



Bacon Bacon

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The Principal Perspective

Dear Parents,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for a smooth start to the 07-08 school year. I would also like to thank the PTA and all of you who helped make the ice cream social a huge success. I heard some very positive feedback from new families that were impressed with the overall feeling of friendliness, and especially found the parent community to be very welcoming. Our teachers and staff have also done a great job making this another successful start. As I walk through the building I find students already engaged in meaningful learning, and in their normal routines as if they never left.

If you get an opportunity, please give a warm thanks and a pat on the back to one of our parents, Dale Ulland, for his dedication to traffic safety around our school. Dale has made a commitment to be out on Zephyr Dr. every morning to help direct traffic in and out of our parking lot/drop off zone. There are just a couple of things that you can all do to help him in his efforts to ensure everyone's safety. As always, the best safety precaution is to always lower your speed on and around the school zone. Another step that you can take is to follow all traffic flow patterns and procedures already in place, such as pulling as far forward along the drop-off curb as possible, and not stopping at the zone with the red stripes, where cones are now placed. Lastly, the west parking lot is for staff parking, school bus and day care van use only. Please do not drop students off or pick up from this parking lot.

As we continue our efforts to work together to educate your children, I want to take this opportunity to remind all of you that we will be holding our annual orientation on Tuesday evening, September 4. Please refer to the schedule for specific times to meet with your students' teachers. The schedule is available inside this issue of the newsletter. The orientation is an opportunity to learn specific information about the daily routine in your student's classroom. The expectations, procedures, and specifics about the curriculum will be discussed by the classroom teacher. This is not designed to be a time for individual conferences with the teacher. Parents are asked to make an appointment if needed. We will be holding formal parent/teacher conferences in late October. Hope to see all of you there.

Sincerely,

Bill Smith
494-5301, wills@psdschools.org

PTA News & Notes

THE PTA CORNER

by Marie Krizanovic

The school year got off to a great start with the annual PTA-sponsored Back-to-School Ice Cream Social. Thanks to Adeila Tonn for procuring the yummy ice cream and to the many volunteers who helped serve and man the information tables. If you didn't find your way into the gymnasium during the social, you missed an opportunity to sign up for various volunteer activities. Even if you're not able to attend our Tuesday morning PTA meetings, you can still volunteer to help with PTA-sponsored events/activities. We have many evening activities that require the services/skills of our Bacon volunteers.

We will be having an evening Halloween Carnival in October. Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming up in November with a Family Night scheduled for Nov. 15th. We also have volunteer needs for before and after school with our Traffic Safety Patrol. Be part of the solution and not the problem by volunteering to help keep our students safe.

Our Parent Orientation Night is scheduled for Sept. 4th. You'll have the opportunity to sign up to help in your child(ren)'s classroom throughout the school year based on the needs of the classroom teacher. We'll be setting up stations for the other volunteer opportunities, as well as Boy Scout and Girl Scout information stations. Please take a moment to stop by these stations located in the entry hallway. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact me at krizanovics@aol.com or 377-1975.

I just attended a District 5 COPTA (Colorado PTA) workshop this past weekend in Fort Lupton and I'm very excited about the coming school year. I hope to utilize our resources (the Bacon Beacon Newsletter and the Bacon PTA website) to begin educating our Bacon community on some of the history, issues and efforts that the PTA has been/is/will be involved with. I'm looking forward to serving as your PTA President this coming school year.

BACON FAMILY MATH GAME NIGHT

by Marie Krizanovic

As mentioned in the back-to-school issue of the Bacon Beacon newsletter the PTA, with the assistance of Holly Crump (Explorers Lab/Enrichment), is organizing a Family Math Game Night for early October. The final date is still to be determined. October 5th was mentioned

in the earlier newsletter but that may change to October 12th. We're waiting to hear back from the CSU engineering department. They have offered volunteer services from their engineering students to help with activities in the school district this year. A signup sheet will come home in the Friday folders with the students once the final date and details have been established.

McGRUFF SAFE KIDS TOTAL ID PROGRAM

by Marie Krizanovic

McGruff, the Crime Dog, will be coming to Bacon Elementary the first week of October. The program is the only child ID program licensed by the National Crime Prevention Council and is the most comprehensive child safety/identification and education program in the United States. It is an effective, inexpensive way to create a totally secure, kid-friendly record complete with photo ID cards and digital fingerprinting. For your child's protection, personal information is automatically deleted once the child is processed and the parent has accepted the ID card. This program is being sponsored by the Bacon PTA as a service to the Bacon community and participation is completely voluntary. Package prices range from \$15-\$26. In addition, throughout the week educational programming will be broadcast on the classroom televisions (for those teachers choosing to participate) with topics ranging from Stranger Danger to Internet Safety. There are two ways to enroll in the program: register on the McGruff E-Z Online Website at <http://ezform.mcgruffezform.com> or fill out the form which will be coming home in your child's Friday folder in late September.

