



Bacon Bacon

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The Principal Perspective

Dear Parents,

With the exception of a couple minor glitches, the first days of school have gotten off to a very smooth start. Transportation is having some difficulties getting all the routes running smoothly and timely, and our air conditioning thinks it's still summer vacation. Once both of these get ironed out, we'll be back to running as normal. Everything else seems to be going very well.

Drop-off and pick-up procedures

For those of you new to Bacon, I wish to share all of the routines for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-ups. In the morning, you have a couple of options if you drive your children to school. The first option is to enter the south parking lot off of Zephyr Dr. and pulling around to the yellow curb. We ask that you pull forward as far as possible, and to please have your child exit your vehicle on the curb side. If the yellow curb is full, please wait until you can safely pull forward to an open spot. **Please do not park along the curb and leave your vehicle, as this severely backs up the flow of traffic.** The other option in the morning is to park on either Zephyr Dr. or in a designated parking spot in the south parking lot, and walk with your child to the playground area. **Please do not arrive before 8:40 as teachers will not be out to supervise on the playground until that time.**

For afternoon pickup, the yellow curb in the south

parking lot works very much the same way, as long as you plan to stay in your vehicle and wait for your child to meet you there. If you wish to park and meet your child somewhere on our school grounds, you may park in the south parking lot or along Zephyr Dr. Kindergarteners will be escorted to the playground area by their teacher to be met by a parent or designee, and are asked to use the small gate off our playground along Zephyr Dr. If older siblings are instructed to meet their younger brothers and sisters, we ask that those connections be made in front of the school, perhaps near the flagpole, and not at the classrooms. The playground is unavailable for use until after 3:45 with parental supervision. This is when our buses have left the grounds, and our teachers on duty have left their designated stations. We are accountable to ensure that all children have been safely picked up by their parent or designee. It becomes very difficult for us to determine if they have been safely connected with their respective rides when many of them are scattered around our playground.

Parents are asked not to use the west parking lot in the morning or after school, as that is designated for buses and staff parking only. I hope you find this information helpful, and if you have further questions about our procedures, please feel free to call me at 488-5301, or email me at wills@psdschools.org.

Sincerely,

494-5301, wills@psdschools.org

Many Thanks !!!

By Teresa Kopyay

Bacon Elementary School would like to say a very special thank you to **King Soopers on Timberline Road** for their donation toward our Back to School Ice Cream Social. We had a great turn out on Tuesday evening. I

think all the students had a great time meeting their teachers and catching up with their friends. I know I had a great time visiting with new and old friends! The Bacon PTA thanks the staff for doing such a great job putting on this event. Last but not least, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped with the activities. Many, many thanks!

PTA News & Notes

PTA Corner

By Kim Johnson

It seems as if Bacon is getting off to a wonderful start for the new school year. The ice cream social was well attended, and there were lots of old and new faces. As you came into the school on the 22nd, you probably saw a glimpse of all the wonderful things we do as a PTA to help our school. The Gold C books are ready to go and this money really helps our current sixth and fifth grade classes to raise money for Eco Week. The kids really have a great time on this 3 day learning adventure and the PTA is happy to help support this to keep the costs down so all children can attend. Not far from Gold C is our Sally Foster fundraiser. This is a wonderful and easy way for families and friends to help support Bacon in all the remaining avenues we have to give back to the school. The teachers and children benefit from all the money raised. The kids get a little something out of it as well and they are helping their school in a meaningful way.

This year we are also going to continue with various smaller ways to help the Bacon Community. Scrip is a new and exciting feature we are starting. Scrip cards are similar to gift cards, they are used all over town and Bacon gets a percentage back of all the different cards sold.

You can buy Starbucks coffee cards, Safeway, Barnes & Nobel and many, many more. A list will be provided soon, and if you have any questions you can ask them at our first PTA meeting on September 12th at 9:00 am.

We really hope to see new faces at this meeting. If there are new parents who would like to help and volunteer in various areas, this is a way to find out what the needs of the school are. If you have any questions about the PTA, feel free to contact me by email djandkj@frii.com or phone 226-5052.

