



Bobcat Country News

Principal Paws

Dear Parents,

As the first quarter comes to an end, we look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher conferences Oct 26-29. This is a great time for parents to be updated on their student's school performance.

One of the changes that we are working on at Boulder Creek is providing important parent information on line. By using technology we hope to reduce our reliance on paper communication. Our school website as well our individual teacher websites will be providing parents more and more school information. All school information such as calendars and handbooks will be available as well as homework assignments, school news, classroom updates, grades and curriculum information. Last year we sent home over 3500 pieces of paper per student. Our goal is to reduce that by 50%. An important aspect of "the paperless environment" is that parents take the time to go online to read the information. This will require more effort on everyone's part. We feel it's in your best interest as well as an environmentally responsible step in paper reduction.

Keeping current in the information loop is vital to the success of your child in school. It also signals to your child that you see school as a priority. The more you talk about school activities, projects, homework in a positive way the more you convey that you are interested in your child's learning.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to meeting you at parent-teacher conferences.

Sincerely,

Bob Gibson

Principal



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Upcoming Events

October 1
Governing Board Meeting
7:00 pm DAC

October 7, 2009
Student Council Meeting
8:00 am
PTO Board Meeting
8:30 am

October 9, 2009
Grading Period Ends

October 12, 2009
NO SCHOOL
K-12 Recess

October 14, 2009
PTO - Chuck E Cheese
Family Night

October 15, 2009
School Council 2:45 pm
Governing Board Meeting
7:00 pm DAC

October 21, 2009
Student Council
8:00 am

October 22, 2009
Turn Off the TV and Read
Night

 WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new (and one returning) staff members to Boulder Creek this year - Mr. Norm Pratt, Art, returning to us from MTMS. Camille Lincis, new 2nd grade teacher, Allan Walker, our new Band teacher, and Coral Bowman, our new Honors teacher. We also have Nina Goldberg, Anthony Hollingshead, new paraeducators, MaryJo Canella, our new media technician, and John Greenhalgh, a new duty aide at lunch

 READING CORNER

May I congratulate 48 students and 41 staff members who completed the summer reading program called "Boulder Creek Can Be a Millionaire." The total minutes students read is 85,283. The total minutes staff members read is 48,355. The grand total is 133,638. We did not get close to our goal of a million minutes, but there are some positive signs when compared to the previous summer. 17 more students participated. Students read 42,338 more minutes. Combined, our school read 9,788 more minutes. This year's Grade 3 had the most students participating, just like last year.

I am pleased with the increase in participation and the fact that it comes from all grade levels. I would like to see more Intermediate students involved, especially given that this is an independent activity for them. For Primary students, this is the time to make reading an important part of a daily schedule. Reading regularly and making it a habit is so very important for academic success. Let's form a solid habit during the school year so that it can continue throughout the summer months.

Mrs. Robin Whittier, Reading Specialist

 ART SCRAP SUPPLY WISH LIST

The following is a list of scrap items that you may have lying around your home that you've been waiting to get rid of. Well, you've found the place! I can use these materials for art projects your children will be creating throughout the year. Please send any of these materials in with your child, or drop them off to me, Mr. Pratt. I'm located in Room 200 and items can be dropped off anytime. Thanks for the help.

Paper plates	Yarn	Paper cups
Paper grocery Bags	Egg cartons	Clothes pins
Small paper bags	Beads	Thin wire
Matboard	Buttons	Sandpaper
Bingo blotters	Q-tips	Cotton balls

COMPLIMENT CARD WINNERS Compliment Cards are given to students by any staff member who catches a student doing something good. The following students were drawn to be our Compliment Card winners during our weekly drawing.

Week of August 21 - Kyle Book, Reyna Butler, Kenny Clancy, Yasmin Hematti, Nicholas Pharr, Akex Renier, Emily Rush, Kylie Sears, Austin Stanfield

Week of August 28 - Bailey Buxton, Nicole Caluseriu, Kyle Duran, Kori Gahn, Kassandra Gordon, Reagen Hubler, Caitlyn Hurst, Mariah Moritz, Kaden Nichols, Elise Rollins

Week of September 4 - Sammie Dirks, Ayzema Green, Max Hatcher, Andrew Hunkin, Colton Kleinmen, Luna Lopez, Rachael Mihaylo, Victoria Tritschler, Caycie Voorhees, Isabella Williams

Week of September 11 - Max Barrett, Morgan Clifton, Katelyn Crawford, Christorphy Hurst, Roby Kalna, Mark Katzaroff, Chloe Strachan, Morgan Swift, Camille Tritschler, Megan Zapp

Week of September 18 - Jared Baker, Jeremy Briles, Andrew Brooks, Shea Gilman, Nate Hull, Brady Kroening, Tatum Lifgren, Jake Martinelli



REMINDERS

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment will be open at the District from October 1, 2009 - December 1, 2009. Forms are available on line at <http://cmweb.pyschools.net/siteweb/openEnrollment.htm>. If you have a 6th grader on transfer to Boulder Creek your student will not automatically feed to MTMS, you must turn in an Open Enrollment Form.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Fall Parent - Teacher Conferences will be the Week of October 26-29. Late night will be Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Wednesday, October 28, 2009 and Thursday, October 29 are half days, we will dismiss at Noon. There will be no school Friday, October 30, 2009.

Absences and Late Arrivals

Parents are responsible for notifying the school, if your child is ill, be sure to call our 24 hour attendance line at 602.449.4501 by 9:00 AM the morning of the absence or late arrival. Any absence not called in will be considered a truancy.

When calling in an absence, please state child's name, teacher, grade and reason for absence. At the request of the Maricopa County Health Department, please describe the child's symptoms, if there is a fever, please let us know the temperature and whether or not you've seen a doctor.

Also note, that if your child has a fever - they may not return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aide of fever reducing medication.

After School Changes

If your student is doing something other than normal (going home with a friend, taking a different bus, etc.) *a note with a parent or legal guardian signature should be sent to the front office in the morning.* It will be copied for the teacher to ensure consistency of communication.

If someone other than a parent is picking up your child, before the end of the school day, a note with parent or guardian signature is required, before that person can pick up your child and that person must have ID.





6th Grade Parents

You are cordially invited to attend

A PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

**Exploring your future
in the
International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program**

- *Find out about the program*
- *Receive an application packet for the 2010-2011 school year*

When: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Where: Vista Verde Middle School Library
2826 E. Grovers Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85032

QUESTIONS: Please email Robin Mahon
MYP Coordinator, Vista Verde Middle School
rmahon@pvschools.net

See the reverse for brief program information. You may also want to consult the website at <http://www.ibo.org>