



Paw Prints



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Dear Bobcat Families,

We want to welcome everyone back to the start of another busy and exciting year at BCE! We hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable summer!! We also want to extend a warm welcome to our incoming kindergarten families as well as the to the families who are new to our school. As we get ready for this upcoming school year, we would like to invite all of you to join our wonderful organization. We are a group of parents concerned with our children's education and are willing to do what we can to help make our school better and better each year. Working together, we can make a difference at BCE. We are proud to have an active PTO comprised of parent volunteers and teachers working together to make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Our PTO board meets approximately once a month to discuss events, plan fundraisers , and share ideas. We offer a family membership to our PTO. We charge an annual contribution of \$10.00 to join the PTO. The PTO sponsored events provide financial support to school programs, events, activities, and improvement projects that would otherwise not be funded. We hope you will become a member of the BCE PTO and take advantage of the many opportunities to become involved in your son or daughter's elementary school experience. You DO NOT have to be an active participant to be a member of our PTO.

There are many ways and opportunities to volunteer, even one or two hours of your time can make a huge difference and will be a great help to our school. We are looking for volunteers to take on some responsibilities. Please refer to the Volunteer Opportunities portion of this newsletter or email volunteers@bcepto.com .

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the PTO board members with a question, concern or idea. We welcome everyone's input. Our first General Meeting and Volunteer Orientation is on September 14th at 9:00am in the cafeteria. Please come join us and learn what great volunteer opportunities there are at BCE!

We want to take a moment to thank the Blazek family and their family run business for installing our pavers over the summer. The pavers run the length of the walkway to the playground, and look fantastic! Thank you Shawn and Denise!

We are always available at president@bcepto.com or exec.vp@bcepto.com. We look forward to a great year at BCE!! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Adrienne Kazarian, President and Tiffany Carnes, Exec. VP



Calling All Volunteers!!

Please read over the volunteer information and forms that went home in Tuesday folders and return ASAP so that you can start helping our wonderful school!!

If you did not receive the volunteer information, go to www.bcepto.com and follow the links.

We appreciate all your help and look forward to working with you soon!

Michelle Ellisor, BCE PTO Volunteer Coordinator

Upcoming Events

8th – Parent/Teacher Night @ 5:30p/6:30p
30th-BCE Family Cookout (Check Tuesday folders for details)

Save the Dates

Kardivas is coming soon for 5th Grade girls! October 6th is the kick-off event. Mark your calendars!

December 4th is the Reynolds Run in honor of Johanna Reynolds benefiting BCE. Our theme is "Jingle for Johanna". Anyone wanting to volunteer, please email Joy Shumate at joyshumate1966@aol.com

WANTED

PTO Membership Drive - Join PTO! Join today – Drive ends October 21st!

Our PTO Membership Drive kicked off August 18th with a "BANG" at Meet the Teacher Night. We are off to a great start but we still need your help to show our Bobcat spirit by having 100% of our families and staff join. During our Membership Drive classes with the highest membership percentage will win a class party. If the ENTIRE school reaches 65% family membership, there will be a VERY special treat for the entire school...more information on that later.

Did you know that 100% of your membership dues stay at Bee Cave Elementary? Your membership allows us to provide many wonderful things for our school, such as smart boards in all the classrooms this year as well as other technology, field trips, teacher support and education materials.

If you have any questions about Family Membership please contact Tracy Miller at membership@bcepto.com. Thank you for your support!



Staff Appreciation

Want to show the teachers and staff at Bee Cave how much you love them? Here's your chance!

The PTO provides a monthly luncheon for our awesome staff, and each grade level has the opportunity to provide a luncheon!

The schedule and themes are:

Oct 20 -- Brunch -- Kindergarten

Nov 10 -- Chili Bar -- 1st Grade

Jan 19 -- Soup & Salad -- 2nd Grade

Feb 16 -- Italian Food -- 3rd Grade

March 22 -- Sandwiches & Salads -- 4th Grade

April 19 -- Appetizers & Finger Food -- 5th Grade

When it's your turn, we'll let you know what we need and you can just sign up – it's that easy! So, check your Tuesday folders for items we will need!

Staff Birthdays



9/9 Karen Metcalfe

9/12 Kelly Bender

9/13 Tracie Weisinger

9/23 Sharon Chase

9/24 Ruth Cummings

9/28 Jody Reid

9/30 Jessica Ramsey

Fundraising is "Fun"!

This year with cuts to school budgets, the funds that PTO raises are more important than ever! Here are two easy ways to help PTO:

If you shop at Randalls, they donate 10% of your total sales back to the PTO! Our charity number is 9837. You can link your Randalls card to this at the Courtesy booth in the store or go to www.randalls.com

Bid on the BEST spots in the parking lot! Every month the PTO bulletin board by the front office, we will auction off a front row parking spot that will be yours for a month! Avoid traffic and help PTO at the same time!

Information on our Friends of BCE fundraising program will follow in mid-September. Contact Kara King at fundraising@bcepto.com with any questions.



Remembering with Love - Johanna Reynolds

To reflect our love of Ms. Reynolds and our support of her family, the PTO has commissioned bracelets available to BCE families. All of the profits raised from the bracelets will go to the Reynolds family. The bracelets are available for a minimum donation of \$2.00 to a fund benefiting the Reynolds children. Of course, donations over \$2.00 will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. We value our close BCE community and wanted to provide a way for all our families to honor one of our own.

The bracelets are the rubber "Livestrong" type and are in Ms. Reynolds favorite colors. They have the symbols for Peace, Love, Bobcats on one side, and the initials JR on the other.

Students, teachers and parents can get the bracelets through the school store and at select Friday morning assemblies and Parent Curriculum Night.

Spirit Wear

Show your Bobcat Pride! Don't miss out on your 2011 Fall Spirit wear! Friday's are Spirit Day! Order your BCE shirt by September 9. Forms on www.BCEPTO.com.