

The Bobcat Bulletin

October 2018

Action Expresses Priorities

Welcome back families! Our fall break was busy with facility maintenance, Art camp, Fall Break camp, recharging and planning for Quarter 2. Our hallway has terrific new art work "Be the Nice Kid" quote with pictures from our Quarter 1 Character Assembly. Stop by and check it out!

In exciting news, the Arizona Department of Education released school letter grades and Bright Beginnings School earned a letter grade of A for the 2017-18 school year. This score is based on the AzMERIT scores. We are incredibly proud of our teachers and students in their academic efforts! Your support and collaboration helped us achieve this goal.

As a parent and educator, I found that "Action Expresses Priorities" is an important reminder that how we spend our time reflects what is important to us. By keeping our teacher-student ratio low, we are able to provide strong instruction in our classroom. By offering Music, Art, Spanish, Wellness and Computer Lab, we are able to teach the "whole child." By implementing "All Things EQ" we are modeling a supportive and healthy environment. These priorities are important to us and are costly. Please consider participating in our fundraisers. The Fundraising Plan for the 2018-2019 school year is attached for your planning purposes. Our Fun Run is off to a terrific start. Thank you for your support.

We have a few special community events coming up. I look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair, Grandparents Lunch on the Lawn and PTA movie night. Please consider participating in Gwyn's Gladiators Blood Drive on Saturday, October 20th with Coach M and myself. It is an honor to support a BBS family with this worthwhile event. Please see the attached flyer.

I am so excited to see where these next three quarters take us as a school community. Action expresses priorities! Your children are our priority.

Sincerely,

Principal Jackman





P A R E N T S'

Upcoming Calendar Items

October 23—Parent Seminar—How to Thrive with Difficult and Strong-Willed Kids
6:00pm-7:00pm (admission is free)

November 1—Extra Trick-or-Treat Candy Collection—ONE DAY ONLY

November 2—Bubble Fun Run

Pre-K-2nd Grade— 8:45am-9:15am

3rd-6th Grade—9:30am-10am

November 7-17—Book Fair

November 9—Picture Retakes

November 12—No School—Veterans Day

November 14—8:30am-9:30am Coffee with Katey McPherson—How to Reach and
Support Kids in the Digital Age (see attached flier)

November 16—Grandparents Lunch on the Lawn

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

November 22-23—No School—Thanksgiving

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



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



Important Dates

Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday 10/24, 8:30 am
Coffee with Katey: Wednesday 11/14, 8:30 am
Fall Movie Night: Saturday, 11/17, evening
Evening with Katey: Wednesday 11/28

Outdoor Movie Night on November 17

The PTA will host an outdoor movie with popcorn and the movie *The Greatest Showman* on Saturday, November 17 in the BBS field. Families can bring picnic dinners and enjoy the evening together before the movie, and make sure to bring blankets and drinks for movie time after dusk. Save the date!



School Cents: Submit Chandler Mall Receipts

Help the PTA every time you shop or eat at Chandler Mall through the School Cents program. This is a big fundraiser for us; last school year, the PTA earned \$650. Submit your receipts online at www.shoppingpartnership.com/chandler, and make sure to write the last four digits of your phone number on each receipt. For more ways to submit receipts, visit www.bbsptaaz.org/give-back. You can submit receipts from September 1. All stores within the mall and the Boulevard Shops (shops along Chandler Blvd) count for School Cents credit.

Yearbook Designers Needed

The PTA **needs volunteers** to oversee production of the yearbook. You don't need to be a professional, just able to give your time! We want to make this year's yearbook as wonderful as it's been in the past, but we need a few parents to step up to make it happen. Please contact Thalia Krigelman at garciat@gmail.com.

