



Bonnie Brae Star

March 24, 2009

From the Prez

As we head into the homestretch of the Bonnie Brae's twentieth year, there is lots of good news to report. BBES was recognized by the school board with a 2009 Board of Education Excellence Award, our first ever read-a-thon was phenomenally successful, and our faculty staff basketball team won their big game.

Before the big game I had a chance to stop by and watch our first BBES all-school pep rally. If you haven't had a chance to watch all of our incredible kids chanting their hearts out for their school, you're missing out on something special. I know most of us don't need another reason to thank our incredible faculty and staff, but here's another anyhow: Pride. Those students just plain LOVE that school, from our treasured Scotty Dog mascot (which my son assures me is just as fierce as any lion) to our not-so-leaky-anymore roof.

Speaking of the roof, the teachers and kids have been incredibly flexible. We got pretty lucky to get these crucial repairs despite the cutbacks (in case you need a reason beyond basketball to love our principal!).

One more note on pride – I know most of you feel it, but we really could use a few more of you SHOWING it. And by showing it, of course, I mean volunteering with PTO. This year, and last year, we had a handful of incredible parents whose kids GREW UP. We need parents in the younger grades involved and active to maintain the support our kids need and to keep programming great opportunities for us to all get together. You don't have to be a chair or a board member, but we'd love to add some new members to our fundraising and programming committees. If you have an interest in either one, please give me (fundraising) or Lauren Wagner (programming) a call or email. We don't meet often, the works not hard, the rewards are great, and we have a really great time!

Congratulations again to all of you, parents, faculty, staff and administration, for all that BBES accomplishes - Have a great spring break!

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News to Note

March 31—**SPRING PICTURES**
 April 3—**STUDENT HOLIDAY**
 April 6-10—**SPRING BREAK**
 April 21—**RIISING 7th GRADE PARENT WORKSHOP**
 May 25—**MEMORIAL DAY—NO SCHOOL**
 June 18—**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Coming Attractions

March 25—**DINING OUT**—Brions Grille
 April 13—April 29—Collection Period for Silent Auction Items
 April 27 - **DINING OUT**—Silver Diner
 May 29—Spring Fun Fair

BBES Fun Fair— May 29

Plans for the 2009 Bonnie Brae

Spring Fun Fair are underway and the evening promises to have something for everyone.

We will have lots of carnival games like Hoop

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popular moonbounce and obstacle course, lots of food (Baja Fresh, Chick-Fil-A, cotton candy, sno cones) and, of course, the Silent Auction. We will also have a Bake Sale and, new this year, we will have vendor tables (see separate article and separate flyer in Tuesday packet).

Look for upcoming information on volunteering for the Fun Fair, ticket pre-sales, and a 50/50 raffle.

So mark your calendars for Friday, May 29, beginning at 5:00 and plan on having FUN at the FUN FAIR!

Dining Out Night – Brions Grille

This Wednesday, March 25, let someone else do the cooking!

The PTO has arranged a Dining Out Night at Brion's Grille, located at University Mall, 10621 Braddock Road.

Brion's Grille is a locally-owned, community-oriented American Grille. They offer New American cuisine including ribs, chicken and seafood dishes, and even vegetarian dishes. And for the kids, check out "The Bosses" section of their menu.



A portion of proceeds from the PTO Dining Out night will go to the school. So remember to bring along the flyer previously sent in Tuesday packets (flyer can also be downloaded from the PTO website (<http://members.cox.net/bbespto/index.htm>)). Or mention "Bonnie Brae" to your server (donation excludes alcoholic beverages, tax and tip).

Hope to see you there!

REACH Update

Thank you to all who participated in the R.E.A.C.H. program. Our Bonnie Brae community has been amazingly generous! Thus far, we have raised more than \$8,000 through this reading campaign. And it's not too late to donate!

The three classes having the most number of students participate in the program were Ms. Blodgett, Mrs. Brady and Miss Lemon. These classes were recently treated to a pizza party.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Calling All Bonnie Brae Parents!

The BBES Fun Fair 09 Committee is seeking self-employed Bonnie Brae parents who would like to showcase their products/business at the **Fun Fair on Friday, May 29**. Some ideas include::

- Silpada
- Southern Living
- Avon
- Creative Memories
- Crafters
- Photographers
- Mary Kay
- Usborne Books

This is an excellent opportunity to sell your products/services, spread the word about your business all while supporting your child's school! Tables (6 ft.) will be provided for a fee of \$50. Sign-up (2 booths per represented company) is on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration deadline is April 29 (after April 29, vendor tables will be offered to non-Bonnie Brae individuals). **Contact Dianne Donovan at 703/267-5762 or email: diannedon1@verizon.net.**

Thank You From the Fisher Family

Dear SACC Parents, Guardians, PTA, Teachers, Children – **FRIENDS!**

THANK YOU so much for the “giving tree” toys and gifts. We are so proud to be a part of a family who truly cares about one another at Bonnie Brae Elementary School.

We always knew how special the SACC family is but, never knew just how blessed we were until the disaster of our chimney fire on January 27. It is truly amazing the generosity of those around us, even strangers, who have uplifted and bolstered us through the loss. Luckily, none of us was hurt. We are temporarily displaced from our house and material things, which can be replaced. What is most comforting is that we have each other, our friends and SACC family to rely on and help us through!

As a wise person whom we all know and love, said to us, “When the finger hurts, the whole body aches and we all want the finger to be well”. Because you care, “the finger is healing” just fine!

We are proud to be a part of this wonderful community and are grateful for your gifts, notes, meals, thoughts, prayers and **LOVE!**

May God BLESS all of you for **reaching out** in a time of need!

Love,
The Fisher Family

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bbespto/index.htm](http://members.cox.net/bbespto/index.htm)

Get Those Silent Auction Items Ready

This week's Tuesday packets will contain information about items needed for the Silent Auction to be held during the Fun Fair. Each classroom has been assigned a theme (such as Family Movie Night, A Day at the Beach, PBS Kids).

Your Room Parent will be bringing in a box to collect items for your child's classroom. Basket items will be collected April 13—29. Please think about the theme assigned to your child's class and plan to bring those items in during the collection time.

A complete list of themes assigned to each classroom is provided in the flyer in the Tuesday packet. Should you wish to donate to a different theme, please send in the item and we will be sure it gets to the appropriate basket.

Thank you in advance for your support.
