

Blevins Bear Tracks



Newsletter for Incoming 6th and 7th Graders

Dear Incoming 6th and 7th grade students and parents/guardians:

Welcome to Blevins Middle School! I am very excited about the upcoming school year and I am sure you are as well. The purpose of this communication is to get you and your students as much information as possible at the beginning of summer break. The enclosed information will help you and your student with a smooth transition to middle school. We have included many dates and times for the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. Please note that these times and dates are planned to the best of our ability and understand that over a three month time-period, may need to be adjusted. You should receive your August newsletter in the mail a few weeks before the beginning of school. If, for whatever reason, it does not find you, stop by the Blevins office and pick one up a couple of weeks before school.

To our new incoming students we extend a warm welcome and share with you an excitement as you enter this new stage of development. The 6th and 7th grade classes are two special classes of students who will play an integral role in establishing Blevins as a "Middle School." As we wind down the 2008-2009 school year at Blevins, we are working hard to prepare for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. At this time, we are working to schedule classes, planning the school calendar, selecting a few new staff hires, and planning for "kick-off" of a new school year as Blevins Middle School.

To our parents we extend our hand as a partner in your child's education; whether as first time Blevins parent or as a previous parent. We encourage parents to remain an active partner in their child's education. I hope you will be as active at Blevins as you have been at your elementary school!

The fall newsletter will contain detailed information regarding registration of new students, schedules, locker assignments, fall calendar and upcoming events. If you have not received yours by August 15th, please contact or visit the Blevins office.

Blevins is also actively recruiting parents to fill some vacated positions in the building. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact Michele Trujillo or David Linehan @ 488-4000:

- PTO Members
- Site Improvement Team Members
- School Volunteers

I hope you find this initial information helpful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at Blevins at 488-4000. The staff and I look forward to meeting you in the fall!

Sincerely,

David W. Linehan

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Blevins Mission Statement

Blevins Middle School will create a safe, relevant and challenging learning environment where students, staff and community collaborate to help all students achieve their highest potential.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS:

A completed physical form must be turned into the Health Office before your student attends try-outs, practices, and games. Students must have insurance to participate in athletics. School insurance can be purchased by completing the student insurance form and returning it with payment to the Health Office. All physicals expire one year from the examination date.

Here is the general schedule of our 7th and 8th grade athletics. Look for the sports schedule with dates in your child's Student Handbook during the first week of school.

Fall Sports

Football - August
Softball - August
Tennis*



Winter Sports

Wrestling - October
Girls Basketball - October
Boys Basketball - December



Spring Sports

Volleyball - February
Track - April
Golf Club*



*A physical form is not needed for these 2 activities.

Please get signed up for the Blevins email list by going to the District website at pdschools.org and clicking on the icon on the left-hand side that says, "Email Alert Sign Up". Put in your name and email address and be sure to click the box next to Blevins. If you are already signed up with your elementary school, make sure you go in and click on Blevins as well. This is a very valuable communication tool that we use at least bi-weekly. If you are not signed up, you could be missing important information.

Health Information for 2009-2010

Immunizations:

AS PER STATE LAW: STUDENTS MUST BE COMPLIANT TO BE IN SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD REQUIRES THESE IMMUNIZATIONS PRIOR TO ATTENDING BLEVINS:

DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	5 doses
Tdap booster	1 dose
Polio	4 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses*
*A 2 dose series is now available for children ages 11-15.	
MMRs	2 doses
Varicella	1 dose (or disease history from health care provider, parent or guardian.)

A Tdap booster is required for all 6th/7th/8th/10th-12th graders

This is different than the DTaP vaccinations they received as infants and pre-K. The "p" (pertussis) has been added to the standard Td booster in order to protect teens against whooping cough. Your student will be considered "in Process" if they have received a Td booster in the past 2 years. When the 2 years has passed, the requirement will be enforced.

Prior to the 1st day of school, a copy of the immunization record from the doctor's office must be provided to the school.

Please submit proof of these immunizations as soon as possible to your current school. If this is not done, your child will be excluded from school. You may fax immunization records or request your doctor's office to fax this information to Blevins at (970) 488-4011 Attn: Janet Diack. We appreciate your prompt attention and help.

Health Care Action Plans:

Your child is unique. Please give us details about any health concerns that your child may have so we may be of assistance to your child at school. The school nurse will review any information you provide and a Health Care Plan may be developed. Health Care Action Plan forms are available in the Health Office (**and must be renewed yearly**). This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and a physician. Parents/guardians may fax Health Care Action Plans to the physician to sign. Return the signed forms to Blevins for the 2009-10 school year.

- Migraines or frequent headaches
- Asthmas, especially Inhaler users
- Diabetes
- Seizures
- Severe allergies, especially Epipen users
- Any other conditions needing special attention and/or care.

Medication at School:

All medications (doctor prescribed or over-the-counter) given at school must be accompanied by a PSD Medication Release form for the 2009-2010 school year. This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and a physician. The medication must be provided to Blevins in the original prescription bottle accompanied by the completed PSD Medication Release form. Medication must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Students may carry their inhaler or Epipen/antihistamine for a severe allergic reaction, but a medication permission form must be completed and kept on file in the health office for the current school year.

The School Nurse and Blevins Health Tech want to meet the needs of your child to insure a safe and healthy school year. For any questions please call the Blevins Health Clinic at 488-4007. Thank you for your assistance.

