



## Mark Your Calendar

- **Monday 2.16.09**  
No School—Presidents Day
- **Monday 2.23.09**  
No school—BVSD Professional Day



## Food for Thought

Please sign up on the whiteboard if you can donate these items this month:

- Butter
- Vegetable Oil



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**Have you seen the new site yet?**

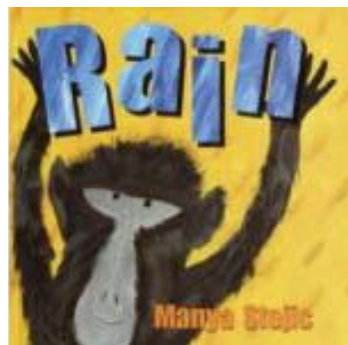


## Welcome Back

Elaine, Michael, Matuka and Jen would like to welcome all families back after the winter break. Just a reminder that the Boulder Valley School District shows snow days on its website, [BVSD.org](http://BVSD.org) and you can check in the morning on 9News and [www.cw2.com](http://www.cw2.com). If you see Boulder Valley



canceling school, that will include us.



### Profile

## Storybook Journey

The upcoming story is "Rain" by Manya Stojic  
**Themes:** The African Savannah, the five senses, weather, communication, patience and appreciation, as well as the rain cycles.

Its **price** is \$11.96 in hardcover. Please place your order, or if you have paid for the year and would like to decline it, do so by **February 4th**.

### Fundraising

## We Are What You Eat

Children's House Preschool has committed \$35,000 in scholarship funds for the 2008-09 school year. \$19,500 supports the children who attend our school through the Colorado Preschool Program, and \$15,500 supports additional families that qualify for assistance under state guidelines. We have not yet reached our financial goals for this year, so we are asking for everyone's participation in the grocery card program. We thank our committed staff, who have bought nearly half of all cards sold. We also thank the other five families who have bought most of the rest. We all spend money on food each month, so please make the



effort to sustain our scholarship program by purchasing the cards monthly. Remember, there is no additional cost to you. Help us fulfill our mission: **Children's House Preschool believes all children—of every race, ability, native language, culture and socioeconomic status—have the right to flourish in an inclusive preschool program.**  
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## Happenings

- Children's House Preschool is honored to be a recipient of a grant from the Boulder Community Foundation. The Community Foundation helps philanthropists disperse funds amongst various worthy non-profit organizations in Boulder County. You can learn more about the foundation at [www.commfound.org](http://www.commfound.org).
- Some may have noticed that we are starting a bulletin board under the parent mailboxes with family photos. Please bring in a favorite family photo to put up, as the children love being able to show their friends who their family is.
- Composting has come to our neighborhood, and the staff has been teaching the children all about composting as well as recycling. On the first day that we sorted all of our 'trash', we ended up with a big bag of compost, a bin of recycle, and less than a coffee cup full of trash. It feels great not to be adding to the landfill while catering to 50 children a week.
- We have new Scholastic order forms by the sign-in book or you can go online to view the catalogs and order [www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering) Class User Name: chpschool Password: class
- There are a couple of catalogs online which are for older children, as I use it to order for my son, but SeeSaw, Firefly and Honeybee are all age appropriate.



## With a Song in Your Heart

### Che Che Koole (Swahili Song)

Che Che Koole  
Che ko Fi Sa  
(shoulders)  
Ko Fi Sa Langa  
Manga Tu Langa  
Aye, a ye de  
ay, eye yay day (feet)  
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-HEY!

pronounced:  
chay chay kool-ay (head)  
chay koe fee sah  
  
koe fee sah lahnga (arms)  
mahnga too lahnga (hips)



### If You're Happy & You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands  
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands  
If you're happy and you know it,, and you really want to show it  
If you're happy and you know it,, clap your hands

### Mister Sun

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,  
Mister Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me  
Oh Mister Sun, Sun,  
Mister Golden Sun,  
Hiding behind a tree...

These little children  
Are asking you  
To please come out  
So we can play with you

Oh Mister Sun, Sun,  
Mister Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me!



### Haru Ga Kita (Spring Has Sprung-Japanese)

Harau ga kita  
Haru ga kita,  
Doko ni kita  
Yama ni kita  
Sato ni kita  
No nimo kita



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## Handcrated Ornaments

Dear Families:

We have the opportunity to make some much needed money for our scholarship program here. A parent, who is a glass artist, has donated some gorgeous hand blown ornaments to the school. These are not his first quality—but you'll be hard pressed to find the flaws! If perfect, these would sell for \$25. We have them available for a suggested \$7 donation. There are red, blue, gold, green and purple in two different shapes. These could be holiday ornaments (save them for gifts next year!) or just a pretty sun-catcher kind of thing year round. All proceeds from the sale will benefit our scholarship families. Please contact Michael if you'd like to purchase some. The ornaments can be seen (we'll have a few hanging) when you pick up or drop off your child. These photos show perfect ornaments—to give you an idea of what these beautiful pieces look like.



## Out of the Mouths of Babes

Matuka "What's the name of this orange melon?" Grace-Mae, "It's like antelope, only cantaloupe!"

Sarina, "Matuka, can I tell you something? 'Please' and 'Thank You' is magic words!"

Eloise playing with play dough "I made a crescent roll" she then picks up a moon shape, "The crescent moon is eating a crescent roll!"

Cooper getting into the class theme, "My Mom is getting married, so we'll probably go live there." Jen, "Where?" Cooper "At the South Pole."

Jen, "Iona, how was your break (referring to winter break)" Iona, "I didn't have a break, I wasn't dancing."

Joy in the bathroom, "I like to do this, because it's just fun to go potty if you have to. I like to... Like other kids who love to go potty."

Amelia, "Como Esta? Como Esta?" Matuka, "Who's teaching you Spanish, Amelia?" Amelia, "Eloise" Matuka, "Who's teaching you Eloise?" Eloise, "Mimsey!" (her nickname for Amelia)

Eli, "Do you want some candy stew?"

Elaine, "No thanks. It sounds too sweet for me."

Eli, "It's sugar-free!"

Liam is playing with the play dough, and makes a hot dog in a wrap, then describes it, "It's in its little bungalow."

Chisa stacks the two soft earth globes on top of each other, "Look, Snowman!"

