



BULLDOG BYTES

"WHERE LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ARE EXPECTED"

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Calendar

- Thanksgiving.....11/25-11/27
- Coffee w/ Mr. Davie.....12/03
- Band Concert.....12/07
- Strings Concert.....12/15
- Choral Concert.....12/17
- Winter Break.....12/21 – 01/01
- Coffee w/Mr. Davie.....01/07
- MLK Holiday.....01/18
- Teacher Workday.....01/19
- Report Cards.....01/21

Please visit Bryson's website for more detailed information on calendared events or additional information of newsletter items.

A Message from Mr. Davie

Hello everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you get to spend some time with friends and family and enjoy the blessings of life during this season.

Second quarter interim progress reports will be sent home today, November 23, 2009. Please look over the report with your student and contact your student's teacher(s) if you have any questions. You may also schedule a conference with your child's teachers by contacting our guidance department. I would like to congratulate all our students who are working hard and maintaining good grades. I would also like to encourage many of you to work a little harder to earn better grades as we draw closer to end of our first semester.

Our renovation project is also drawing closer to completion. The contractors are still in the process of several projects. They are installing a new awning on the gymnasium side of the campus that will provide shelter for our bus-riding students during inclement weather. They are also continuing their work on our new security system and are installing security cameras in various areas of the building. Our PTA has provided about \$10,000 of funding to supplement the renovation project in a couple of areas. These funds have helped us to install 17 additional security cameras in our hallways, courtyard, gymnasium, auditorium, and media center. The funds from the PTA also allowed us to purchase the beautiful new sound booth in the auditorium. Both of these projects will benefit the school for many years to come.

We will begin winter MAP Testing in the area of math when we return from Thanksgiving break. We want to get an indication of where our students are performing in relation to the goal that is set for them to reach in the spring. We encourage all our students to take the test seriously and put forth their very best effort. The test will also provide teachers information regarding the math class that will be recommended for next year.

Once again, Happy Thanksgiving. It continues to be an honor to serve you, and I look forward to working with you in the coming days.

Guidance News

Conference Procedures:

Guidance Counselors can schedule parent/teachers conferences during the teachers' plan periods. Parents may meet with all of their students' academic teachers during one conference period. Related Arts teachers are available during first period.

Your Grade Level Guidance Counselors are as follows:

6th Grade and Mrs. Howard's students:

Mrs. Denise Lambert (355-2116)

7th Grade and Mrs. Wideman's students:

Mrs. Crystal Fatyol (355-2117)

8th Grade and Mrs. Wood's students:

Mrs. Shani Brister (355-2104)

If you would like to meet with a **Guidance Counselor**, please call Mrs. Collins at 355-2114 to schedule an appointment. Students may also schedule meetings with their Guidance Counselors by notifying their homeroom teachers.

8th Grade

8th Grade Parents! In December, students will receive information regarding their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meetings. All 8th grade students have a meeting with a Guidance Counselor, Career Specialist, and parents to discuss their plans for high school. During the meeting, it is expected the student will choose a career cluster of interest to assist in choosing elective classes for high school. IGP meetings will be in January and February. Individual letters will start going home with students in January with their scheduled date and time. If you would like more information about IGP meetings, you may contact Julie Bagwell at 355-2162 or Allison Rosemond at 355-2170.

Explore Career Program

If you would be interested in having your student involved in the Explore Career Program for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Vet and Animal Science, or Police, please contact Julie Bagwell @ 355-2162 for details. These are monthly programs (off site), in the evenings, to expose your student to career interest areas.

Art News

Hello from the Art folks in G104.

We are working on a graffiti clay ornament for our school Christmas tree. We are using skills learned in our most recent project, a crayon etching. A volunteer from the art community will be with us to lend a hand. Speaking of volunteers, there is a great need when working on projects to have adults in the room handing out supplies or monitoring procedures. Your child would not have to be in art to volunteer.

We continue to need styrofoam egg cartons to dispense glue and paint, and Folgers coffee cans for paint water. Other needs are q-tips, and large flat styrofoam trays for printmaking and paint mixing. Recycled things are not only good for the green movement they often stimulate creativity. If you think we might be able to use something, ask. Thanks.
Lou Peden, Art



The Physical Education and Health Departments are sponsoring our annual American Heart Association Hoops for Heart fundraiser on **December 16, 17, and 18th, 2009**. We will have a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The price to play is \$5.00 per person or \$15 for the team. The schedule for each grade level is as follows:

December 16th6th Grade
December 17th7th Grade
December 18th8th Grade

The tournaments will be played during that grade levels Related Arts time. This event will help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health, and will also raise funds to support vital heart and stroke research as well as educational programs.

For more information, contact our PE and Health teachers: Mr. Moon or Mrs. Cooper.

Give a donation in memory or honor of someone special.

Winter Sports

Congratulations to the following students who made the boys and girls basketball teams for Bryson Middle:



Boys Team: Demetrius Anthony, Jarell Barksdale, Braylin Beagle, Matthew Brencis, Avery Greene, Jeremy Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Kijana Madden, Anthony Nelson, Cameron Parker, Thaddeus Perry, Randall Shaw, Jayln Tolbert, and Kenneth Russell, and Coach Mike Alexander.

Girls Team: Shanasia Bailey, Rikki Bethea, Rebecca Curtis, Jakayla Davis, Elizabeth Harrelson, Ashley Jeffords, Jasmine Mangle, Hannah Owens, Destiny Ray, Mackenzie Reid, Candice Saunders, Miaya Seawright, Katie Tuten and Coach Janice Mackey.

Basketball Team T-shirts

The Bryson Basketball Teams are selling red, long-sleeved shirts with white/black lettering for \$12 each. Pre-order only. Forms are in the front office. You may return the form along with the money to Coach Mackey in Room E109 or Mrs. Wood in Room E101. Deadline is Dec 4th. Buy one and wear it to support our Bryson Bulldogs at their first home game on Dec. 14th!

Red Ribbon Week School Dances

Thank you to Mandy Watts, Deina Baynes and Cindy Marlar for organizing a very successful Red Ribbon Week!!

Also, thank you to all the parents and volunteers for making our school dances a success

Coffee with Mr. Davie

A reminder that "Coffee with Mr. Davie is the 1st Thursday of every month. Come join us from 7:30 am until 8:30 am for an informal chat.

Proposed Bell Schedule Change 2010-2011

A new bell schedule as been proposed for the 2010-2011 school year to give buses enough time to run multiple routes and get students to school on-time:

Elementary – 8:00 – 2:30
(NO change for Elementary Schools)

Middle School – 8:30 – 3:15

High School – 8:45 to 3:45

Parents may e-mail comments to belltimes@greenville.k12.sc.us by December 4th.

Box Tops/Campbell's Soup Labels

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in Box Tops for our school. To date, we have raised \$503.50 for BMS!! We get 10 cents per Box Top, so we collected over 5000 Box Tops since school started. Please continue to send in your Box Tops to help raise money for our school!!

Thank so much for your help!

Spirit Wear T-shirts and Hoodies

The PTSA still has Spirit Wear T-shirts and Hoodies available for purchase. Color and sizes are limited. Please contact the PTSA at 024pta@greenville.k12.sc.us if you are interested in purchasing Spirit Wear.

The Bryson Middle School PTSA hopes everyone has a Wonderful and Safe Holiday Season!!