Bacon Fundraising

By Teresa Kopyay

Bacon's PTA is happy to announce our fundraising efforts off to a great start! I'm sure all your children have come home with a Gold C Coupon Book by now. If your child did not get one, there are more in the office. Please remember the demo books that were sent home with your child **DO NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED, IF YOUR CHILD SELLS ONE OR MORE BOOKS.** We will subtract it from their order. However, if they do NOT sell the demo book, please return it to their teacher. Please have all checks made out to Bacon PTA and collect payment on the day of the sale. All orders will be filled two weeks after the end of sale, which is on September 8, 2006. Your child will bring home all the books they sell on September 22, 2006 for delivery. Bacon's PTA sincerely appreciates all your hard work and efforts helping Bacon reach its fundraising goals. Please take this opportunity to look over this year's budget. As you can see there are many wonderful programs that the PTA's monies lends a helping hand to. If you have any questions or need more books, please call me at 970-482-0152 or email me at Tkopyay@mesanetworks.net.

Traffic Safety Patrol

By Marie Krizanovic, Bacon Traffic Safety Coordinator



We are still in need of volunteers to serve 15-minute shifts (morning & afternoon) for the Bacon Traffic Safety Patrol. If you would be available to serve a shift in the morning (8:40-8:55a.m.) on a particular day of the week or an afternoon shift (3:30-3:45p.m.) please contact Marie Krizanovic. The more volunteers we have, the fewer shifts the volunteers have to serve. Our priority patrol is the crossing intersection south of the playground and across Zephyr Street. Volunteers don an orange safety vest and direct traffic with a hand-held stop sign. Secondary patrol is the south parking lot along the drop-off lanes. Please consider donating 15 minutes of your time to help keep our students safe! Please contact Marie at krizanovics@aol.com or 377-1975.

September Calendar

Sept. 5	Cub Scout Recruiting Night
Sept. 8	Gold C Orders Due
Sept. 12	PTA Meeting, 9am
Sept. 21	Newsletter Deadline

What Is Cub Scouting at Bacon Elementary?



The Purposes of Cub Scouting

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are:

Character Development	Spiritual Growth
Good Citizenship	Sportsmanship & Fitness
Family Understanding	Respectful Relationships
Personal Achievement	Friendly Service
Fun and Adventure	Preparation for Boy Scouts

Membership

Boys join a Cub Scout pack and are assigned to a den, usually a group of six to eight boys. Tiger Cubs (first-graders), Wolf Cub Scouts (second-graders), Bear Cub Scouts (third-graders), and Webelos Scouts (fourth-and fifth-graders) meet several times per month.

Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather for a pack meeting under the direction of a Cubmaster and pack committee. The committee includes parents of boys in the pack and members of the chartered organization. There are over 830,000 Cub Scouts nationwide.

Volunteer Leadership

Pack 97 is run by you. Volunteers help run the Pack and make an exciting experience for the boys. Bacon PTO is our chartered organization.

Advancement Plan

Recognition is important to young boys. The Cub Scouting advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.

Activities

Cub Scouting means "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness.

Cub Scout Academics and Sports

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program provides the opportunity for boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship, and have fun. Participation in the program allows boys to be recognized for physical fitness and talent-building activities.

Camping

Age-appropriate camping programs are packed with theme-oriented action that brings Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts into the great out-of-doors. Camp Jack Nicol located near the Red Feather Lakes is a world class facility that Pack 97 has literally in our own backyard.

Character Development

Since its origin, the Scouting program has been an educational experience concerned with values. Character can be defined as the collection of core values possessed by an individual that leads to moral commitment and action. Core values are the basis of good character development. In helping boys develop character, Cub Scouting promotes the following 12 core values.

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

Citizenship	Compassion
Cooperation	Courage
Faith	Health & Fitness
Honesty	Perseverance
Positive attitude	Resourcefulness
Respect	Responsibility

Character is "values in action."

Cub Scouting Ideals

Apart from the fun and excitement of Cub Scout activities, the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Tiger Cub motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.

No Boy will be Denied!

Pack 97 offers financial assistance for anyone who needs it. Boys come first!

Cub Scout Promise

*I, (name), promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.*

Please come see what Pack 97 is all about. **Recruiting night is Tuesday September 5th at Bacon.** Please contact Mark Williams, Cubmaster with any questions. (970)214-1277, mbwilli@comcast.net. Information is available at www.pack97cubs.org.



