

Benner Elementary

Friday Newsletter

September 1, 2017



Our First Week.....

The first five days of school were a success. Students and staff members were able to get to know each other. Students became familiar with school-wide procedures and classroom routines. Next week we should be able to settle into a consistent routine. Thank you for your patience as we work through the typical beginning of the year transportation, drop-off and dismissal issues that sometimes occur.

Please pay attention to the student drop-off procedures. School begins at 8:10.

Student Drop-Off Procedures

Students may be dropped off at the front door between 7:30 AM and 7:45 AM. A staff member will be at the door to greet the students. Be careful and patient with the any early buses.

If you are dropping off your child between 7:45 and 8:09, you will use the lower parking lot. A staff member will be positioned in the lower lot to assist with drop off. Please pull up to this person, drop your child off, and

proceed to the end of the parking lot to turn around. The last 2 parking spaces on each side will be utilized to help parents safely turn around and exit the lot.

Back to School Night

The annual Benner Elementary Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 7 from 6:30-7:30.

Grades K-2

Classroom Presentations 6:30-7:00

Open House 7:00-7:30

Grades 3-5

Open House 6:30-7:00

Classroom Presentations 7:00-7:30

Please plan to attend and let your student show off his/her classroom. Doors will open at 6:30.

Girls Wanna Run

Information went home with girls in grades 4 and 5 about the afterschool Girls Wanna Run program. It begins on Monday, September 11 from 3:00-4:00. For more details, please contact Mr. Cyone and ecyone@basd.net. A flyer is attached this week as well.

Visiting Benner Elementary School

Anytime you come to school, please be sure to bring photo identification along with you. We will continue to use our system (School Gate Guardian) that scans your driver's license. In order to gain entrance you will be asked to swipe your identification card and a visitor's badge will be printed for you to wear while inside the building

Attendance

On Monday we had perfect attendance. This is wonderful as we want our students in school every minute of every day that they are healthy

enough to attend. Learning is disrupted for the student when he or she is not in attendance.

When your child is going to be absent from school, please be sure that you call the office to report him/her absent or you can send an email to Mrs. Potter at bpotter@basd.net. If the school does not hear from you, an automated phone call will be sent to you indicating that your child is not in attendance.

Also, please make sure to send in an excuse for your child's absence the day he/she returns. You may email the excuse or send in a hard copy. Failure to provide an excuse will result in an unexcused day being assigned to your child's attendance record. This step is in addition to the phone call made on the day of the absence.

Educational Trips

Requests must be submitted two (2) weeks before the date of departure.

No more than 5 days will be considered per year.

Approval is contingent upon academic progress, attendance, discipline, and keeping up with assignments during the trip.

Trips will not be approved during the PSSA testing window for students in a testing grade.

The Attendance Policy in its entirety, as well as all district policies, can be accessed on the web at

<http://www.basd.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=33>

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Volunteers

Please consider being a Benner Bear Volunteer. Volunteers help with a variety of tasks in the school and with the PTA. Our students/staff could

use your help. Please see visit
<http://www.basd.net/domain/84>.

SWPBIS-The Bear Necessities

“How Full is Your Bucket?”

A kick-off assembly was held this afternoon. Students were reminded of the school-wide rules and learned how to follow them during an assembly. The theme of the assembly was to encourage students to be bucket fillers instead of bucket dippers. Students also viewed a video. See the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5R6-2m_qHk&list=FLUGWSV49Hj37BeC1nuUGm4w&index=1

Benner Elementary students follow 4 school-wide-rules: **Be Safe, Everyone Be Kind, Always Be Respectful, and Ready and Prepared**. They earn “Bear Paws” when caught following the rules. Please encourage your student to follow the school-wide rules and look for “Bear Paws” to start coming home during the first few weeks of school.

Benner Elementary Parent Teacher Association

Thank you for supporting the PTA and our students last year. Please consider becoming a PTA member. Visit <http://www.basd.net/domain/479> for more information or look for our PTA Officers at Back to School Night on September 7.

One simple task that you could do to immediately begin helping our school is to cut

out and collect “**Box Tops**”. Our PTA makes a positive profit from the “Box Top” program.

The first Box Top collection day will be on September 22.

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held on September 11 at 6:30 in the school cafeteria.

Benner Elementary Has a Presence on Social Media

Please find news about the Benner Bears on Twitter. @BennerBears

We are also on Facebook and can be found by searching for Benner Elementary School.

Free/Reduced Lunch and Breakfast

If your family qualifies, we can provide your student with free or reduced meals at school. Go to www.paschoolmeals.com to apply for this benefit or contact our office for a paper copy.

Weekend Backpack Program

Look for the attached information about a program that provides backpacks with snacks and other food items for the weekend to students and their siblings. Consider taking advantage of this great program if it would benefit your family.

ALL Pro Dads/iMOM Morning Breakfasts Return

Benner Elementary will hold its first All Pro Dad’s Breakfast on Friday, September 22 from 7:15-8:00 AM. All Pro Dad’s Breakfast is a simple idea with a profound impact. It’s a 45 minute monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school cafeteria. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship.

Students and Dads (or any other adult role model) can purchase an adult breakfast for \$1.30 or a student breakfast for \$1.00 from the cafeteria or may choose to bring breakfast from home.

iMOMs will meet in October on the 27th at 7:15.

STUDENTS AND MEDIA

Periodically, we have television stations and newspaper reporters who come to our schools for different events. They almost always ask to take photographs of our students, and sometimes they also want to interview children. That means that when we’re doing something truly exciting, we want to have our students interviewed and photographed. We also like to include student pictures on the district website (www.basd.net). There are many exciting activities and events that we’re proud to share with the community using the internet. We would like the opportunity to include more children in those exciting news stories on the district website. This allows us to promote the great and exciting happenings in our school.

Parents/Guardians who object to having photos or names of their child(ren) published to a website or

any other form of media must notify Mr. Vancas in writing via letter and/or email.

Save the Date

Sept. 7	Back to School Night	6:30-7:30
Sept. 11	PTA General Mtg.	6:30-7:30
Sept. 22	All Pro Dads Breakfast	7:15
	Box Top Collection Day	
Sept. 29	Fall Picture Day	

Benner *Bear* Necessities -



Be Safe

Everyone Be Kind

Always Be Respectful

Ready & Prepared

SCHOOL RULES AGAINST BULLYING

We will not bully others.

We will try to help students who are bullied.

We will make it a point to include students who are easily left out.

When we know somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.