

August 14, 2007

Dear VSSA Students and Families,

**Registration is Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Battle Mountain HS from 1pm-3pm.** We will hand out student schedules, registration packets and a VSSA Planning Guide. Colorado Online will have a rep available for questions and online class registration. Jan Abbot will provide and collect from you required documents for the district. Dena Martinez will be collecting student fees (\$31 is the base fees but will depend on student pursuits) – checks are preferred. Tanya Tanner and Aldo Radamus will be available to answer questions on the athletic side.

*If you are entering our district from another state or country, and will be living with a host family, you should bring paperwork from Eagle County to evidence the guardianship transfer for your child. These docs are required by ECSD for medical reasons -before a student attends class.*

One question raised by a couple of families was the possibility of **bussing our kids to Dowd Junction** at the end of the school day in the Winter. The idea was that we could have parents do all their pick-ups closer to I-70. The challenges involve finding a bus driver who can work more hours in a day and the prospect of supervision on the Dowd Junction side. At this time, I would say that it is unlikely that we will offer that service.

An updated itinerary for **Outdoor Ed Week** is attached. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Students are encouraged to **bring along a digital camera** to record images for later use in science classes.

If you are arriving to school after 8/20, please download a **pre-release absence form** from the Battle Mountain website (<http://bmhs.eagleschools.net/resources> ) and email ([ggrimmer@eagleschools.net](mailto:ggrimmer@eagleschools.net)) or fax it to 970-949-1550, Attn: Geoff Grimmer. This is a courtesy to our teachers who are busy creating detailed lesson plans for your child. Additionally, it wouldn't hurt to familiarize yourself with the BMHS webpage.

One family recently ordered their laptop from Gateway and noted that for the machine to arrive by 8/27, you may need to **upgrade the shipping**...please do so as we will be working with them on Monday 8/27.

If you are shopping for **school supplies**, see the attached list compiled by our teachers.

Lastly, please stay tuned as we organize our **PTCO** (Parent/Teacher Community Organization) group to meet and develop a mission to support VSSA. We had originally scheduled 8/16, but the saner date will be in early September.

**Reminder: Forms, FAQs, VSSA Updates, and more at <http://www.eagleschools.net/>.**

Take care,

*G.K. Grimmer*