EVENING PTA MEETING

by Marie Krizanovic

The Bacon PTA will be hosting a general meeting the evening of Monday, Sept. 24th at 7:00p.m. at Bacon Elementary. If you're unable to attend our Tuesday morning meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month), this is an opportunity for you to meet the PTA officers and voice your opinions, wishes and concerns. The scheduled program for the evening is Caryn Pfeiffer, Regional Director for the McGruff Safe Kids Total ID Program. She'll be presenting information about the identification program as well as answering any questions you may have. You may also register for the program that evening. Please mark your calendar to attend.

Office Notes

Daily Bell Schedule:

8:40 - Students can arrive on the playground
8:50 - First Bell
8:55 - Tardy Bell, student must have pink slip from office
3:28 - First Dismissal Bell
3:33 - Final Bell

Absences:

If your student will be absent, please call the attendance line. 488-5310

Office Policies:

Please talk with your student about plans for after school arrangements (i.e. walking home, riding the bus, parent picking up) before school in the morning. The number of calls to the office in the afternoon is increasing. We will be happy to get a message to your child on a limited, emergency basis. Please call the school by 3:00pm. We cannot guarantee the delivery of messages after that time.

Permission will not be given for phone use to make social arrangements. Written permission must be provided for a bus pass and brought to the office first thing in the morning.

Lunch Policies:

Point of Sale is up and running. Parents are able to pay in advance for students' lunches. If you are writing a check, please include your students name, grade, teacher and student ID#. The direct extension for the lunch clerk is 488-5357. Having lunch with your child? Please call the office and let us know. Adult lunch cost is \$2.85

It is very difficult to recover costs once a student has made a charge, so only one charge will be allowed. If your child has a charge, he/she will be given food from the salad bar only.

Free & Reduced applications were sent out over the summer. New families and families that did not receive the application can obtain one at the Bacon Office. If you have questions about the program, please call Chris Rock at 488-3560.

Lunch Prices:

\$1.75/day or \$8.75/week
.35/extra milk or juice

Lunch Times:

K	11:05-11:50
1st	11:10-11:55
2nd	11:15-12:00
6th	11:40-12:25,
5th	11:45-12:30
4th	12:10-12:55
3rd	12:15-1:00

You should have received your updated version of the Parent-Student Handbook in your Friday folder. Please take the time to read for other information.

Lastly, at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, an iPod was found on the school grounds. A call with a description, type and music list will allow us to return to the correct owner.

Bacon Parent Orientation Night

Tuesday September 4th

- 6:00 - 7:00p 6th Grade Presentation
- 6:30 - 7:10 1st Presentation
- 7:10 - 7:40 2nd Presentation

Note: We are offering two separate sessions so Parents can attend multiple classrooms if necessary. The two presentations from 6:30-7:40 are the same.

Traffic Talk

Hi, fellow motorists and, hopefully, prospective traffic volunteers. Thanks for being so patient and driving so carefully the first several days of school. Remember, the goal is to get our children safely to and from school in an efficient manner. To that end, the three big, red cones just inside the visitor parking lot are working to keep motorists moving all the way forward before stopping to drop off and/or pick up children. That is a big key in keeping traffic flowing and the parking lot as clear as possible. So, thanks. Finally, if anyone would like to help with traffic flow -- whether it's at the crosswalk near the playground, or outside the parking lot -- please contact me. Dale Ulland, 223-4275 or ducutucu@comcast.net. I'm home everyday until 2:45 p.m. Thanks for helping to make Bacon a safe school.



Teacher Summer

Jen Dixon

Art

I drove to Nebraska and Minnesota to visit my family for a little over a week. I also had more classes to get my Master's degree in Integrated Teaching through the Arts, and I had lots of homework! I also got to go to Boston, Massachusetts for a week to visit my sister who works in the city and participated in a 10k run where I beat my best time!

Holly Pippin

Music

I took 2 music classes and my final comprehensive exams at CSU to finish my Masters in Music Education. My husband and I spent a weekend mountain biking in Colorado Springs in June. In July, we went to Marco Island in Florida for 5 days to go shelling, dolphin-watching, and to relax on the beach.

Jill Cottingham

Special Ed

I finished my master's degree in Special Education at UNC this summer.



Lisa Harter

2nd Grade

We traveled to Washington by car which was quite an experience with 3 kids. We had a wonderful time hanging out at the beach and enjoyed watching all three of our kids catch their first fish! My husband and I went up to Estes and stayed at the Stanley for a weekend. We also played at the pool ALL summer. We needed as much relief from the hot summer days as we could get. Our family had a wonderful summer!

Holly Crump

Explorers LAB

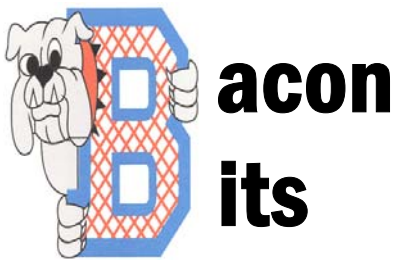
I spent a summer traveling to Arizona, Michigan, and California, most of the time was spent with family. New memories are bursting to the brim, and I look forward to sharing them with you. My top stories would be: "Catching Frogs at 3Am", and "Walking the Streets of LA"--Can't wait to hear your stories. See you soon.



