



## *Bucknell's Best*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many thanks for attending our Back to School Night program. We want to thank all of our families who attended Bucknell's Back to School Night on September 20<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance. We hope that you found the evening informative and enjoyable. The staff is committed to providing a quality instructional program for your children. We value High Expectations and believe all children can Learn and Succeed.

In addition, we want to extend our appreciation to Mr. Daniel Storck, Mount Vernon School Board member and Mr. Matt Ryan, PTA President for attending and speaking at our Back to School Night.

We hope to see you all again on November 5 and 6 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parents and teachers will meet for individual student conferences regarding your child's progress over the first nine weeks of school. Teachers will arrange specific conference dates/times with parents. You will be receiving a conference letter before your appointment. If you do not have an appointment, please contact your child's teacher immediately.

We would also like to thank Ms. Baptiste and Mr. Prior for an outstanding Hispanic Heritage Night. We had over 250 people in attendance and one of the highlights was the Mariachi Band. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers for assisting with the event. We are looking forward to seeing all of you on November 16<sup>th</sup> for Turkey Bingo.

We appreciate parent support of our efforts here at Bucknell Elementary School on behalf of your children—our students.



### **School Picture Day**

Life Touch Photographers will be at Bucknell Elementary School on **October 18** for individual school pictures. Flyers and payment envelopes were sent home last week. If you need another envelope, please contact the office.



### **Custodian Appreciation Week**

October 15-19 is Custodian Appreciation Week. We would like to thank Dave Beaver, Anthony McDade, Reina Castillo, and Alain Nzi for all of their hard work.

### **Early Dismissal**

On Monday, **October 22**, students will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. to allow the staff to participate in the West Potomac Pyramid Staff Development Day. Please make sure that your child knows where to go for dismissal.

### **Book Character Day**

On Wednesday, **October 31**, the staff is planning special activities for Book Character Day. These special activities relate to the curriculum and will be in lieu of Halloween-related celebrations. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. More information about this special day will be forthcoming.

### **RIF Book Giveaway**

Reading is Fundamental will provide all K-6 Bucknell students with a free book during the first RIF giveaway. The RIF giveaway will be held on **October 31**. If you can volunteer some time to assist with our RIF distribution, please call the office at 703-660-2900.



### **Red Ribbon Week**

The last week of October is Red Ribbon Week, which began in 1985 in response to the death of a drug enforcement agent. Members of the National Family Partnership wore badges of red satin ribbon in memory of this agent and to encourage others to take a stand against drugs. Today, Red Ribbon Week reminds everyone of this continued effort against drugs in our communities.

### **Holiday Luncheon & Parent Visitations**

As the holiday season approaches, we invite our students' parents to join their children for a special holiday luncheon on **Thursday, November 15**.

A special flyer will be sent home next week. Please let us know if you will attend the luncheon by returning the reservation form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. This will help us to ensure that we have enough food to feed our students and their special guests.

### **Holiday Assistance**

If you are experiencing a hardship and could benefit from Holiday Assistance, please call Mr. Prior, Guidance Counselor, at 703-660-2931. He will make arrangements for Food Baskets and/or toys.