

# The Bobcat Bulletin

November 2018

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*  
~William Arthur Ward

Thank you for helping make our first fundraiser of the year a success! The Bubble Fun Run was a blast! While we don't have the final total yet, I hope to share this with you soon. We will use these funds for facility maintenance and a sound system to enhance communication throughout our school and playground.

Thank you for saying "Yes!" to the call to help. We appreciate when you chaperone field trips, support our fundraisers, help your child with projects and homework, work with our PTA, volunteer in class and recommend our school to neighbors and friends. YOU are an integral part of our community.

**DATE CHANGE: Katey McPherson's Parent presentations will be Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.** Please join me in attending our next two parent seminars with Katey McPherson. She is a former K-12 school administrator and co-author of Why Teens Fail: What to Fix. She has been an educator for 23 years, serving as a secondary school teacher, middle school guidance counselor, and K-12 administrator. Katey travels nationally training school administrators, teachers, and students in the areas of adolescent brain development, brain-based teaching strategies, social justice, digital citizenship and suicide prevention.

**Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 – 9:30 am:** Coffee with Katey "How to Help Cope and Be Resilient in the Digital Age"

**6:00-7:00 pm:** "How to Reach and Support Kids in the Digital Age: Technology Concerns"

As we finish out 2018, please consider making a tax credit contribution to BBS. These funds support your child's education and you will receive an income tax credit for the full amount you contribute up to \$400 (or \$200 single). The form is attached to this newsletter.

Please join us next Friday, for our Grandparent's Lunch on the Lawn. We'll have the book fair open and I will be available to answer questions about our Tax Credit contribution program. Grandparents living in AZ are eligible to contribute if they owe AZ income tax.

Thank you for all you do. I wish you a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Principal Jackman





# P A R E N T S'

## Upcoming Calendar Items

November 7-17—Book Fair

November 12—No School—Veterans Day

November 16—Grandparents Lunch on the Lawn (For pre-k, see teachers for details)

\* 11-11:45—Kindergarten and 1st Grades

\* 11:25-12:10—2nd and 3rd Grades

\* 11:30-12:15—M-F Pre-K

\* 12:00 –12:45—MWF Pre-K and 4th, 5th and 6th Grades

November 17—PTA Movie Night

November 21—Early Release 1:30pm (childcare available)

November 22-23—No School—Thanksgiving

November 28—8:30am-9:30am Coffee with Katey McPherson—How to Help Cope and Be Resilient in the Digital Age (see attached flier)

November 28—6pm-7pm— Parent Workshop with Katey McPherson—How to Reach and Support Kids in the Digital Age (see attached flier)

December 21—11:30am Release (no childcare)

December 24-January 4—Winter Break

January 7—No School—Teacher Workday

January 8—Students Return to School



# CORNER



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



### Important Dates

Watch D.O.G.S. meeting: Thursday 11/15, 7 pm  
Fall Movie Night: Saturday 11/17, 6:15 pm  
**Date Change:** Coffee with Katey: Wednesday 11/28, 8:30 am  
Evening with Katey: Wednesday 11/28, 6 pm  
Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday 1/30, 7:00 pm

### Movie Night on November 17

Join the PTA on Saturday, November 17 in the BBS field for a fun evening with popcorn and *The Greatest Showman!* Starting at 5:15 pm, families can bring picnic dinners and enjoy the evening together before the movie at 6:15 pm, and make sure to bring blankets and drinks for movie time after dusk. Chick-fil-A will be on site to sell food too; the menu is at the end of this newsletter.



*The Greatest Showman!* Starting at 5:15 pm, families can bring picnic dinners and enjoy the evening together before the movie at 6:15 pm, and make sure to bring blankets and drinks for movie time after dusk.

Thank you to **Curtis Orthodontics** for sponsoring this event! We appreciate their support of our PTA!



