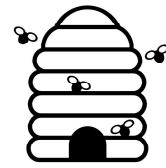


BEDFORD BEELINE

A Newsletter for Bedford's Parents



LaVerne Goins, Principal
Cindy Scott, Assistant Principal

October, 2009

Calendar

Monday, Oct. 5- Friday, Oct. 9
Fire Prevention Week

Thursday, October 1 - Friday, October 30
PTA Poinsettia Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 7.
Extended Day Program Begins

Thursday, October 8
Volunteer Tea 10:00 a.m.

Monday, October 12
PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Grade 1 Parents Invited
All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, October 14
PTA Fundraiser Orders Due

Friday, October 16
Md. State Teachers Assoc. Convention
Schools Closed for Students

Monday, October 12 - Friday, October 16
National School Lunch Week

Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 23
National School Bus Safety Week

Wednesday, October 21
Individual School Picture Day

Friday, October 23
I MOM Breakfast, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 29
PTA Movie Night 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 26 - Friday, October 30
Red Ribbon Week

Thursday, November 5
End of First Marking Period

From the Desk of the Principal

We have reached the middle of the first marking period. I would like to say how smoothly everything is running here at Bedford. Our students are focused on learning and are following the Bedford Code of Conduct on a daily basis. We are so proud of them. They are the best!

Interims were sent home on September 25th. Ask your child if he/she received one; if so, please review the report with your child. I am sure you will praise your child for his/her successes, and I encourage you to discuss with him/her any areas where improvement might be needed. If a teacher requests a conference with you, please call to schedule one. Remember to sign the white copy of the interim and return it to your child's teacher.

Due to ever-changing weather as well as other situations that could result in an emergency condition, we need to be prepared in order to ensure a safe and orderly environment. Therefore, we participate in several fire drills, severe weather drills, evacuation drills, and lock-down drills throughout the school year. I would like you to reinforce with your child the importance of following the directions of his/her teacher during these drills.

Many of you attended Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 15th. At that time, teachers shared with you their expectations; the units of study; skills; strategies; and information on how you can assist your child at home. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher so that you will know what is expected of your child in his/her grade level.

Our teachers work very hard planning daily quality instruction to meet your child's individual needs. Each teacher/grade level sends home a weekly or biweekly newsletter to keep you abreast of skills being taught as well as information you need to know about your child's school program. Please be



on the lookout for that update! Our website is up and running.

I would like to encourage all parents to join the PTA and to become involved by attending the meetings or working with a committee. PTA meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

Just a reminder - Our school day begins at 9:00 a.m. Students are late after 9:00 a.m. When students are late they miss vital instruction, so please help us to help your child to develop good work habits. Again, I thank all of you for your support and look forward to a productive year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

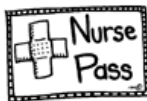
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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week, November 16th through November 20th, is rapidly approaching. Please plan to visit your child's classroom! This is an opportunity to observe and learn what happens during his/her morning at school. Parents are invited to visit classrooms from 9:00-12:00 p.m. We encourage you to come on the day set aside for your child's grade level. If that is not convenient, you are welcome to come a different morning. *(If at all possible, please do not bring other children with you. If you must bring them, please keep them seated with you at all times.)*

The schedule is:

- Monday, Nov. 16th - 5th Grade
- Tuesday, Nov. 17th - 4th Grade
- Wednesday, Nov. 18th - 3rd Grade
- Thursday, Nov. 19th - 1st & 2nd Grade
- Friday, Nov. 20th - Grandparents Day

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NEWS FROM THE NURSE
By Karen Knelly, RN



October is

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Family Health Month
- National Cookie and Apple Months
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 26 - Oct. 30
- Healthy Lung Month

National Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated at Bedford during the week of October 26-30. We will be participating in activities that will help our

students say NO to harmful drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Our slogan, this year, will be: **Drive Away Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco**. We will be using a car theme to help us with our messages.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER
by Adrienne Venze



IMPORTANT MAGNET INFORMATION

Fifth grade students recently received a Baltimore County Middle School Magnet Programs brochure. These brochures contain important information about the various magnet programs, admission criteria, and transportation, as well as an application. These brochures can be obtained in other languages if needed. Please discuss this information with your child as you plan for the next phase of your child's education.

