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Louisville install new water meters

700 meters to switch for new reading equipment

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City of Louisville has had a six-month citywide project to replace all water meters. The \$1.3 million endeavor will begin the first week of February, and installations will feature automatic meter-reading equipment. Currently the meters are read by hand and each reading cycle takes 15 minutes to finish. The new system will allow one meter-reader to finish reading 700 meters in two to three days.

"Most of our meters are read by hand and we are going to follow a similar route (for installation)," said Tom Mason, operations manager for the City of Louisville. "It takes 15 to 30 minutes to install (a

According to Mason, there are 700 residential and business meters in the city; 900 of those are located inside a house or business.

Mason said the current meters — which date back to 1979 — need to be replaced, as the system should be replaced every 10 to 15 years.

The automatic-reading equipment will allow meter-readers to drive by

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SorenMarie, 3, left, and Cassidy Wilcox, 4, right, prepare for morning circle at the Patchwork School at 1428 Main St., in Louisville. Tia Wilcox, 2, center, will likely attend next year. The school's directors, Michele Beach and Elizabeth Baker will add a second location for an elementary school, to open this fall.

Seamless Transition Patchwork School to add second location, elementary school

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In only its second year, directors of the Patchwork School in Louisville are moving forward with plans to expand.

The Patchwork School is open for preschoolers and kindergartners and educates 28 students. Directors Elizabeth Baker and Michele Beach envi-

sion opening an elementary school to provide the next stepping stone for children in the community. That dream will soon come to fruition.

"This is exciting for us because we did envision this several years ago, and for this to be a reality is awesome," Baker said.

The directors chose Louisville to expand the preschool from their former location in Broomfield. Enrollment for the 2,000-square-foot school filled up quickly in August 2008.

The elementary will likely be on Main Street, near the existing Patchwork School, at 1428 Main St., and will offer kindergarten through fifth-grade classes.

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Initiatives set for Superior ballot

Town board members hint at 2010 candidacy

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\$240,000 annually, which would go toward the town's use agreement with placing a question on the ballot changing elections from April to November in

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The directors said they hope to eventually offer sixth grade as well.

"We hope one day there is a need for it," Baker said. "The idea is to grow with our children."

Parents will have the option to enrolling their children in kindergarten at either school. The elementary's first day will be Aug. 23, and it will follow the Boulder Valley School District's calendar.

Beach and Baker's educational approach takes its influences from an Italian philosophy on education and early childhood development.

The approach — called Reggio Emilia — allows students to express themselves through painting, writing and movement, honoring the different languages of children.

The alternative school is a patchwork of different educational philosophies, combining the belief that children learn best when they are ready with the approach of building on each child's interests to create fun, learning activities.

The school requires children to attend a daily morning meeting to share ideas; investigate a topic or question as an individual and be involved in more than one investigation at the same time; and investi-

gate a topic or question as a member of the larger group.

For example, while the group may investigate outer space, individuals will choose topics of interest to them to study independently from the group.

The elementary school will act on the same fundamentals, but children will investigate a topic even more deeply.

The new elementary school likely will educate about 20 students to start and will have two teachers and one director — Beach and Baker will alternate days between the preschool and elementary.

"We really hope to support the school in its first year of growth," Baker said. "This first year is a critical moment ... we want to start off on the very best note."

Baker said she is excited to offer the next stepping stone for children who already attend the preschool, and looks forward to continuing the school's approach with democratic education.

"We're excited to be doing something different in this area," Baker said.

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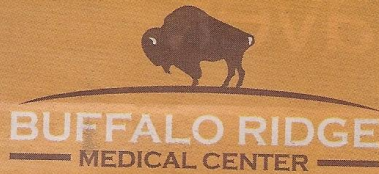
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