### Holiday Shopping on Amazon? Direct Donations to PTA

Please consider helping the PTA while doing your holiday shopping on Amazon. Visit Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.com>, Select "Bright Beginnings PTA" from the list of organizations, and with each eligible purchase, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price back to the PTA. Thanks for your support!

### Submit Chandler Mall Receipts

Please keep submitting your Chandler Mall receipts to help the PTA in the School Cents program! We're currently in 5<sup>th</sup> place! Submit your receipts online at [www.shoppingpartnership.com/chandler](http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/chandler), and make sure to write the last four digits of your phone number on each receipt. For other ways to submit receipts from September 1, visit [www.bbsptaaz.org/give-back](http://www.bbsptaaz.org/give-back). All stores within the mall and the Boulevard Shops (shops along Chandler Blvd) count for School Cents credit.

Save your holiday shopping receipts: we earn **quadruple** points November 1 through January 15 for all receipts from the mall and Boulevard shops this holiday season.

### School Directory Coming Soon

The PTA is creating a family and business directory, with listings of family contact info and classroom rosters, along with a business directory for families with small businesses and business that work with our PTA and school. A flyer about opting out of having your information listed and advertising is at the end of this newsletter. Please return this form if you would like to opt out of the directory or omit some of your information. This form must be returned by this **Friday, November 9**.

### Next Watch D.O.G.S. Meeting

Our Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) volunteer group for their next meeting at Casual Pint on Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm. Crossroads are Queen Creek and Alma School Roads.



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To be added to the Watch D.O.G.S. email list, contact John Dupnik at [john\\_dupnik@yahoo.com](mailto:john_dupnik@yahoo.com) or Jesse Krigelman at [jkrigelman@gmail.com](mailto:jkrigelman@gmail.com).

### United Way Workplace Campaigns Can Benefit PTA

If your company runs a United Way campaign, please consider designating your contribution to go to our PTA. Donations to the PTA might be eligible through United Way workplace campaigns, however, some restrictions may apply. Open enrollment begins soon for many employers!

### Speaker on Kids & Screen Time

Join the school and PTA for two presentations by Katey McPherson about the impact of screen time and social media on children's wellness. Katey is the co-author of a book for parents titled *WTF: Why Teens Fail-What To Fix*. The book was inspired in part by Katey's years of interacting with middle school children in crisis. We hope you can attend one of these sessions:

- Wednesday, November 28, 8:30-9:30 am  
**\*\* please note the new date \*\***
- Wednesday, November 28, 6:00-7:00 pm

### BBS School "SWAG" on Sale

Show off your bobcat pride, now at a discount! The PTA's grey shirts are **on sale**; youth shirts are \$5, adult shirts are \$10, and car decals for \$3. Contact Thalia Krigelman at [garciat@gmail.com](mailto:garciat@gmail.com) to check sizes available and place your order.

### POGO Passes for Holiday Gifts

As you shop for holiday gifts, consider a POGO Pass, which gives an individual entry to 23 different attractions across the Valley for one year, including Diamondbacks games, zoo, and Sunsplash. Between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday, one pass is on sale for \$34.98 and gives you a value of more than \$1,500! The PTA receives \$5 for every POGO Pass purchased.

60% OFF PLUS ADDITIONAL \$5 OFF POGO Pass

**BLACK FRIDAY**

THANKSGIVING DAY THRU CYBER MONDAY

**FRIDAY**

WHEN YOU BUY OR RENEW A POGO PASS

with promo code: **BBSPTA**

between Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Monday, Nov. 26th

\$34.98

\$5 discount will be applied automatically at checkout

valid in Phoenix/Tucson, AZ; Las Vegas, NV; San Antonio, TX; Austin/Waco, TX; Dallas/FT. Worth, TX and Kansas City, MO/KS

The POGO Pass is a great way to give a gift of fun experiences versus more toys and stuff. To purchase, go to [www.pogopass.com](http://www.pogopass.com) and enter code BBSPTA.





