

## Brighton window



Vikan Middle School, 879 Jessup St., is ready for its close up of the new classroom wing, pictured above, and other building renovations. The community is invited to the Ribbon Cutting Thursday at 5 p.m., preceding its Back to School Night. *Daily Post photo*

## School Board approves ballot question

The School District 27J Board of Education on Tuesday approved a resolution – and ballot language – for a November mill-levy-override question.

District 27J will seek taxpayer approval in the November election to raise \$12 million in additional funds to help schools (including the district's charter schools) meet demands of 27J's fast growing community so that students can have improved educational experiences and staff can receive a livable wage, stated a news release from the District.

That would raise the per-pupil funding in District 27J from its current rate of \$42 to about \$700, said Superintendent Chris Fiedler at a recent presentation. \$1,300 is the metro-area per-pupil average.

The mill-levy override would provide technology and digital resources needed for students to take learning beyond the classroom; launch a

resource update cycle enabling 27J students to compete with other Denver metro districts; and to retain and recruit high-quality teachers and support staff, the release stated.

District 27J has not passed a successful mill-levy override since 2001. In 2015, voters approved a \$248 million bond to build three new schools and renovate existing buildings.

"Currently, 27J has the lowest per-pupil funding and lowest beginning and average teacher salaries of all 15 Denver-metro-area school districts," Fiedler said. "We struggle to stay competitive with neighboring districts while the gap continues to widen every year. In spite of these challenges, we are committed to providing an outstanding educational experience for our students."

District 27J serves more than 17,000 students, pre-k to Grade 12, across 24 campuses, including five charter schools. *To learn more, click to visit the 27J mill-levy Web page.*

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## Gas gauge

**\$2.16.9** Lowest unleaded price as of 6 p.m. Tuesday:

• King Soopers station on Bromley with SooperCard

Next low: • \$2.17.9 Murphy Express and Agfinity

## Two Days

### Today

**8 a.m. – Walk On!** Eagle View Adult Center; explore trails in the area, socialize, get in shape; Wear good walking shoes and bring water, join anytime for the \$4 fee

**9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce**, Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers. For ages birth-23 months. Space is limited; RSVP online.

**10:30-11:30 a.m. – Primetime for Preschoolers**, Anythink Brighton; stories, finger plays, songs and other activities for preschoolers. For ages 3-5. RSVP online.

**2-4:30 p.m. – After School Hangout**, Anythink Brighton; Hang out with your friends in The Studio, create fun projects that are uniquely your own. Grades 6-12.

**2:30-4:30 p.m. – After-School Get Together**, Anythink Brighton; join friends and family at the library. Grades K-5.

### Thursday

**9-11 a.m. – Total Joint University**, Platte Valley Medical Center; for patients scheduled for or contemplating a joint replacement; pre-op to recovery; RSVP 303-498-1840

**9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement**, Anythink Brighton; Sing, dance, and learn to play some basic instruments. For ages 2-6. Space is limited; RSVP online.

**12:15-12:50 p.m. – Yoga**, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130; \$6; certified instructor. Bring your mat.

**3-4:30 p.m. – Action Lab: Table-Top Gaming**, Anythink Brighton; Learn about interactive storytelling games. Create your own character or learn to run your own game. Design 3-D game pieces for future games.

## Funeral notices

**Donald E. Quandt**, 57, of Brighton died Aug. 18. He was born in Germany. He will be laid to rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Memorial service, 11 a.m. **Friday** at Mile Hi Church, 9077 W. Alameda Ave., Lakewood. Reception will follow the service from noon-3 p.m. Graveside service, 11:30 a.m. **Monday**, at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Staging Area B.

**Bruce Rosellen**, of Brighton, died Aug. 19. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline; step-children Jennifer Losty and Eric Losty; siblings Bernd Rosellen, Birgit Rosellen Uszenski, and Lorraine Rosellen Davis; and parents Erna and Walter Rosellen. Memorial service, 4-6 p.m. **today** at his ranch.

**Charles Ron Pewterbaugh** of Brighton died Aug. 9. Celebration of Ron's life, 11:30 a.m. **today**, at the Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary.



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