

The Bobcat Bulletin

December 2018

Dear Families,

Happy December! I have been conducting teacher observations and am amazed by the level of commitment and enthusiasm I see in our classrooms. Back in July, I shared with our staff that my goal this year was to make sure every child felt like their teacher was their champion. Here is the link to the 7-minute video our entire staff watched and reflected on: https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion

I see this connection happening in every classroom. BBS is a unique school. The level of commitment from teachers, staff and parents is not readily seen in schools. For example, during our BBS Fun Run we came together to earn \$16,893, an increase of \$6000 from last year. Part of the proceeds will be dedicated to updating our public address system. Over our December break, each classroom, along with the cafeteria, amphitheater and playground will be fitted with speakers to be used for announcements, mass communications and lock down notification.

Additionally, our fall book fair was successful due to assistance from parents and staff. I enjoyed meeting with grandparents, parents and special guests during "Lunch on the Lawn," as well as at our PTA Movie Night. We welcomed our Watch D.O.G.S. dads as they helped pack up the book fair at its conclusion.

Katey McPherson recently presented her parent seminar "How to Reach and Support Kids in the Digital Age." She recommended the following books: Saving Our Sons by Michael Gurian, Untangled by Lisa Damour, and How to Raise an Adult by Julie Lythcott-Haims. I am including an attachment of her presentation in this newsletter.

Please consider participating in our Tax Credit program. Some of the worthwhile programs we support with our Tax Credit contributions include our school spelling bee, Discovery Education Online Streaming, Green Thumb Club, All Things EQ, 6th grade Science Camp deposit, music recorders, Spanish Class extras (food from Peru) and much more. Please find two attachments included in this newsletter to help us continue creating the BBS culture and experience with your tax credit contribution. "Tell your tax dollars where to go!"

Our 2019-2020 registration for returning students and their siblings begins January 14th. Thank you for entrusting your children's education to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jackman





P
A
R
E
N
T
S'

Upcoming Calendar Items

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

January 14—Preschool/Pre-K registration begins

January 14-18—Returning student and sibling of returning student
registration

January 21—No School—Civil Rights Day

January 22-25—New student registration

January 23—1:30pm Release (childcare available)



CORNER



Pennies for Pups and Animal Toy Drive!



With the holidays just around the corner, most of our pets are warm and cozy at home! BUT we sometimes forget that some animals are not as lucky and are spending the holiday season at the animal shelters around the state! Let's help them!

We students at BBS can make this time brighter for those animals and the people that work so hard to help them!

Do you want to help animals in need? There are 2 THINGS you can do!

1. Donate money! You can bring money to school and place it in the red paw print jars we have supplied for you! You can bring coins, such as pennies and quarters, or even dollars! Anything will help!
2. Bring in much needed items for the shelter! Maricopa County Animal Care relies heavily on community support for many items, especially toys and treats. We will have BIG boxes for you to donate items into. They will be located in the north and south hallways near the front doors of the school starting on THIS FRIDAY!

Our school did an amazing job last year! Let's do it again!

Items needed most:

For Dogs:

- Dog toys
- Stuffed toys/animals
- Rope toys
- Chew toys
- Pig ear chews for dogs
- Bully sticks
- Dog sweaters/jackets
- Good quality canned food
- **NO BALLS FOR DOGS PLEASE**



For Cats:

- furry mice toys
- catnip
- stuffed cat toys and balls
- good quality canned food



ALL donations of money and items will go directly to the East Mesa Maricopa County Animal Care Shelter!

Our Drive will run from Friday, December 7th through Wednesday, December 19th!

Please help to make this season brighter for the animals! **DONATE!**



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



Important Dates

Bobcat Bites: Wednesday 12/12 at BJ's
Restaurant & Brewhouse 11 am – 10:30 pm
Parent Lunch at BJ's: 12/12, 11 am – 1 pm
Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday 1/30, 7 pm
All-School Dance: Saturday 2/9, evening

Submit Chandler Mall Receipts

Please submit your Chandler Mall receipts to help the PTA in the School Cents program! We're currently in 8th place! Submit receipts at 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. All stores within the mall and the Boulevard Shops (shops along Chandler Blvd) count for School Cents credit.

Holiday Bonus Points: Submit your holiday shopping receipts for **quadruple** points November 1 – January 15. Additionally, we earn 1,000 points when you buy a Santa photo through December 24 and when you adopt an angel from the Salvation Army Angel Trees, on the lower level near Sears through December 20. Submit your receipts by January 15.

Staff Favorites Binder for Holiday Gifts

Utilize the PTA's binder of staff member "favorites" in the front office if you need ideas for holiday gifts. Please leave the binder in the office.

Next Bobcat Bites at BJ's

Join the PTA and BBS families to earn money for our PTA at our next Bobcat Bites on **Wednesday, December 12** at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse at



Chandler Mall. The fundraiser will run from 11 am – 10:30 pm, and **bring the flyer** that will be sent home with students closer to the event. The flyer is also at the end of this newsletter.

Parent Lunch at BJ's

Join fellow BBS parents for a meal while doing holiday shopping at the mall! We will have a table reserved at BJ's at Chandler Mall on Wednesday, December 12 from 11 am – 1 pm. We hope you can join us and help the PTA!

Volunteer Thanks!

The PTA thanks our volunteers who go above and beyond to help the school and PTA. Thank you to **Elena Dupnik**, who has been doing double-duty as our treasurer and who also spearheaded last month's Movie Night.

