk

## Wednesday

5

Spaghetti  
Lettuce, Salad Bar  
Bread stick, Fruit  
Milk

12

Colorado Roll w/ cheese  
Green beans  
Salad bar, fruit  
Milk

19

Chili, crackers  
Cinnamon Breadsticks  
Carrots, Salad bar  
Fruit, Milk

26

Hamburger Gravy  
Whipped potatoes  
Green beans, dinner roll  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

## Thursday

6

Tostada  
Lettuce, cheese  
Salad bar  
Cinnamon apples  
Milk

13

Tacos  
Lettuce, cheese  
Rice, Salad bar  
Fruit, milk

20

Soup, Salad  
Cheesy Breadsticks  
Crackers, Salad bar  
Fruit, Milk

27

Chicken Patty sandwich  
French Fries, Carrots  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk, cookie

## Friday

7

BBQ chicken sandwich  
Chips, Baked beans  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

14

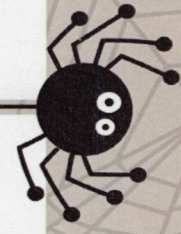
Biscuits and Gravy  
Egg, Sausage  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

21

Hamburger/ Hot Dog  
Chips, Baked beans  
Salad bar, Fruit  
Milk

28

Mummy in a blanket  
Baked Bugs, chips  
Frogeye salad  
Milk, treat





# October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 JH/HS Volleyball @ Cheraw 2pm
2	3 -JH Football-Calhan @ Simla 4:30pm -HS Matchwits @ Hanover 5:30pm	4 JH/HS Volleyball- ECA @ Simla 4:30pm	5 BOE	6 JH/HS Volleyball- ECA @ Simla 4:30pm	7 HS Football-Simla @ PPCS 7pm	8 HS Volleyball-Simla @ Fleming 2pm
9	10 JH Volleyball-Limon @ Simla 4pm	11 -Sports Pictures -Accountability 3pm -SAC 4:15pm	12 JH/HS Volleyball- Simla @ CSDB 5pm	13	14 (Homecoming) JH/HS Volleyball- Hanover @ Simla 4:30pm	15 (Homecoming) -HS Football-Elbert @ Simla 1pm
16	17	18 BOE	19 JH/HS Volleyball- Simla @ Miami 4:30pm	20	21 JH/HS Volleyball- Kiowa @ Simla 4:30pm	22 -JH Volleyball-BFL @ Miami -HS Football-Simla @ South Park 1pm
23	24	25	26 Fall Band/Choir Con- cert 6:30pm	27 HS Volleyball-Limon @ Simla 4:30pm	28 -Elementary Hallow- een Parties 3pm -HS Football-St. Mary's @ Simla 7pm	29
30	31					