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1st PTO Meeting

Tuesday August 19th
7pm in the
auditorium
-Vote on this year's
budget
-Assign committee
chairs
-Principal's report

Back to School

Welcome to an exciting year at the best elementary school in Baton Rouge! The PTO looks forward to a wonderful year full of participation and fun! We need our parents and teachers to work together to make this the best learning environment it can be for our kids. So, join in... sign up... volunteer... organize and by all means if you have a great idea let us know!

Welcome to our new teachers and staff. Due to an increased demand for more preK spots, Ms. Rachel Cauley Brocato, with the assistance of paraprofessional Ms. Wendee Constant, will lead our newly created preK class. Rachel received her masters in early childhood education studies from L.S.U. and has taught in the gifted preK and K classes at Brownfields Elementary. Due to Ms. Whiddon's retirement, Ms. Shalia Young is coming on board as a fifth grade teacher. This will be Shalia's eighteenth year as a teacher having taught the last seven at Parkview Elementary. She has worked at just about every grade level in that time, much of it at the gifted level. In the front office, Ms. Brittany Skews will assist as our new clerk. In addition to helping with clerical daily tasks, her schedule was designed to ensure that the school phone will now be covered even through extended day hours.

Take a bow!

Many, many thanks to last year's PTO president Torii Freeman and all the volunteers that made the year a tremendous success! Your dedication to our school is greatly appreciated.

Important Dates

- August 28- Picture day/ free dress
- August 29- free dress day for students having paid \$5 PTO dues
- August 25-29- MDA fundraiser

Mark Richterman, BRCVPA Principal

Fall Festival

The date has been set for this year's Fall Fest.

**Mark Your Calendars!!!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

For those of you who are new to our school this is the time that the BRCVPA family pulls together to create an evening of fun, treats-n-eats, auctions, activities and adventures while fundraising for our school. Lisa Verma and Torii Freeman have agreed to co-chair this year.

Be a Room Rep

We all know the benefits of a strong PTO; now is the time for you to get involved. We're looking for a few good parents (or guardians) to serve as Room Representatives. Room Reps. help coordinate events (i.e., treat sales, parties, picnics, etc.). They also spread the word about upcoming events and find volunteers and supplies for those events. It is not mandatory for Room Reps. to attend every party/event. There are usually other parents who enjoy attending parties and helping out. The majority of Room Rep. duties can be completed from your home. Sign up today to serve your child's class. **Room Reps Make the Difference!**

Just Returning

Four of our teachers- Ms. Delony, Ms. Reese, Ms. Sneed, and Ms. Wiebelt- participated in a cross curriculum training program- "Creating Original Opera"- in Washington, D.C. over the summer. Lessons emphasized will help our students merge classroom skills with all the design and production skills it takes to produce our 4th grade opera each Spring. Watch for the results!

MDA Coin Drive

Get in Touch

During the week of August 25-29, we will be hosting a change collection drive to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. Look for the change collectors (giant water jugs) outside of the front office. Grades K, 2, & 4 will compete with grades preK, 1, 3, & 5. May the most generous grades win!

Keep Clipping

Remember to keep clipping Box Tops and saving Community Coffee receipts. They will be collected in early 2009. Last year, \$660.00 was collected in Box Tops alone. The class with the most turned in, earns a class party. It all adds up.

It's the right thing to do!

Please make only right hand turns when leaving our campus and entering Acadian Thruway during drop-off (8:00-8:45) and pick-up (3:25-4:00) times. This should help ease some traffic issues.

Which way do I go?

Thanks to a \$25,000 allowance from the Magnet Office, our campus will be displaying some new directional and design signage. In addition to helping visitors navigate our campus, the signs will reaffirm our role as a cutting edge visual and performing arts school.

2008-2009 PTO Meeting Schedule

Tuesday August 19th 7:00
Tuesday September 16th 3:30
Tuesday October 21st 3:30

Tuesday January 20th 7:00
Tuesday March 17th 3:30
Tuesday April 21st 3:30

Remember to check the bulletin board outside of the front office for PTO news and to utilize the PTO suggestion mailbox just outside the front office, too.