Gifts for Specials Teachers and Support Staff

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our collection for our specials teachers and support staff! We have collected more than \$800 and were able to buy birthday gifts for Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Jackman last month. 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. You can send cash or check to the PTA, or make a donation via PayPal by sending money to bbsptaaz@gmail.com; please change your donation to "Sending to a friend" instead of "Paying for an item or service" so we don't incur a fee.

- 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)



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Kids & Screen Time: Speaker in November

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 join us at one of these sessions:

- Wednesday, November 14, 8:30 am
- Wednesday, November 28, evening

Volunteer Thanks!

The PTA thanks our volunteers who go above and beyond to help the school and PTA. **John Dupnik** and **Jesse Krigelman** have taken the lead on our Watch D.O.G.S. group and have already recruited many dads to group meetings and hosted a successful "Donuts with Dad" event last month.

Intel Parents: Deadline Near for Volunteer Hours

Intel Parents – Please make sure to log your hours this quarter to help our PTA earn money 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, please email Thalia Krigelman at garciat@gmail.com.

Bobcat Bites Update

Thank you to everyone who came to our September Bobcat Bites family dinner night at California Pizza Kitchen. The evening raised \$233 for the PTA!

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 to check sizes available and place your order.

Youth Shirts



Adult Shirts



Car Decal



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!



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Donuts with Dad Photos

Last month's annual "Donuts with Dad" event was a great success, and thanks to the many parents who made it happen.

The BBS Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) volunteer group hosts activities throughout the year to bring fathers and students together, like the "Donuts with Dads" event, 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! To be added to the Watch D.O.G.S. email list for future events and meetings, contact John Dupnik at john_dupnik@yahoo.com or Jesse Krigelman at jkrigelman@gmail.com.





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Great Conference Cafés

Thank you for all the generous donations to make our "Conference Cafés" during parent/teacher conferences so great for our hardworking teachers and staff!



October 17, 2018

Dear Parents,

I want to thank you for your support in the classroom and being a partner in the education of your child. As we grow our school, having additional financial support from our families allows us to continue our BBS with weekly specials and low student-teacher ratios. We are excited about the three significant opportunities to help raise funds for this school year.

Fundraising Event	Timeline	Planned use for funds
BBS Fun Run	Oct/Nov 2018	Air Conditioner replacements, Improving our safety & security by installing a campus overhead speaker system
AZ Tax-Credit Donation	Nov-Dec 2018	Character education programs. All Things EQ, professional development for teachers, Star Spellers/Math Masters. Parent/Student support programs
Read-A-Thon	Spring 2019	Reading/English Language Arts Curriculum (ELA),

Bright Beginnings is a wonderful school. The staff is committed to helping your child succeed academically and socially. Please join us in our efforts in raising additional funds for our school. It is a pleasure to be with you during these important years in your child's life.

Best regards,

Jennifer Jackman, MPA
Principal

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 14, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Q & A to follow

Bright Beginnings School
400 N. Anderson Blvd
Chandler, AZ

This morning event is 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.



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Find the
hero
in you.

Celebrating

Gwyn's Gladiators Blood Drive

Saturday, October 20, 2018

10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

**Bloodmobile in Parking Lot at - Rita's Burritos
4040 S. Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85248**

Contact Leslie Satterlee at leslie@woodnicklaw.com or visit
www.Bloodhero.com (Sponsor Code: ritas)



Meet Gwyn a creative, happy and caring 6 year old. When Gwyn was 4 years old she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. So far during Gwyn's treatment she has received 24 blood product transfusions (including blood, platelets and IVIG). These transfusions have been necessary as Gwyn battled the leukemia and side effects of chemotherapy. This is exactly why blood donations are so vital – not just for Gwyn, but for so many other children and adults who require blood transfusions to battle their own health conditions and emergency situations. Please consider signing up for Gwyn's Gladiators Blood Drive at Rita's Burritos.

All donors will receive a voucher for a free Burrito!

Give blood 3 times a year!

1-877-UBS-HERO (827-4376)
www.UnitedBloodServicesAZ.org



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