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2026

YEAR OF THE HORSE

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Saturday,  
Jan. 31, 2026  
2:00 p.m.

Silver Creek High School  
4901 Nelson Rd., Longmont, CO

# The Year of the Horse

The Lunar New Year is celebrated by people around the world, and dates back thousands of years. Also known as the “Spring Festival,” it marks the beginning of spring, a time to shed the hardships of winter and prepare for a season of change and hope.

The Year of the Horse, beginning February 17, 2026, symbolizes passion, independence, and bold forward momentum. In Chinese astrology, the horse represents energy, freedom, and movement, while the fire element adds intensity, courage, and transformation. Together, they create a year that inspires action, innovation, and fearless pursuit of new paths, but also calls for balance to avoid impulsiveness or burnout. 2026 is expected to be a time of dynamic change and opportunity for those who channel its vibrant energy with focus and intention.

The **Years of the Horse** include 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, and 2026.



## Event Program

### LARGE GYM

2:00 to 3:15 p.m.

#### WELCOME

- Chinese Hobby Horse Parade  
- Hygiene Elementary Student Council
- Carrie Adams - Program Director, Silver Creek Leadership Academy
- Susie Hidalgo-Fahring - Mayor, City of Longmont
- Erick Finnestead - Principal, Silver Creek High School
- Michelle Smith and Alex Payton  
- Volunteer Coordinators, SCLA Lunar New Year
- Xiao Zhang - Vice President, A-PAL

#### LIVE PERFORMANCES

##### Master of Ceremonies

- Julie Gallegos, Habitat for Humanity Beloved Community

##### Lion Dance

- Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association

##### Chinese Folk Dance

- Jasmine Flower Dance, “Mulan” - Instructed by Lily Han

##### Indian Bollywood Dance

- Centennial State Ballet, “SAPPHIRE”

##### Kung Fu

- Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association

##### Chinese Folk Dance (Solo)

- “Boundless Homesickness,”  
Performed by Sophia Duan,  
Instructed by Lily Han

##### Japanese Taiko Drumming

- Denver Taiko

### HALLWAY

2:30 to 5:15 p.m.

#### HANDS-ON ACTIVITY BOOTHS

- Asian-American Civil Rights/ Colorado History
- Chinese Brush Painting
- Chinese Name Translation
- Chinese Paper Cutting
- Draw the Horse Artshow (C Wing)

- Eco-Cycle
- Habitat for Humanity Beloved Community
- Information Booth
- Innovation Center of St. Vrain Valley Schools
- Japanese Origami
- Kiwanis Toy Shop
- Longmont Sister Cities Association
- Mehndi (Indian Henna Hand Painting)
- Nepali Culture and Games
- Sponsor Booth
- St. Vrain Mobile Innovation Lab (Outdoor Plaza)
- Tibetan Mandala Coloring
- St. Vrain Future Ready Festival

## **SMALL GYM**

*2:30 to 5:15 p.m.*

### **CULTURAL GAMES**

- Chopsticks Challenge
- Hobby Horse Steeplechase
- Jian Zi (Chinese Hacky Sack)
- The Zometool

## **AUDITORIUM**

*3:30 to 5:15 p.m.*

### **MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES**

#### **Silver Creek High School Orchestra**

- Chinese New Year, arr. Carl Fischer
- Jasmine Flower, arr. Douglas Wagner

#### **Niwot High School Orchestra**

- Moonlight on Second Spring (二泉映月)
- Spring Festival Overture (春节序曲)

#### **Korean K-Pop Dance - FruSa Dance**

- K-pop Mashup of Twice Alcohol-free and Red Velvet Peekaboo

## **Bohua Chinese School**

- Chinese Folk Dance - Warrior Girls
- Chinese Bamboo Flute (Hulusi) - Jimmy's Chinese Gourd Flute Group

## **Great Way Chinese Martial Arts**

- Long Yang Form Tai Chi - Part Three

## **Denver Buddhist Temple Minyo Kai**

- Morioka Karame Bushi
- Shigesu Bushi

## **Colorado Hula**

- Hawaiian Hula Dance - Puamana

## **Kraynork the Magnificent**

- Magic Show

## **St. Vrain Innovation Center**

- Drone Performance Video

## **CAFETERIA**

*3:30 to 5:15 p.m.*

### **ASIAN FOOD SAMPLING**

- Orange Chicken
- Veggie Spring Rolls
- Dumplings
- Fried Sesame Rice Balls

## **LARGE GYM**

*4:00 to 5:15 p.m.*

### **LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS**

- Tai Chi and Qigong by Great Way Chinese Martial Arts

## **OUTDOOR PLAZA**

*Weather permitting - 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.*

### **INNOVATION CENTER STUDENT DRONE PERFORMANCE**

The St. Vrain Valley Schools' student drone team will present a stunning, student-led drone show that highlights their technical skills and creative designs.

***\*The main parking lot will be closed from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.***



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