

The Bobcat Bulletin

September 2018

A Message from the Principal:

Dear Bright Beginnings Families,

Happy September! A saying I try to remember is “Get Involved! The world is run by those who show up!” Thanks to the many parents who have helped out in classrooms, joined and volunteered with our PTA, donated items, attended events or given support to our teachers and aides. We have jumped into our school year with both feet! I have seen our community come together to raise awareness and support for September’s Childhood Cancer month. Please wear gold tomorrow and donate new books for the Children’s Cancer Network. I am humbled to serve alongside staff and parents. An example of this was when we worked to solve the problem of our “unwanted guest” near our campus. As situations arise, and they will, it is comforting to know we are all in this together to provide a safe, engaging and challenging educational environment for our students.

Our BBS family welcomes Baby Jude to our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Tripoli and her husband. We are also thrilled to have Mrs. Slaybaugh back from her May retirement and in the classroom while Mrs. Tripoli is on maternity leave.

In a few short weeks, we will have completed our first quarter. Please help keep our students motivated and focused. Completing homework and having healthy routines at home help our students be ready for the classroom. As a gentle reminder, please observe our 15 MPH speed limit in our school zones. Even when we are running late in the morning or the afternoon, our community’s safety is our number one priority.

Thank you for partnering with us. If I can help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Jackman
Principal





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Upcoming Calendar Items

September 7—Go Gold Day: Bling out and wear your gold for childhood cancer awareness!

September 7—Last day of NEW book drive

September 11—Patriot Day Assembly 8:30am in front of school; wear red, white & blue

September 26—Early Release—students out at 1:30pm (aftercare is available)

September 27/28—Parent/Teacher Conferences, students out at 11:30am each day (no aftercare available)

September 28—Last day of school before Fall Break, 11:30am release

October 1-12—Fall Break—No School

October 15—Teacher Workday

October 16—School Resumes

Health and Wellness

Please share the following suggestions with your children to help us keep the healthiest environment possible at BBS:

- Hand wash after using the restroom
- Hand wash before eating
- Keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover coughs with elbow
- Children with a fever over 100 degrees should be kept home until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine
- Children who are vomiting or have diarrhea should be kept home to minimize exposure to other students



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



Important Dates

School Cents program begins: Saturday 9/1
 Donuts with Dad: Tuesday 9/18, 7:30 am
 Bobcat Bites: Friday 9/21 – Sunday 9/23 at CPK
 Conference Cafés: Thursday 9/28 & Friday 9/29
 Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday 10/24, 8:30 am
 Coffee with Katey McPherson: Thursday 11/15
 Fall Movie Night: Saturday 11/17
 Evening with Katey McPherson: Wednesday 11/28

School Cents: Submit Your Chandler Mall Receipts

Every time you shop or eat at Chandler Mall, you can help the PTA earn money through the School Cents program. Last school year, the PTA earned \$650. There are four ways to submit receipts:



1. Online:
www.shoppingpartnership.com/chandler.
You must write the last four digits of your phone number on each receipt.
2. Bring receipts to the Management Office, open Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. You must write the last four digits of your phone number on each receipt.
3. If you don't want your receipts back, drop them in the receipt collection box at the mall, located on the Upper Level bridge near Barnes & Noble. Make sure to write BBS on them!
4. Drop them in the School Cents box in the school office

Start submitting your receipts as of September 1. All stores within the mall and the Boulevard Shops (shops along Chandler Blvd) count for School Cents credit.

As a bonus, we earn **quadruple points** when you eat at any mall restaurant or eatery in September and submit your receipt by 9/30. This includes your CPK receipt from our **Bobcat Bites event** over the weekend of September 21 – 23.

Attention Dads!



Join BBS Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) volunteer group and become a part of a great group of parents committed to helping make school better for our kids. The Watch D.O.G.S. group hosts activities throughout the year to bring fathers and students together, like morning “Donuts with Dads” events, running the obstacle course at the annual carnival event, hosting a volunteer event, and helping with setup, cleanup and other projects at the school as needed. This program is open for **all** dads, parents, grandparents, uncles and family who want to support our school!

Join Watch D.O.G.S. at our annual “Donuts with Dad” event on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:30 am at school. It's a great time to meet other dads, spend special time with your kids, and hear more about the Watch D.O.G.S. program. All parents are invited!