Keep Collecting Box Tops

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





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



Yearbook Cover Contest Winner

Congratulations to Izzy Weaver, who won our yearbook cover design contest. 6th graders were invited to submit a design for our yearbook cover. We're happy to highlight the great work of our oldest students in their last year at BBS.



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. The POGO Pass is a great way to give a gift of fun experiences versus more toys and stuff. Go to www.pogopass.com to purchase and enter code BBSPTA. The PTA receives \$5 for every pass purchased.

Intel Quarterly Deadline for Volunteer Hours

Intel Parents – Please log your hours this quarter by Friday, December 7 to help our PTA earn money when you volunteer at school. Email Thalia Krigelman at garciat@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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 has begun for many employers!



Join us for
..... a delicious way to
RAISE MONEY!

Date: Dec 12, 2018

Time: 11:00AM to 10:30PM

At this BJ's location: 3155 West Chandler Boulevard
Chandler, AZ 85226
480-917-0631

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

BBS Bobcat Bites

With each flyer presented during this **FUNDRAISING EVENT**, BJ's will donate **20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES** to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid towards alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not distribute flyers on-site during the event. Flyers must be printed and presented to the server.



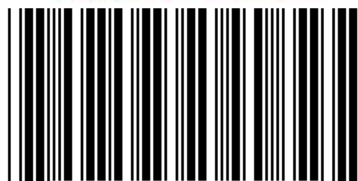
BJ's Favorite Deep Dish Pizza



Crispy Fried Artichokes



Crispy Jalapeño Burger

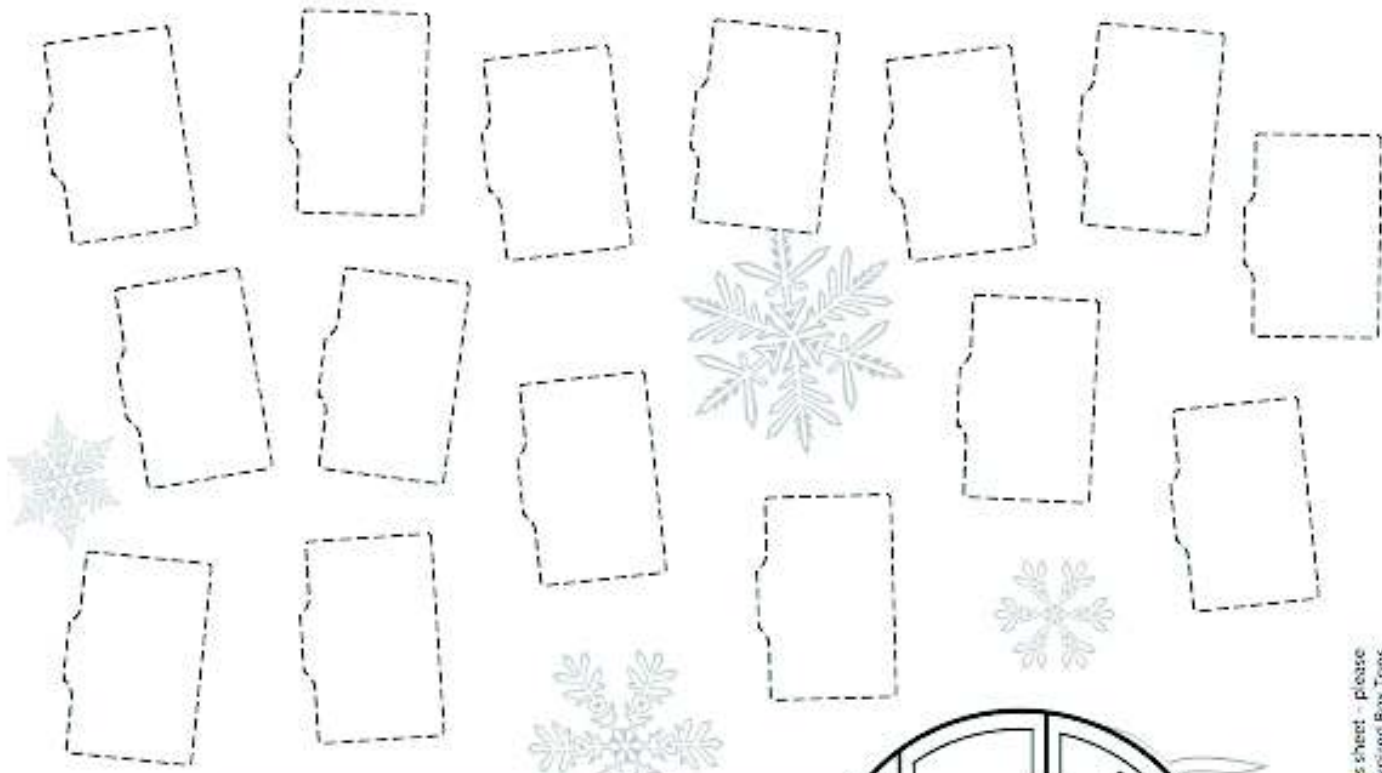


D E C 3 5 7



Heat up your School Spirit!

The more Box Tops you add,
the hotter your school's
earnings will be.



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. Remember to check the expiration dates on your Box Tops! If they're expired, don't send them to school - expired Box Tops cannot be accepted. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com. See more collection sheets at BTFE.com/collectionsheets.