

The Bobcat Bulletin

August 2018

A Message from the Principal:

Dear Bright Beginnings Families,

Two weeks into the year and I can say, "That was a bright beginning of the school year!" Thank you for making me feel welcomed back. Over the past 13 years I have worked as a teacher and administrator. I am thrilled to be returning to this extraordinary school community. I speak for our entire staff when I say, "We are glad you are here! Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child." It is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We look forward to partnering with you to provide the best educational and social-emotional year for your child. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can answer any questions or help problem solve. As I stated to our entire staff during our Training and Development week, these are OUR students, not first graders or 6th graders. We are in this together: students, parents, teachers, staff working together towards a shared goal of helping your child grow educationally, emotionally and socially. I invite you to get involved. Join the PTA, answer the call to volunteer or support your child's classroom, read with your kiddos and participate in Coach M's activities.

I leave you with one of my favorite quotes, "Enjoy the little things for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things (Robert Brault)." We will endeavor to make the little things each day enjoyable, productive and memorable. As the parent of 3 BBS alumni, I have walked a similar journey. If I can help you navigate this daunting and exciting journey, please let me know. Thank you for partnering with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Jackman
Principal



Announcing a New Program at BBS

All Things E.Q.

July 31, 2018

Announcing "All Things EQ"

Hello Parents and Guardians,

As you know, we strive to have a strong academic foundation and work hard to deliver an academic program (Intelligence Quotient or I.Q.). Because we realize that I.Q. alone does not make successful children and adults, we also develop the Emotional Intelligence (Emotional Quotient or E.Q.) of our students. E.Q. is often referred to as social and emotional learning.

To raise the E.Q. of our students, we will be implementing All Things, E.Q., which focuses on two key areas:

- 1) Development of a Positive Campus Culture
- 2) E.Q. Development to Practice Social and Emotional Skills

Each week students will use different tools to increase their self-awareness, empathy, social skills, self-regulation and motivation and write about these concepts in their journal.

For example, our students will be learning and practicing how to focus on solutions rather than problems, understanding communication skills and body language and learning to value mistakes and confusion as necessary ingredients for learning.

To create a shared vocabulary between campus and home and because your child's best interest is something we all have in common, we include parents in brief weekly emails that keep you abreast of the tools your child is learning in school, so you can implement them at home if you choose.

Please contact the school if you have any questions and we will be happy to meet with you!

Sincerely,

Principal Jackman

Danna Evans All Things, E.Q.





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Important Dates

- August 7th: Back To School Night (Adults Only)
 - * Pre-K is 4:30-5pm
 - * K-6th is 5-6:30pm
- August 22nd: Early Release—School out at 1:30pm (aftercare available)
- September 3rd: No School—Labor Day

Back To School Night Information

Athletics

Coach M. will be available in his classroom during Back to School Night. In addition to answering questions you may have regarding PE, he will also have information on the following: our school's 4th - 6th grade flag football team; an opportunity for 5th - 6th graders and parents to volunteer at a Special Olympics event; registration for the before school running club for 3rd - 6th grade; and information about our annual dodgeball tournament which is open to all students and family members and is a fund-raiser for our athletic teams.

Please stop at room 19 to visit with him and get all that information.

Volunteers

Bright Beginnings encourages parent volunteers in the classroom and on field trips. In order to be a part of this, a level 1 IVP fingerprint clearance card is required. BBS uses Community Wellness and Safety of Arizona (CWSOA) for our staff and recommends it to parents. CWSOA will be here on Back To School Night to answer any questions, or the number is 480-892-4295 to contact directly.

Lunch Program

Hot lunch can be ordered for your student through Dishes2U. Visit our website at www.bbschl.com to learn more about this program. The information can be found by clicking on "Lunch Program" under the "About BBS" tab. Dishes2U partners with vendors such as Someburros and Fired Pie. All ordering and payments are done online through the Dishes2U website.



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Extracurriculars!

There are many activities available to your child before and/or after school. You can find the registration forms on our website under the “Elementary” tab and “Extracurricular Activities.”

Following is a list of what is currently being offered (see flyers on web site for details):

Math Masters is an extracurricular activity that encourages students to excel in math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). The **Math Masters Xtra** program will allow the students to work to increase speed and accuracy in arithmetic. Each student in **Math Masters Xtra** will have an *individualized program to follow which is catered to his or her needs, ability, and skill level*. This class is open to K-6th graders.

Star Spellers is an extracurricular activity that encourages students to excel in spelling and is an excellent way to prepare your child for the school Spelling Bee in January. This class is open to K-6th graders and meets once a month at 8am sharp!

Adventure in Art—Tuesdays for K-4th Graders

Adventure in Art—Thursdays for 5th-6th Graders

Clay Class—Wednesdays for K-6th Graders

Athletics Club—Mondays and Wednesdays for K-6th Graders

Chess Club—Wednesday mornings for all ages

Homework Club—Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays for 1st-4th Graders

Junior Einstein—Wednesdays for 1st-2nd Graders

The Notables—Mondays (and Fridays later) for 3rd-6th Graders

Treble Makers—Tuesdays for 1st-6th Graders

Don't Forget



Please remember that during the hours of 10:30am-2:00pm our staff may be eating lunch in the work room. It is not available for parents to use during this time. Thank you for your understanding and support!



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Sign up for important updates from Mrs. Riley.

Get information for **Bright Beginnings School #1** right on your phone—not on handouts.