## Business directory pricing

- \$10 to add your business to the directory
- \$40 for a ½ page ad and directory listing.
- \$80 for a full-page ad and directory listing.
- \$100 for an Inside cover ad and directory listing (available as first come, first served)
- \$115 for a back cover ad and directory listing (available as first come, first served)

**Deadline to submit to the business directory is Friday, November 30**

# PTA DIRECTORY

## Back by popular demand!

The PTA is creating a family and business directory! In the past BBS put together a directory; this time we are adding a business directory for families with small businesses and business that work with our PTA and school. We will offer a PDF version of the directory to the entire school for free. Paper copies will be sold for \$5 each next month. The directory will include: your child's name, teacher, parent names, phone number, address and email.

**Please return this form if you would like to opt out of the directory or omit some of your information.**

This form must be returned by **Friday, November 9**

Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please omit our: (circle one) All of our information address phone email

*Children's names will still be listed under individual classroom lists.*

**YES! I WANT TO ADVERTISE MY BUSINESS WITH THE BBS FAMILY!**

**Select One:**

**\$10: Add my business information to the directory (listing only)**

**\$40: 1/2 page ad & directory listing**

**\$80: Full-page ad & directory listing**

**\$100: Inside cover ad & directory listing (as available)**

**\$115: Back cover ad & directory listing (as available)**

**Tell us about your business:**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Special offers or discounts for BBS families:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to send in payment and a JPEG or PDF advertisement is Friday, November 30

For additional information please contact Sarah Luzi at 480-227-3693 or [sarah@tycherealestate.com](mailto:sarah@tycherealestate.com).

The directory is 8 1/2" x 5 1/2". All advertisers will receive a directory at no additional charge.

Each business is responsible for the advertisement design. The print version will be black and white.

All ads needs to be paid in full in advance. Please make checks payable to BBS PTA.

**This is a community directory with paid advertisements.**

**Any solicitation of our families is not permitted.**

# Chick-fil-A Chandler Festival



Original CFA Sandwich **5.00**

8 Count Nuggets **5.00**

Waffle Chips **2.00**



Chocolate  
Chunk  
Cookie **2.00**



Bottled Water **2.00**

## **MEAL**

Sandwich **OR** 8 Count,  
Chips, Cookie, Bottled Water **9.00**







## **A WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE!**

It's that time again to make an important contribution to education at our school and receive an income tax credit for the full amount you contribute up to \$400 (or \$200 single).

Thanks to you and your generous tax credit contributions, our Music, Art, Spanish, Technology, and Character Education programs have continued to thrive. These enrichment programs are an intricate part of BBS that help students become involved in fun, meaningful and life-enhancing activities. Our goal is to continue to provide vibrant programs to our students through use of the tax credit dollars.

Although charter schools are publicly funded, the funding is approximately 20 percent less than district schools. What separates Bright Beginnings from a regular district school is that we give a quality education in a private school setting, as well as a caring and nurturing environment. Our goal is to always provide the best education for your child.

Contributions can be made to BBS by completing the tax credit form included in this packet or by downloading it from our website at [www.bbschl.com](http://www.bbschl.com). Make your contribution any time between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> to claim the tax credit on your 2018 state tax return. Get family and friends involved by forwarding this information to them. As long as they reside in Arizona, they may contribute tax credit money as well. Checks can be dropped off at the school office or mailed in before December 31<sup>st</sup>.





# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

*Excellence Today for Success Tomorrow*

## Arizona School Tax Credit Support your school of choice and re-direct your State Income Tax

Now is the time to take a State Tax Credit of **\$200** if you file a single or head of household tax return and **\$400** if you file a joint return, off your Arizona State income taxes.

You can re-direct your State Taxes and may receive a **TAX CREDIT**, by donating **\$200** or **\$400** that will go towards extracurricular activities to enhance your child's education at Bright Beginnings School.