All the Middle School Magnet Open House dates are listed in the brochure. On Thursday, November 5th, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School will be showcasing its magnet programs for interested Baltimore County students and parents from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in applying to a magnet program at Sudbrook, plan on attending their Open House.

Magnet School applications must be completed and mailed to the Office of Magnet Program at 6901 N. Charles Street, Towson, Maryland. All applications must be postmarked by the deadline date, November 30, 2009 in order to be processed. **Applications postmarked after the deadline date will not be processed.**

You can download an application form the Baltimore County Website. Follow these steps:

1. Go to the Baltimore County Public Schools website at www.bcps.org
2. Click on Our System from the toolbar on the top and then click on Offices from the pull down menu.
3. When the list of offices appears, look for Magnet Programs and click
4. You will then be on the Magnet Program page. Click on Elementary School Magnet applications from the menu on the left.

If you need more information about magnet programs, please see Ms. Venze, school counselor.



VALUES TIDBIT



The value for the month of October is self-discipline. Self-discipline involves making good choices and having control over your thoughts and actions. It also includes practicing good habits, being patient, controlling your temper, and taking responsibility for your actions. Emphasize to your children that self-discipline means you are in charge of “all the things you say and do”. It could be called “self-control”. When you are in control, you can make choices that are healthy, kind, and respectful to others.

You can show good self-discipline by having good health habits such as brushing your teeth and eating healthy foods each day. Self-discipline is a character trait that is important to demonstrate at school as well. By completing your assignments, waiting to be called on before speaking, and doing what you think is right, you are showing self-discipline.

CAFETERIA NEWS

This is just a friendly reminder that prepayments to your child’s account may be made in the office. You may obtain a payment envelope in the office from Mrs. Anderson - Please be sure to include your child’s first and last name on the envelope and/or check. If you are making a prepayment using cash, a prepayment form must be completed. All checks are to be made payable to Bedford Cafeteria and include your child name in the memo section of your check.

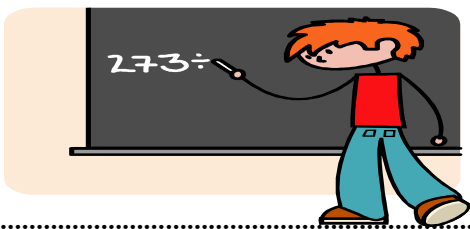
Because students have a limited time to get their food and eat, we ask that parents not visit or call the cafeteria during serving times - for Breakfast this is from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. and for Lunch this is 10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

If you have any concerns, questions, or prepayments that you would like to bring directly to Ms. Fike, please feel free to call or come to the cafeteria between 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Thank you in advanced for your help with this matter.



MATH HOMEWORK HELPERS IS BACK

Last year, hundreds of students from around the county (including several from Bedford) called into “Math Homework Helpers” to get a little help with their math homework. Starting, Wednesday, October 7th, the show can be seen every Wednesday on the Education Channel, cable 73, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students can call 410-494-1459 and participate LIVE! It’s a fun way for students to get involved with math activities, get help with their homework, and win prizes!



What’s New on the Education Channel

The Education Channel is now on Comcast Cable Channel 73 AND Verizon FiOS Channel 35! Tune in!

Math Homework Helpers is back again this year! Starting, October 7th, every Wednesday those crazy math loving puppets are **LIVE** with homework help! The prize wheel is loaded! Students ~ Need help with your math homework? Call In, Spin & WIN! You’ll get help with your math homework AND win a spectacular prize – Call in hours are Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30, 410-494-1459.



The award winning - BCPS News is our news show that highlights the good things happening in BCPS. From interesting fieldtrips, to quality instructional programs- this is the show to watch to keep up with the positive events in your neighborhood schools! BCPS News airs daily on The Education Channel, Comcast 73/ Verizon 35 - at 7:00 am, 11:00 am, and 6:30 pm.

Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council

The Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council is an active, supportive, and concerned group of parents and community members. Below is a list of their meetings for the school year. If possible, please plan to attend.

- Tuesday, October 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Randallstown High - Pre-Operating Budget Hearing
- Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Pikesville Middle - Legislative Forum
- Thursday, February 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Owings Mills Elementary - Agenda TBA
- Tuesday, March 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Winand Elementary - Agenda TBA
- Thursday, April 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Reisterstown Elementary - Agenda TBA