From the District

Code of Conduct Protects Students, Upholds Discipline

Parents and students are urged to review PSD's high expectations for student behavior stated in the 2006–2007 *Student Rights & Code of Conduct* booklet, distributed annually to every family (online at www.psdschools.org).

Homemade Food Prohibited in PSD Classrooms

Under Colorado's State Health Department regulations for school food service, students may not bring homemade foods into the classroom for sharing among classmates.

Food prepared or served in classrooms is a **significant** concern of the Larimer County Health Department due to the potential for transmitting food-borne illness. With food prepared in students' homes and in classrooms, it is difficult to assure proper sanitation and safe hygienic practices. There is also no way to thoroughly clean and sanitize food preparation surfaces, utensils, and other equipment used in a classroom.

Homemade food items and snacks are not permitted in schools with the intent of sharing these with others—including classroom parties, birthday celebrations, potlucks, etc. If it is necessary to have food in classrooms, only commercially prepared foods from retail stores should be served. If items are not individually wrapped, an adult using a serving utensil should provide a serving to each child. Children should not be permitted to put their hands into a common container to serve themselves—e.g., popcorn from a common bowl, cookies from a common package, etc.

For more information, contact Christine Rock, Director of Food Service, at (970) 490-3560 or via e-mail at mr@psdschools.org.

Watch for PSD website updates

Parents: Log on to the PSD website (www.psdschools.org) for the latest information about major district initiatives. Click on the Major Initiatives star to learn more about grade configuration, student-based budgeting study, 10-year facilities plan, and more. Look under News & Events for information about current events, employee and student recognitions, and more.

PSD Seeking Nominations to Name New Wellington School

Poudre School District (PSD) is seeking nominations to name the new Wellington elementary school, which is under construction and tentatively scheduled to open fall 2007. PSD will follow current Board of Education policy and regulations for the naming process.

Nominations will be accepted through Monday, September 25, 2006. The nomination form can be picked up at the following locations:

Wellington schools: Eyestone Elementary and Wellington Junior High

PSD Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte

Or, call 482-7420 for a form to be mailed to you.

Those wishing to make nominations should complete the nomination form and submit three letters of recommendation on or before **September 25, 2006**, to Ellen Laubhan, Communications Coordinator, Poudre School District, 2407 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80521. For additional information, call 482-7420, or e-mail info@psdschools.org.

Sex Offender Registry Information Available

State law (Senate Bill 22-1-124) requires that all schools notify parents about how to access records on registered sex offenders. Following are ways to obtain information about registered offenders:

List of Offenders living inside city limits is available at City of Fort Collins Police Services: Residents of Fort Collins must go to the Fort Collins Police Department, 300 LaPorte Avenue, and fill out a request form (no charge to view list; \$7.50 to purchase copy). Police Services is working on moving the database online. No date has been given for completion.

List of offenders living outside city limits in Larimer County is available from Larimer County Sheriff: Residents must go to the Sheriff's Office administration building, 2501 Midpoint Drive. Bring photo identification, and fill out request form (no charge to view list; \$7.50 to purchase copy). A partial database is online at: <http://www.larimer.org/sheriff/sexoffenders/index.htm>.

Colorado sex offenders registry from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation: available online at <http://sor.state.co.us>.



Music Notes

By Dr. Allison Pietras

Hello Bacon Parents! We have another exciting year of music programs ahead of us. Our 6th graders are currently learning their Ecological Week Songs and Dances in music and are doing such a great job!

5th and 6th Choir Auditions

In our last week of August, our 5th and 6th graders will be auditioning for the 2006-2007 Bacon Bulldog Choir. Students will be singing "America, the Beautiful" in a group of three. I will also be testing their range. If your child is selected for choir, you will receive a packet of information regarding choir. This year we will be asking for \$10.00 for our t-shirts and music fees. Choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 19th, from 8:15-8:50 a.m. We will meet each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child is on time to rehearsals as there are many pieces of music and choreography we need to learn for our Winter Show.

3rd and 4th

All 3rd and 4th grade students will audition for their musical in September (instead of October). I'd like to start their musical soon, before our baby arrives, so they know their parts and what to expect when I return from maternity leave. Our program is currently scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. We will conduct all scene rehearsals during the lunch/recess hour.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our music program! I look forward to seeing you at our shows. If you have any questions, call me at 488-5345.