Your \$200 or \$400 **TAX CREDIT DONATION** will help Bright Beginnings School in a huge way and it will be returned to you dollar-for-dollar on your Arizona State income tax. The Arizona school tax credit is not to be confused with a tax deduction. For example: if you owed \$500 in state income taxes and you donated \$400 to the school, you would subtract the \$400 directly from the \$500 resulting in a \$100 payment to the state.

You do not have to have a child enrolled in school; every taxpayer can take advantage of this credit. Taxpayers can help themselves to lower their tax bill and contribute to the financial well-being of Bright Beginnings School at the same time.

### Here is what you will need to do:

1. Complete the information requested below.
2. Make a check payable to *Bright Beginnings School*. **Single or Head of Household filers may contribute up to \$200; joint filers may contribute up to \$400.**
3. Submit this form and your check to Bright Beginnings School. You may drop it off at the school office or mail it to the school at the address above by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be used for this year's Tax Credit.
4. You will receive a receipt for your tax purposes.
5. **Please print clearly.**

Tax Payer(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Payer(s) SSN#(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting Bright Beginnings School!**

All information received will only be used internally by Bright Beginnings School and will not be published.  
Tax Credits are non refundable.

For office use only:

Tax Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

SAVE THE DATE

# HOW TO REACH AND SUPPORT KIDS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

What every parent needs to know about the often hidden impact of screen time and social media on your child's wellness



Katey McPherson,  
Internet Safety Expert

**November 28, 2018**  
**8:30-9:30 a.m.**  
and  
**6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Q & A to follow**

**Bright Beginnings School**  
400 N. Anderson Blvd • Chandler, AZ

Parents have two opportunities to attend this event; a free parent workshop based on McPherson's experience as a K-12 guidance counselor and school administrator watching children manage the uncharted waters of screen time and social media.

Practical evidence-based strategies and tips to manage and supervise digital device use will be offered.

8:30am  
*Coffee with  
Katey*

6:00pm  
*Parent  
Education  
Night*



# Guardian Academy



*The Guardian Academy is the recipient of the International Association of Chiefs of Police 2018 Leadership in Crime Prevention Award*

**Purpose:**

Provide education, information, and access to resources that promote and reinforce healthy relationships and communication within families.

**Audience:**

Any responsible person put in care, control, custody, and **GUARDIAN**ship of a child.

- Parents
- Guardians
- Grandparents
- Coaches
- Teachers\*
- Counselors\*
- Caregivers
- Day Care Workers
- Social Workers
- Case Managers

\* *Continuing Education Hours*

**Topics Include:**

- Social Media & Internet Safety
- Bullying & Cyber-Bullying
- Digital Leadership
- Human Trafficking
- Current Drug Trends
- Teen Brain and Development

- Family Communication Tools
- Mental & Behavioral Health
- Suicide Awareness & Prevention
- Building Child Resiliency
- Connect with a variety of resources

*The Chandler Police Department is offering a **basic** knowledge of various situations that life exposes our children to daily and the warning signs of criminal or risky adolescent behavior.*

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- 18 years of age at the time of the Academy
- No felony arrests
- No sex offenders
- Background checks are conducted on each candidate

### **Certificate and CEU Standards:**

- 100% attendance required for a certificate (no make-ups)
- CEUs are credited for the hours attended

**When is the Guardian Academy offered?** The Guardian Academy is offered in the Spring and Fall.

**Next Dates:** **Tuesday evenings of February 5, 12, 19, 26, and March 5, 2019.**

**Fee:** FREE. *All that's required is your commitment to our children.*

**Class Hours:** 6 PM – 9 PM (for five nights). *Please arrive 15 minutes prior to sign-in and be seated as we start promptly.*

**Location:** Chandler Police Department – Main Station – Community Room: 250 E Chicago St

[Click here for directions](#)

**NOTE:** *The Chandler Police Department will provide the dinner meal and waters.*

**Registration begins:** January 1, 2019.

**Contact Officer Tina Balsewicz if you have any questions at [tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov](mailto:tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov)**