



Bonnie Brae Star



Bonnie Brae Elementary School
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We dare, dream see and do. You count on us; we count on you!

703-321-3900 Office
703-321-3910 Clinic
703-321-3939 Attendance



NEW HOURS:

Mon: 8:30 - 12:40

Tues-Fri: 8:30 – 3:10

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! It was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk with so many of you at the Back-to-School Nights. Your support, enthusiasm and commitment to working alongside the staff and administration in support of your children makes Bonnie Brae a very special place for us all!

It is hard to believe that October is just around the corner. The students have settled into their new classes and daily routines. One of the routines that is key in helping students to develop organization skills and accept increasing amounts of responsibility as they grow older is that of completing nightly homework assignments. A regular time and place for homework helps students establish a routine and communicates your expectations that homework completion is a priority. Students in grades 3-6 use homework assignment notebooks to help develop these organization and responsibility skills by recording their assignments daily. A family calendar on the refrigerator is a good way to stay organized and on top of due dates for long-term projects, special assignments, upcoming tests, field trips, and school-wide events. You may even want to use a different color for each family member as things are written on the calendar. Encourage your child to have the phone number of one or two friends in his or her class to call in case there is confusion about directions for an assignment, a due date, or if your child is absent. Utilize the amazing amount of information that you can find on Blackboard. Helping your child to get in the routine of putting their homework and school supplies in their backpack the night before and placing that backpack in the same location for easy pick up as they leave the house is an excellent way of ensuring that completed homework is brought to school each day.

Remember to praise your children for doing their homework, completing projects on time and being responsible for getting their work to school. Your words of encouragement and support motivate and assure your children that they are ready for and capable of taking on these responsibilities. As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

Fondly,

Kathy Bruce

Principal

Calendar



Oct 1— Field Day Gr 1—3

Oct 2— Field Day Gr 4-6

Sally Foster Gift Wrap Orders Due

Oct 8— New Parent Coffee 9:30 am

Oct 12— Columbus Day Observed
(No School)

Oct 19— CogAt Test Gr 2-6

Oct 20—21— CogAt Test Gr 2 &
Selected Students

Oct 22 — Jamestown Field Trip Gr 4
CogAt Test Gr 2 & Selected
Students

Oct 23— SCA Spirit Day
Fall Festival 6:00 pm

Oct 28— Picture Day

Oct 30— First Grading Period Ends
Sally Foster Delivery

Coming Attractions

- Nov 2—3 - Student Holidays
- Teacher Workdays
- Nov 11—Veteran's Day Program Gr 4
- Nov 24— Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov 25— 2 hr Early Dismissal
- Nov 26-27— Thanksgiving Holiday



CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORMS

Attached is a new form to be used by parents if you request that your child's transportation home be changed. Check a box and fill out any pertinent information to alleviate any problems with your child's change in transportation and send it in to your child's teacher. This form is also on the Bonnie Brae Website under Forms.

!!! BOTH SETS OF PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THE CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORM FOR THE CHILDREN TO GO TO HOME WITH SOMEONE ELSE !!!

PTO UPDATES

The PTO Newsletter will be published online every month. To view the September newsletter, please go to www.bonniebraepto.org and click on the September link found along the left-hand side of the page.

- ◆ In this month's issue:
- ◆ Letter from Kelly Hood, PTO President
- ◆ Box Tops and Tyson Chicken ongoing fundraisers
- ◆ Sally Foster Fundraiser – October 2 deadline!!!
- ◆ Fall Festival – Mark Your Calendars for October 23

In addition, our website contains information about:

- ◆ PTO programs and other fundraisers
- ◆ PTO membership and volunteering

We also have a 09-10 PTO calendar online and a link for ordering Bonnie Brae Spirit Wear.

Just added – **HELP WANTED** – current/immediate need for volunteers. Go to the PTO homepage and click on the link on the right-hand side of the page to view current needs.



Reminders, Reminders!

The beginning of the year gives us the opportunity to remind students and parents alike of general procedures that are followed at school.

Thank you for remembering to:

- Ask your child to show you what is in his/her backpack each day.

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