Jean Brodahl

Media/Tech

Now that our daughter and husband are back in Fort Collins, the whole family, along with my son, spent a restful week in Lake Tahoe in early June. One day the high was 26 and it snowed. It is such a spectacularly beautiful place! Read numerous books, my favorite: the last Harry Potter, of course. I also saw many movies, my favorite: a tie between Harry Potter #5 and Surf's Up. Finished up some long overdue painting projects, enjoyed the Foxes baseball games, golfed many times, and played on the computer. A wonderful summer indeed.



Attention Bacon Parents!!!

Gold C Coupon books are now on sale at Bacon Elementary. The 5th and 6th grade students are selling Gold C Coupon Books after school every day from 3:30 – 4:15PM. The sale will end September 7th. The coupon books are \$10 and they have many buy one and get one free coupons, lots and lots of ski resort coupons, Safeway \$5 off coupons and many more exciting things to do and buy in the Fort Collins area. Please stop on by Bacon Elementary and buy a Gold C Coupon book from our 5th and 6th graders and help them reach their goals. All the monies raised will go to fund Eco Week for the students.

MUSIC NOTES

By Mrs. Pippin

Dear Bacon Elementary Students and Parents, Greetings! My name is Holly Pippin and I am Bacon's new music teacher this year. This year marks my 5th year of teaching elementary music, and I am super-excited to be working with the awesome students here in Poudre School District! This will be an exciting year full of singing, dancing, playing, and learning how to be excellent musicians. We will continue doing musicals and choir, along with many other music activities throughout the year. Please feel free to visit your student in the music room any time you wish, but be prepared to sing and dance with us! I always welcome volunteers too! You may contact me in person, through email or by phone. Be sure to check Bacon's website throughout the year to get information about upcoming events and daily music activities. I know this is going to be a great year in music and I thank you all for your warm welcome!

~Music engages our minds, enriches our lives, and enlivens our hearts~

Musically Yours,
Mrs. Pippin
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Media Center Update

WOW! Bacon had many, many summer readers turn in their summer reading forms! We are so happy that so many Bacon students read over the summer. All the forms are on the bulletin board by the Media Center, come check it out! Bacon readers ROCK!

We are still looking for volunteers in the library. If you can just drop in once in a while we'll always put you to work shelving and helping us out. If you can come on a certain day to help during check out time, that would be great, too. Call us at 488-5304 or 488-5365 or just come on in and talk to us. We'd love to have you help us.

Remember the Media Center is now open on Mon. and Wed. mornings at 8:15 for your child to study, work on homework, or read. We are also open after school until 4pm Mon-Thurs. Mrs. Brodahl is not here on Fridays this year.

Were you part of the Harry Potter frenzy this summer? Check out our bulletin board and see who Professor McGonagall (Mrs. Brodahl...shhhhhh) ran into at the midnight party. A few Bacon students were there with sleepy eyes but excited anticipation. We have pictures! Mrs. Brodahl loved every word and LOVES to discuss it with other Harry Potter enthusiasts.

Tech Tip When you are on the internet in a browser like Internet Explorer there is a neat trick you can do to learn more about how to use the internet. Go to the Help button at the top, choose and click Tip of the Day. At the bottom you'll see tips that you can read and learn about. Enjoy!

Literacy Link

Welcome back to school! As your children come back to the magnificent learning environment at Bacon, many of you are wondering how to continue to foster that enthusiasm for learning at home. In terms of literacy, the message is clear: Help your child become a successful reader by reading aloud to him or her. Not only is it cheap and fun for both parents and children, but research has proven that reading to your child is better than any phonics program or reading drill. So, head to the library and pick out some books that the whole family will enjoy. Don't be afraid to ask the librarian for help choosing the appropriate reading level and/or topic. Librarians are very knowledgeable about good books and about kids. It's also important that you like the books you share with children because when you're finished with the book, or maybe even before then, it's time for talk. Discuss the book with your child and share your impressions, connections, and feelings. Please don't think that when your child has learned how to read, your job is done—the fun is just beginning! Happy Reading

Girl Scout/Brownies

Girl Scout/Brownies will be having an informational meeting on Sept. 12 @ 6:15—7:00 in the flex room. All interested parents of 2nd & 3rd graders will need to be in attendance for this meeting

End Notes

Student Directory Deadline

The deadline to have your business ad in the Student Directory is Monday, Sept. 10. The cost is \$25 for a business card size and \$40 for a 4.5" x 3.5" size.

Remember, this is a great opportunity for you to support Bacon Elementary while giving Bacon Families the opportunity to support your business! Please email your ad to Gayle Schmidt at gayle207@msn.com or Adeila Tonn at adaywith2ds@comcast.net TODAY! You may also contact them to get your ad in the October issue of the Bacon Beacon!

Newsletter volunteers needed!
The newsletter staff (just Denise Johnson at the moment) is in desperate need of volunteers to help distribute the newsletters. It is an easy way to volunteer at home and takes about an hour per month. Please contact Denise @ denisefromfc@comcast.net for more details.



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