To be added to the Watch D.O.G.S. email list (no commitment), contact John Dupnik at john_dupnik@yahoo.com or Jesse Krigelman at jkrigelman@gmail.com.



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Volunteers Needed for Conference Cafés

Parent/teacher conferences are Thursday, September 28 and Friday, September 29. While our hard-working teachers and staff stay late, the PTA provides a "Conference Café". We are looking for a volunteer to help oversee donations, setup and cleanup for these "grab and go" snacks and drinks. If you are able to help, please email Melissa Stoloff at melissa.stoloff@gmail.com.

Bobcat Bites Update

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Bobcat Bites family dinner night on August 22 at Zesty Zweek's Pizza and McMahon's Ice Cream. The evening raised \$211 for the PTA!



Join us for our next Bobcat Bites on **Friday, September 21 through Sunday, September 23** at California Pizza Kitchen at Chandler Mall. **20%** of all dine-in, take-out and beverages will come back to our PTA, and the event is from open to close all three days! The PTA earns double for this event, as your receipt can be submitted for quadruple School Cents points!



Staff Favorites Binder in Office

The PTA has a binder in the front office with a page for all staff members and their "favorites" – coffee drink, restaurants, hobbies, etc. It's a great resource for birthdays, holiday gifts, or when you want to show a teacher or staff member that you appreciate their hard work! Please leave the binder in the office if you check it out.

Turn Markers into Energy!

We have launched a recycling program at BBS called Crayola ColorCycle – a program devised to turn used markers into energy. Students and teachers will drop used markers into our collection bin in the back hallway. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This will keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.



Please support our efforts by sending in any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands and dry erase markers. Thanks to **Kaley Schaumburg** for creating the adorable collection bin and helping us launch this program at BBS!



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Gifts for Specials & Support Staff

Help us show our specials teachers and support staff how much we value them! Please consider donating just **\$8 per student** – that's \$1 for each of the staff members listed below – so the PTA can celebrate their contributions to BBS on their birthdays. Every BBS student is touched by their amazing efforts. You can send cash or check to the PTA, or make a donation via PayPal by sending money to bbsptaaz@gmail.com; please make sure to change your donation to "Sending to a friend" instead of "Paying for an item or service" so the PTA doesn't incur a fee. Thank you for your support!

- Ms. Burke (Music)
- Señora Cáceres (Spanish)
- Mrs. Crocker (Art)
- Coach M (Wellness)
- Mrs. Jackman (Principal)
- Mrs. French (Operations Manager)
- Michelle Riley (Administrative Assistant)
- Norm Gilroy (Maintenance)

Volunteer Thanks!

This month we're recognizing two volunteers who went above and beyond to help the PTA. Thanks to **Diana Weaver** and **Sarah Luzi** for overseeing our membership drive, including entering forms and payments, tracking membership, and hosting class parties for the two winning classes.

Never Too Late to Join the PTA!

Thanks to everyone who joined the PTA! Congrats to **Mrs. Killingsworth** and **Mrs. Loop**, whose classes had the highest percentages of members! Both classes won

ice cream parties and the teachers received a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card.



It's not too late to join the PTA. Visit <http://bit.ly/JoinBBSPTA> or grab a membership form in the front office. Your membership dollars help us put on events for our BBS community.

Yearbook Designer Needed

Calling all designers – we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to oversee production of the yearbook. You don't need to be a professional, just able to give your time! Sign up for the yearbook at <http://bit.ly/2018-2019Volunteers>. If you have questions about the yearbook, contact Thalia Krigelman at garciat@gmail.com.



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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. Last year, the PTA earned **\$1,200!** Visit www.fryscommunityrewards.com and use our school code QB681 to link your card. If you registered last year, you don't need to re-link your card.

Support PTA 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.

Submit Box Tops with Flyer

Please continue clipping those Box Tops! Our school earns \$.10 per label and that quickly adds up. Labels can be put in the containers in the school office, and a collection flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Pizza with a purpose

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages.

Fundraiser in support of:

Bright Beginnings

Friday September 21st, Saturday September 22nd, and Sunday September 23rd, 2018

ALL DAY

Valid at the following location:

California Pizza Kitchen

3163 W Chandler Blvd

Ste. 4

Chandler, AZ 85226

480-855-3301

Join the **CPK Rewards**™ program and receive a **free Small Plate** on your next visit after registering. Register today at cpk.com or download our new app today!



