

Bardmoor Bullhorn



October 2016

Website: <http://www.bardmoor-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us>



Dates to Remember

10/6 5th grade fieldtrip

10/11 and 10/13 3rd grade fieldtrip

10/12 No school for students

10/27 Cookie delivery

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A Message from Our Principal:

Dear Bardmoor Families,

We have had another busy month at Bardmoor. We had Open House and Goodies with Grandparents. We had a great turn out for both events and I love seeing all of the families.

We are monitoring attendance closely this year. At Bardmoor we have bell to bell instruction, so if your child comes in late or goes home early, they are missing instruction in the classroom. It is important that you don't check your child out of school unless it is for something very important. If a child goes home early, even 5 minutes, they will miss out of perfect attendance at the end of the month.

We had our first BEST assembly this week to recognize students for all of the hard work that they have been doing so far this year. We will do these monthly to recognize perfect attendance (here all day, every day, no tardies or early releases), Top Dog (student of the month) and other academic accomplishments.

I want to thank everyone for participating in the school fundraiser. The funds will be raised to buy more technology for classrooms.

Thanks for all that you do!

Mrs. Leigh Brown





IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDERS!

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS ONE OF THE SINGLE GREATEST PREDICTOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD AND OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TOP PRIORITY

* Your child is expected to be present in school every day and all day-bell to bell

* If your child has missed even one day of school, it is your responsibility to contact the teacher/school by note, email, planner, school online attendance reporting tool on the Bardmoor website, or a phone call to let us know that the child will be absent and the reason for their absence. Otherwise these absences will be recorded as UNEXCUSED.

* EXCUSED absences include: your child being sick, injury, death in the immediate family, communicable disease, or a School District approved religious holiday.

* UNEXCUSED absences include: family trips, oversleeping, shopping, personal appointments

* If your child is TARDY you must walk them in and provide a reason as to why they are tardy. Remember every 3 tardy days is equal to 1 absence. These add up quickly.

* If your child has a medical appointment and you need to take them out of school early, you must notify the school. If your child is going to be released early more than 3 times, you must contact our Administration and provide documentation for the reason. Every 3 early releases is equal to 1 absence.

* If your child misses more that 10% of days in any given month, they will be referred to the school's attendance review team and monitored for the year. Consistent truancy will result in a referral to the Truancy Court and result in State Attorney Involvement for parents /guardians

* Your child's Perfect Attendance means that they are in school every day from first bell to last bell-without being tardy or early releases. Perfect attendance awards are handed out every month with a certificate and a small token or toy!

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School Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Savino, School Counselor

Happy Fall!

So far this year it's been great introducing myself to all the students and getting to know them! Thank you all for being welcoming. I hope I got to introduce myself to you at Open House. If you missed me and want to refer your student for additional services I have Parent Referral Forms in the front office that you can fill out and give to the staff up front. If you want to speak to me in person stop by or call to make an appointment.

Phone: 727-547-7824 Email: savinom@pcsb.org

October 24 – 28 is Red Ribbon Week! We have a different theme each day and encourage the students to dress up and join us in the fun!

Monday, Oct. 24th - Turn Your Back on Drugs! (Wear shirts backwards.)

Tuesday, Oct. 25th - Team Up Against Drugs! (Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt)

Wednesday, Oct. 26th - Use Your Head – Don't do Drugs! (Wear crazy hair or a hat)

Thursday, Oct. 27th - Don't Get Mixed Up in Drugs! (Wear mismatched clothes)

Friday, Oct. 28th - These Paws Don't Touch Drugs! (Wear Bardmoor shirts or Blue and White)

Classroom Guidance

Lessons this month will focus on cooperation and have an anti-bullying theme (since October is Bullying Prevention Month). I will be going into classes to teach students about getting along with others and working together.

More resources about cooperation and bullying:

Sally Sore Loser by Frank Sileo (Grades PreK – 3)

The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill (Grades PreK-3)

Here Comes Smelly Nellie by Teddy Slater (Grades 1-2)

Knights of the Lunch Table #1: The Dodgeball Chronicles by Frank Cammuso (Grades 3+)

* Did you know that missing just 10 minutes of instruction will result in your child missing: important announcements, direct instruction time, independent reading, and interrupts the flow of learning for the entire classroom? In addition frequent absences, tardiness, and early releases send a message to your child about the importance of school.

* We all want our children to be successful in life and that starts by being successful in school. Providing a consistent education is one of the most important ways that you parent your child. Research overwhelmingly indicates that consistent attendance is directly related to success in school.

Join us in our mission to improve our school's perfect attendance!!!



Title 1 Updates

We are off to a great start in Title I. We have renewed 2 part time hourlies to help support instruction. In addition, Mrs. Glass will continue as our full time reading coach, Promise Time, our after school extended learning sessions are beginning with a focus on Language Arts and Math instruction for identified students. The focus may change throughout the year. Be watching for additional opportunities.

Our Annual Title I Open House was a success. After our general meeting parents were dismissed to classrooms to hear grade level presentations. PTA and several community businesses were available for after school offerings. Compacts were reviewed by teachers, if you missed receiving they will be covered at a future conferences. A compact is to show agreement that when we; students, parents and teachers work together, success levels are increased. If you missed Open House, you may view the agenda and PowerPoint by visiting the school website. Handouts are also available in our Parent Resource Center located just outside the office. There are many pamphlets there to help your student be successful.