BEST - Bacon Energy Savings Team

By Diane Odbert

Bacon will once again have the Bacon Energy Savings Team as a before school club for 4th - 6th grade students. Mrs. Odbert, Mrs. Martin, and Ms. Haywood will be advising this group. BEST students will take a leadership role to educate our entire Bacon community about the energy savings features that are designed into the building, things we all can do to save energy dollars and earn money back for our school, and learn about all sorts of topics related to energy sources, recycling and the environment, and engineering. Students will also be trained to give technical building tours to interested visitors. If you would like to learn more about BEST, contact Mrs. Odbert at dodbert@psdschools.org. Look for a flyer in Friday folders at the end of September with our meeting dates, times, and topics.



Notes from the Office

By Jana Parker

Calls for Messages to Kids:

Please remember to talk to your kids in the morning before school about any issues that may change their routine, i.e. "don't ride the bus home, Grandma is picking you up today". This really helps to limit the number of calls coming in to the office. We understand that there are occasions when situations change during the day and we will be happy to help get those messages to your student.

Lunch Info:

We have added a basket to Mrs. Lanter's desk for lunch money drop offs. This is for those parents who would prefer to drop money here at the office rather than sending money/checks with their student. REMEMBER, put your child(s)' name, grade and teacher (Johnny Clark-4T) on your check or the envelope. Also, if you would like to pay several weeks in advance, this is your option.

Clinic

Just a reminder that no medications, prescriptions or over the counter, can be sent with students in their backpacks to school. All medications must have written approval by a physician to be dispensed at school. This includes inhalers, pain medication and cough drops. If you need a medication release form, please stop by the office.

Visiting Bacon

If you are coming to Bacon for any reason, you need to sign in/out in the office. The white sheet is for volunteers and blue for visitors.

Checking Students Out/In

If there is a need to take a student out during the day, please sign them out/in on the blue sheets in the office. This way, we can account for a student if they are not in class.

End Notes

Volunteer Connection

By Allyson VanAlstyne

Welcome back to school! I hope you are looking forward to an exciting year at Bacon Elementary.

If you are planning to volunteer in a classroom, in the media center, at a social event, on a field trip or in any other capacity at our school, PSD is requiring all volunteers to register with the district. **BEGINNING THIS YEAR, VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY.** For the safety of our children, anyone NOT registered through Poudre School District will NOT be allowed to volunteer.

EVERYONE (parents, grandparents, older siblings, community members, etc.) who volunteer at Bacon MUST register with the Poudre School District. You will be subject to a CBI background check if you are a new volunteer. Random background checks are ongoing. If you have already registered, you will not need to do it again.

To register as a new volunteer OR if you have registered online previously and would like to update your profile:

- √ Go to the PSD website by typing in: www.psdschools.com
- √ Click on "Volunteers & Resources"
- √ Click on the "Volunteers" icon and follow the on screen instructions
- √ Read the Volunteer Agreement and click on "I agree" *you must do this every time to access your volunteer profile
- √ If you are registering for the first time, click on the "Volunteer Application" icon
- √ If you want to update your information, click on "Volunteer Login"
- √ Follow the directions on your screen to fill out the volunteer profile information

If you do not have access to a computer, you can login in our Media Center or any other computer with internet access.

Once you are a registered volunteer, you will receive a personalized nametag at the sign-in podium and can receive email announcements and communications regarding ongoing volunteer needs.

Look for our "Tickets for Time" coming home in Friday folders for school-wide volunteer opportunities. Individual classroom volunteers will be scheduled at a later date during Back to School Night. If you have any questions or are having problems registering, please contact me at: Okoboji50@msn.com.



Save Those Box Tops!

By David Johnson

As your BoxTop Coordinator I want to welcome you back to school! This year the sky is the limit in our collection of BoxTops for Bacon Elementary. BoxTop Coupons are located on the packaging of most of your favorite food items. Just clip the coupon and when it is turned in, we receive 10 cents for our school. Last year we raised approximately \$1,000. This year we're shooting for a minimum of \$1,200.



Our first BoxTop competition will begin on September 1 and run through September 30. Each classroom will compete in the event. The classroom that collects the most BoxTop coupons during the month of September receives a pizza party. The collection sheets will be handed out next week. So start collecting BoxTop coupons and win a pizza party with your fellow classmates.

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