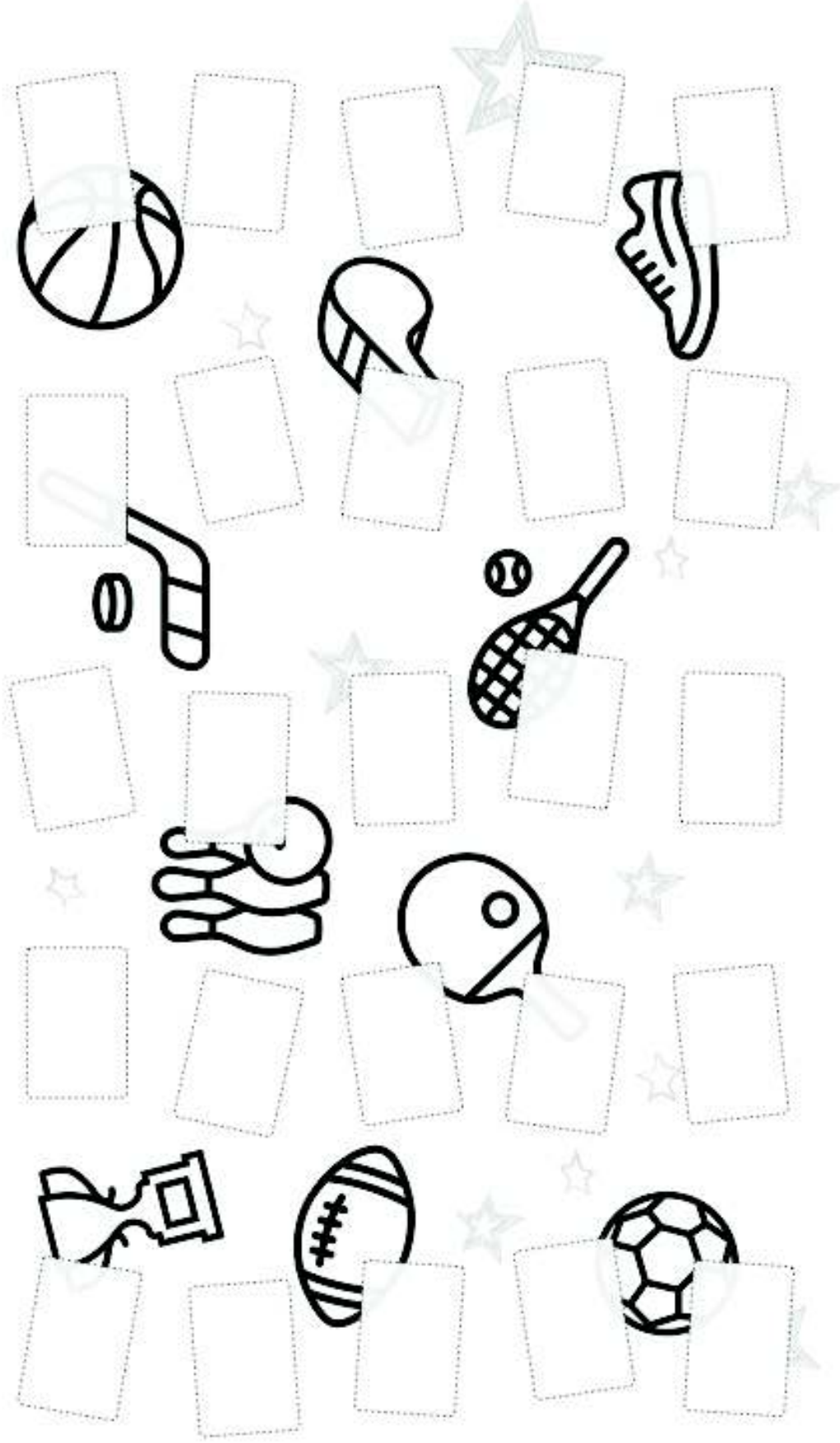
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PIZZA KITCHEN

Fundraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for third-party delivery. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly.





SCORE BIG FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.