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Hi Everyone!

I hope you're having a great summer. Read this when you're in Back-To-School mode. See you soon!

Chris

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Attachments:

- Welcome Back Letter - July 28th, 2026.pdf

Dear High Peaks Faculty & Staff,

Time for my 'almost end of summer' letter....I hope everyone is enjoying the final days of summer and that each of you has been able to rest and re-energize for the upcoming school year. Last year's school year was incredibly rewarding. Due to your efforts, the kids showed amazing growth academically, socially and emotionally. I am always excited to see and reconnect with all of you. And yes, the times they are a changin'.

The Declining Enrollment Schools Plan will be submitted to the Board of Education on August 25th. It's then that we will learn about the future site of High Peaks Elementary School. This should make for an interesting Back-To-School-Night the following evening as well as the BVSD Showcase on October 21st.

I needed to move some dates for the beginning of the year as I will be out of town July31- August 5th. August 4th is a full teacher work day, August 5th & 6th are district PD days, and our first official time together is Friday, August 7th at Eldorado Canyon. I've sent calendar invites for all of these with dates and times.

No big European trips for me this summer. I did travel to Watch Hill, Rhode Island for my niece's wedding. It was the first time I had been with my entire family in many years! There were laughs a plenty and we dominated the dance floor which is how we role :). Danielle got to meet my brother and sisters and a good time was had by all. The airlines did their best to throw a wrench into the festivities, it took me thirteen hours to get home from Providence, Rhode Island. First world problem, I know.

I hit two really good concerts this summer, the Wallflowers and Sombr. Two very different acts but both were really good.





This is an extremely busy time in the front office and I can't thank Dory, Andrea, Jeri, and Wendy enough for their deep commitment to everything that needs to happen to be prepared for the upcoming school year. The building looks fantastic, Jose and his team did an amazing job. Please be sure to thank them when you see him around. Also, the new roof is being finished up as we speak which was desperately needed.

Right now we have two paraprofessional openings posted. We'll be looking to fill the positions vacated by Diann and Laurel.

Some new faces you'll be seeing in the Art room are those of Jenn Shepherd ("A' weeks and joining us from Whittier) and Sharyl Hazzard ('B" weeks and joining us from Birch) . We are so lucky to have such skilled and respected BVSD educators teach Art. Please stop by and introduce yourself when you can.

As we begin this school year - my sixth with you - I want you to know how proud I am to be leading this wonderful school. I know our staff, students, and families are second to none. As

we look to the future, I'm confident we will build on the many successes over the years while making our own imprint on the lives of our students, families, and colleagues.

Life is good - let's enjoy it together.

I can't wait to get started! Here is a quick look at some important upcoming dates:

August Professional Learning - Please read!

Tuesday, August 4th - Welcome Back ! Teacher Work Day - **Chris Out-of-Office**

Wednesday, August 5th - Dyslexia, mCLASS, Assessment
(K-5 Literacy Teachers) 8:30 - 4:00 Centaurus High School - Please click here for important details.

K-5 Art, Music, Theater, PE - Louisville Middle School (both days) **.** Please click here for important details.

Teacher Librarians - Eldorado PK8. Please click here for important details.
SPED and Special Service Providers - Broomfield High School - Please click here for important details.

Thursday, August 6th : K-5 Math - 8:30 - 4:00 Centaurus High School.

Please click here for important details.

K-5 Art, Music, Theater, PE - Please click here for important details.
Teacher Librarians - Please click here for important details.
School Counselors - Please click here for important details.
SPED and Special Service Providers - Please click here for important details.

Friday, August 7th:

High Peaks PD - 8:30 - 11:30 - **Eldorado Canyon Visitor Center**. If you have the State Park "add-on" with your vehicle registration you can get in for free. If not, it costs ten dollars so please save your receipt and give it to Dory for reimbursement.

Lunch provided - Illegal Pete's at High Peaks - Flex Space

PM - High Peaks PD - Flex Space

Teacher rosters viewable to parents at 4pm

Monday, **August 10th:**

High Peaks PD - AM - Flex Space
PM - Teacher Work Day

Meet the Teacher - 4:00 - 5:00

Tuesday, August 11th - Teacher Work Day

Wednesday, August 12th - First Day of School!

See you soon!
Chris

High Peaks PL Calendar 26-27