Amy Asher, RN, MSN, NP, School Nurse
Janet Diack, Health Technician

BLEVINS SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

(All students must have a Blevins planner on the first day of school)

6TH GRADE LIST

- Blevins planner (purchase at school)
- 2 inch, 3-ring binder
- Package of dividers
- Zipper supply pouch that fits into a 3-ring binder
- Box of colored pencils
- Package of highlighters (4 colors)
- Package of markers
- Adult scissors
- 2 glue sticks (no bottles or rubber cement)
- Calculator (must be capable of scientific operations)
- 12 inch ruler (with inch and centimeter markings)
- Protractor (preferably small and clear)
- Compass
- Large package of loose leaf, wide ruled white paper
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 composition notebooks
- Notebook/tablet of 1/4 inch graph paper
- Package of #2 pencils
- Package of blue or black pens
- 2 pocket folders
- Big eraser
- 2-3 large boxes of Kleenex
- Bottom 3 bullets of 7th and 8th grade list apply to 6th grade as well.

7TH & 8TH GRADE LIST

Supplies needed on 1st day of school:

- Blevins planner (purchase at school)
- Large 3-ring binder (2"), with pencil bag
- 2 pens (blue or black)
- 2 #2 pencils
- Lined loose-leaf paper

Supplies needed throughout the school year:

- Colored pencils
- 3x5 note cards (1 packet)
- Eraser
- Graph paper
- Notebook dividers
- Scientific calculator for math
- Glue for art classes
- Highlighters
- A dictionary for home use
- P.E. classes require that students have a complete set of gym clothes (preferably black shorts, a short sleeved white shirt and tennis shoes) ready to wear each day.
- Individual teachers may request other supplies of class fees
- All textbooks issued by the school will need to be covered.

Watch for Student Data Verification forms in the August newsletter. Those MUST be returned during schedule and locker distribution, or schedules will not be issued.

SCHEDULE AND LOCKER DISTRIBUTION

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11-12, students will receive schedules and locker assignments. (See dates and times to the right.) Students will be assigned their lockers, and may locate them and try working their combinations at their designated time. If your student is unable to attend on those dates, they may pick up schedules in the auxiliary gym between 7:00 and 7:40 am on August 17, for 6th and 7th graders, and between 7:00 and 7:40 am on August 18 for 8th graders. **Only 8th graders will be able to have lockers assigned by friends. 6th and 7th grade lockers will be assigned by 1st period class.**

DATES FOR AUGUST 2009

August 6, 7, 10 & 11 8:00-12:00 am
New Student Registration

Aug. 10 2:00 pm
7th/8th grade Football mtg. for students and parents in Gym 101

Aug. 10-11 3:00-5:15 pm
7th/8th grade Football Camp - check the Blevins website for information and registration forms.

August 11, Tues. 8:30-9:30 am
8th grade schedules and lockers issued.

August 11, Tues. 10:00-11:30 am
7th grade schedules and lockers issued.

August 12, Wed. 8:30-10:00 am
6th grade schedules and lockers issued

August 17, Mon. - 6th and 7th grade First Day of School

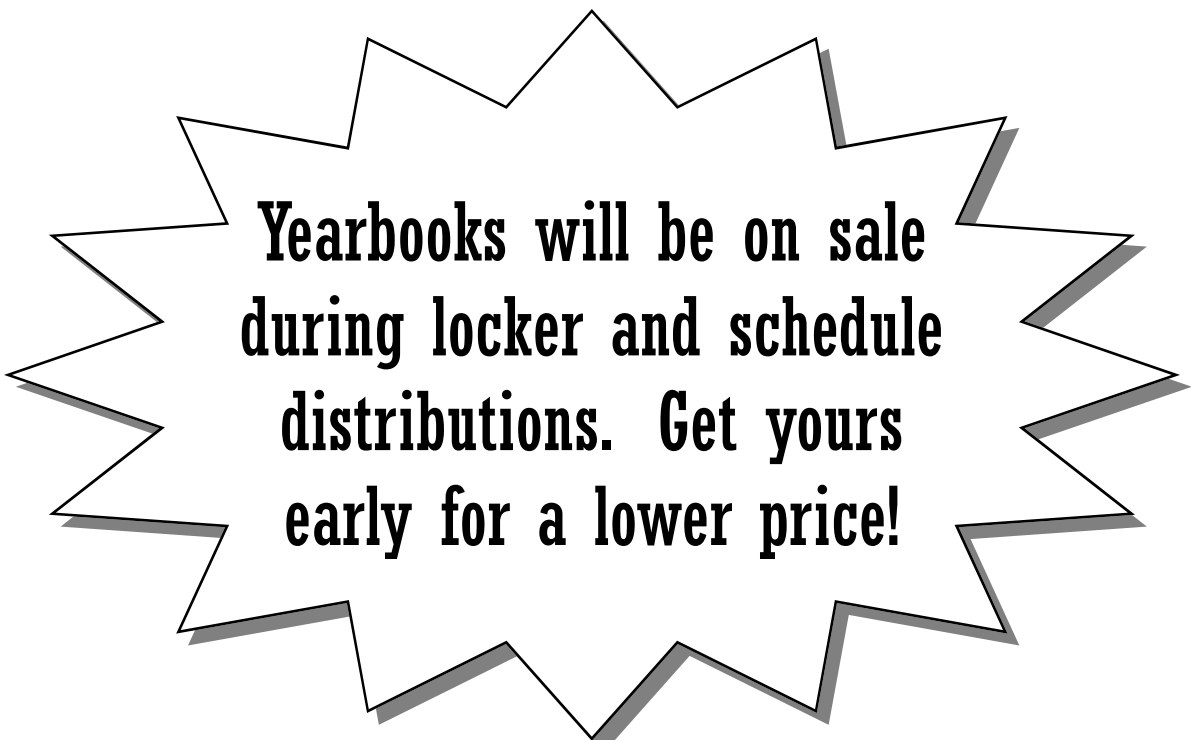
August 18, Tues. - All students in school (first day for 8th graders)

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