Connect for Success, our take home laptop initiative, has had a strong start however we still have 35 available for distribution. If you are interested in your child participating, place a note in their agenda and paperwork will be sent home. If these are not secured, the district may pull to use at other Title 1 schools.

Any issues with computers, Jan Ottinger is your point of contact.



Great American Teach-In

Come and celebrate with us! Join the Great American Teach-In November 16, 2016. Share your work experience or hobby with students. Opportunities are available from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in all classes.

The amount of time you volunteer is determined by your schedule. If you are interested, please call the office at 547-7824 and ask to speak with Mrs. Conklin, our community Involvement Liaison.

Pack A Snack

We want to respond to everyone who requested to participate in the Pack-A Snack program. The Pack-A-Snack program is designed to target the population of students who are chronically hungry. These are students that receive school breakfast and lunch but may be find food insufficient on the weekends. Statistically, the number is found to be about 17% of free lunch recipients. I know this formula is complicated as we provide free lunch for all students, but not all of those students run out of food over the weekend. This is a supplemental food program and not intended to feed all. We are deeply sorry for any confusion. Please contact Ms. Mercier, School Social Worker or Mrs. Savino, School Counselor for any assistance with community supports. If you find your family is in need, Dial 2-1-1 from any phone 24 hours a day.



Our website continues to be updated Check it out at

<http://pcsb.org/bardmoor-es>

Check back often to see our new links and information. Something you wish was on our site? Feel free to send comments to Jan Ottinger at ottingerj@pcsb.org.



Do you have a Parent Access login and password for PCS Focus?

If yes, please log in and assure all of the contact information is accurate. We have had a few incidents where we had a difficult time reaching parent contacts when needed. Notify office, in writing, if you find errors.

If no, please complete the request below and send to school with your student. We will set up your account and send information home through your student.

Through Focus you can see announcements, view daily attendance and in grades 3-5 you may access grade updates. This access is also used for registration each year. If you have multiple students in PCS list their name, grade and school and we can attach them to one profile.

FOCUS Login Request

Parent Name: _____

Driver's License # _____

Expiration date: _____

Contact number # _____

Email address: _____

For Bardmoor student(s):

Student name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

For other PCS school student(s):

Student name: _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Date of birth: _____

A Big Bardmoor Thank You!



Recent class adoptions:

- Mrs. Dimassi's class was adopted by Ms. Meredith Wilson
- P.E. Department- Champion Tae Kwon Do
- Deck-Gordon & Lynn Ross
- Mrs. Knight- Jerimy Mock & Hoa Nguyen
- Mrs. Gross- The Anh Nguyen
- Robertson- Bernardo & Eden Balagot
- Ms. Davis- Viet Anh Q Nguyen
- Thank you to Kevin Hintz, the manager from Square 1, for giving us free kids meal coupons for our Best Assembly.
- Rancho Village donated a truck load of school supplies so when our students are in need, we have resources available. THANK YOU to the residents at Rancho Village 7100 Ulmerton Road Largo for your CONTINUED support
- If your child has supply needs, ask them to let their teacher know.



Toys for Tots registration will open **November 1st**. This year families will have to register online if you are in need of receiving gifts. Please contact me with any questions. If you don't have access to a computer, you are welcome to come in and I will help you.

Sharon Savino, School Counselor



Our annual District Wide Administration Building Art Opening will be on Wednesday, October 25, 2016. The reception will be held from 5:00 - 7:00p.m. Parents & students are welcome, refreshments & cookies will be served. When families arrive, go to the 2nd floor conference hall to get your certificate of participation. Ms. van Ingen looks forward to seeing you there!!

Please ask your children about what they are learning in Art!! As always, I enjoy working with your children & seeing the amazing creativity they show me daily!!!

Art student's have been very busy here at Bardmoor! 4th grade is working on their annual Word & Image show. The theme this year is "On My Block". This is a district-wide show, excellent work, (based on a rubric), will be submitted for judging for display at the Morean Art Center which is located in downtown St. Pete. Last year Bardmoor took the top prize and that student received a free week at the Morean's summer art camp! Bardmoor also received another top award of Merit, that student received a \$25 gift certificate to Michael's! Wouldn't it be great to do it again!! Students will be writing a story about their "neighborhood memories", please ask your child about their visual story as well as their written story! 5th graders are working on Kid's Tag Art; this was due at the end of September. If you signed your child's permission slip, their Florida-themed design for a vanity license plate will be printed on metal that can be attached to the front of your car! This item would make a great holiday or birthday gift for parents, grandparents, family and friends! These tags will be available to purchase at www.kidstagartpinellas.org for under \$20. A large part of the proceeds will come back to Bardmoor's Art program. More to come when purchase becomes available. 3rd grade is working on an "abstract" portrait using a variety of shapes & lines adding warm and cool colors. K-2 has been learning & reviewing the elements of art, we have touched on line & color theory & will be moving on to texture & space!

Ms. vanIngen

Kristine van Ingen, BFA, Honors, MA Ed
Bardmoor Elementary Art
Registered Yoga Teacher

"When we teach a child to sing or play an instrument, we teach her to listen. When we teach a child to draw we teach her to see. When we teach a child to dance, we teach him about his body & space & balance. When we teach a child to design, we reveal the geometry of the world. When we teach a child to act on the stage, we discover character & motivation. When we teach children about folk & traditional arts & the great masterpieces, we teach them to celebrate their roots & find their place in history.

(Jane Alexander, former chair, National Endowment for the Arts)