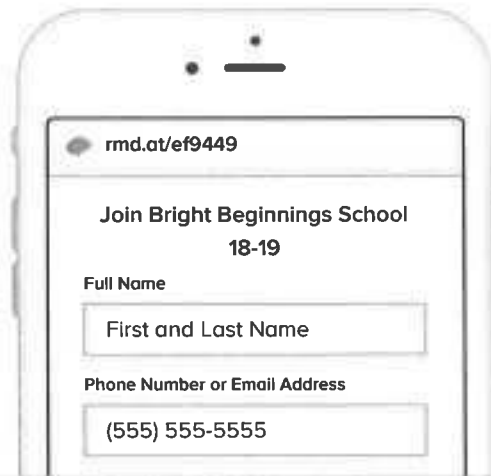
Pick a way to receive messages for **Bright Beginnings School 18-19**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/ef9449

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message **@ef9449** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@ef9449** to **(602) 734-5658**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/ef9449 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Here's the Scoop! From your Bright Beginnings School PTA



Welcome Back Bobcats!

Welcome to another great year at BBS! The PTA is looking forward to more fun community events for BBS students, staff and families. To make everything happen, we need your support, especially by volunteering. Please consider helping out! Visit <http://bit.ly/2018-2019Volunteers> to see our current volunteer opportunities!

Like our Facebook page so you can see updates and learn more about upcoming events – www.facebook.com/bbsptaaz.

Join the PTA!

Our PTA membership drive is in full swing! Joining the PTA is easy and benefits us all! Visit <http://bit.ly/JoinBBSPTA>. Your child's class gets credit for each member of your family that joins the PTA. The two classes with the highest participation by Friday, August 24 will have ice cream parties! Your membership dollars help us put on events and facilitate activities for our BBS community.

Bonus: Many businesses give discounts and special deals to PTA members; see the list at <http://www.azpta.org/members>. If you have membership questions, contact Diana Weaver at dcweaver201@gmail.com.

Pool Party

Join us **Saturday, August 11** from 6 – 8 pm at Hamilton Aquatic Center to celebrate the new school year at this free and private event just for BBS families, rain or shine! You may bring your own food and drinks. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

PTA Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars for our first PTA meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 7 pm at school. You can learn about what our PTA does, how to get involved and meet our board. Future meeting dates are:

- Wednesday, October 24, 8:30 am
- Wednesday, January 30, 7 pm
- Wednesday, May 1, 8:30 am

“Bobcat Bites” Family Dinner Nights



Throughout the year, the PTA hosts meals at local restaurants on specific days to gather BBS families together and earn money for our PTA. Save the date

for our first “Bobcat Bites” on **Wednesday, August 22** at Zzeek's Pizza and McMahon's Ice Cream, both at Warner and McQueen. The Zzeek's fundraiser will run from 11 am – 10 pm, and McMahon's from 1:30 – 9 pm. Remember to **bring the flyer** that will be sent home with all students closer to the event. It's a great treat after Early Release day (1:30 pm)!



Support PTA when Shopping on Amazon

You can help the PTA every time you shop on Amazon. To sign up, visit Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0913427>, and with each eligible purchase, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price back to the PTA. Thanks for your support!



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2018-2019 PTA Board

Your board is working to ensure this year is filled with great events and support for our BBS families and staff. They are:

President: Melissa Stoloff
Vice President: Thalia Krigelman
Secretary: Missy Sgarbossa
Treasurer: Elena Dupnik

If you have questions for the board or want to get involved, email bsptaaz@gmail.com.

Yearbook Designers and Photographers Needed

Calling all designers and photographers – we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to oversee production of the yearbook, and photographers to take photos at school and PTA events for our yearbook. You don't need to be a professional, just able to give your time! Sign up for yearbook and other volunteer needs at <http://bit.ly/2017-2018Volunteers>. If you have questions, contact Thalia Krigelman at garciat@gmail.com.

Link Your Fry's Card

Help the PTA earn money each time you grocery shop by linking your Fry's VIP Rewards Club card to our school. Family and neighbors can link their cards too for our school to earn more. Last year BBS earned \$1,200 from this program.

Visit www.fryscommunityrewards.com and use our school code 80623 to link your Fry's VIP card to BBS. If you registered last year, you don't need to re-register your card.

Calling all Intel Employees!

Parents – if you work for Intel, you can earn money for our PTA when you volunteer at school! Intel will donate to the PTA when you volunteer at school, so make sure to track your hours. If you have questions or would like to be added to our list of Intel employees to be contacted when you can submit volunteer hours, please email Thalia Krigelman at garciat@gmail.com.

Box Tops for Education



Have you noticed how many products in your pantry and freezer have Box Tops for Education labels on them? Start saving them! Our school earns \$.10 per label and that can add up quick. Last school year, we raised nearly \$500. Labels can be put in the containers in the school office, and a collection flyer is available to download from www.bsptaaz.org/give-back. Please make sure the expiration dates on your labels have not yet passed.

Volunteer Thanks!

The PTA thanks our volunteers who go above and beyond to help the school and PTA. A lot of planning took place over the summer to start this year off great. Thank you to Raquel Marin, who planned an amazing welcome back lunch for all the staff, Jacie Czerwinski and Sara Story for planning our annual Tears & Cheers event on the first day of school, and Thalia Krigelman, who has been working since last year to make sure our new 1st Day School Supplies program was a success.