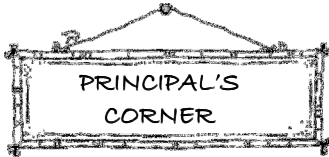


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I would like to begin by thanking each of you and the wonderful Governor Bent staff for a very successful beginning of the year. We appreciate all the families that came to the Back to School Night last week. A big thanks to John Marshall and Endre Zigmond for grilling over 500 hot-dogs! This event was a wonderful way to establish a partnership with your child's teacher. If you were unable to attend, you can always schedule an alternative time with your child's teacher to meet. The school-family connection is very important to us.

We continue to anticipate our new cafeteria. Currently, completion is expected in December. How nice it will be to have a renovated kitchen and beautiful new facility with new furniture!

I know you have spotted the new faces around campus. We welcome these staff members to the Governor Bent community:

- ♥ Diana Teeters (.5 Kinder)
- ♥ Tia Christmas (1st Grade)
- ♥ Stephanie Raab-Faber (3rd Grade)
- ♥ Georgina McRoberts (Educational Assistant)
- ♥ Lisa O'Riley (Music)

This year we will be starting a *Coffee with the Principal*. This will be a chance for us to visit about programs, curriculum, school initiatives, etc. Our 1st one is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 24th @ 8:15 am** in the library. I hope a few of you will be able to come!

Sincerely,
Jill Vice

WELCOME BACK!



I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer and is now ready to get back to another great school year. The PTA has already been hard at work.

Once again our primary fundraiser this year will be the Jog A Thon on October 2nd. We hope you will be able to donate generously to this fundraiser to help support the PTA and the school. PTA funds go directly to our kid's teachers, families in need, PTA Clothing Bank, Governor Bent Clubs, field trip assistance and more! As you can see the funds PTA raises are used to improve our school and community.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join the PTA. The dues are \$5.00. Membership forms are available in the office or from your child's teacher. Our next meeting will be September 8th at 3:45 in the library. We would love to see you there.

Picture day this year will be October 1st. Retakes will be November 10th.

I am looking forward to another busy and productive school year.

Mary Zsigmond
GBES PTA President

Join the PTA



NOTE FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER



My name is Lisa O'Riley and I am happy to be at Governor Bent as the music teacher this year. I want to let you know about a music opportunity for your children. The University of New Mexico has a non-auditioned children's choir on Wednesday afternoons. They serve children from kindergarten through 10th grade and meet at St. Paul's Lutheran church. The cost is \$100 per semester and some financial assistance is available. They have some performances appropriate for all age levels. This is a high-quality program run by great teachers! For more information, please call 277-8816 or e-mail unmcc@unm.edu. I look forward to a great year!

Lisa O'Riley
Music Specialist



NURSE'S NOTES



If your child needs any medication during school hours, please pick-up a medication form in the health office. Asthma inhalers or epi-pens can be carried by a student, but only with a signed order from a health care provider. If your child has asthma, we strongly encourage your child to have an inhaler at school for emergency use.

Over the counter medication, such as Tylenol, can be kept and given in the health office once a form is filled out and signed by a parent. Call the health office for any questions regarding medication use at school.

Our goal is to have a healthy happy school year for Governor Bent students and staff.



Stephanie Mitchell RN, School Nurse
Jennifer Lynch, Health Assistant



WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY! ¡Bienvenidos a la biblioteca!

Sra. Arthur will see all the classes weekly for library time. Students can check out books, learn how to find answers to some of their many questions and have fun even when they are quiet!

Mark your calendars for Scholastic Book Fairs the last week of October 2009 and the first week in February 2010. Help your child build his or her own library at home and help our school and teachers have more books for all!

If you would like to volunteer, even 30 minutes, in our library, please see Sra. Arthur. Gracias.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Timothy Mondloch and George Ross on receiving the Nick Nellos Award for "Outstanding Mediation" for the 2009-2009 school year! Also, a big thank you and congratulations go to their sponsors Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Martinez for training and supporting all of the mentors.



SEPTEMBER

7th Labor Day (no school)
8th PTA Board Meeting
(3:45 pm in the Library)

OCTOBER

1st Picture Day
2nd Jog A Thon
6th PTA Board Meeting
26-30th Book Fair

REDIRECT PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

Here we are back again for a new school year! It's exciting but a bit hectic, isn't it? I am happy to be returning as your Redirector for another year.

This letter is to advise you as to how the Redirect Program was received last year. A short survey was taken and it came back very positive, and the staff was very supportive of the program. If you didn't get a chance to drop by to visit please do so anytime my door is always open. (P-22)

Did you know that the Redirect program could help with more than just behavior concern? It can help with homework that was not finished, academic tutoring and encouragement for students who need one on one support.

Redirect can provide a quiet workspace for students who need a quiet space to finish their work or to complete make up or missed work (reading or writing assignments). It can also be a mediation interview for students who may have a conflict before it get out of hand. The Redirect Program can assist teachers in various ways.

Redirect is part of the Mediation in the school and the Second Step program, which is focused on problem solving, impulse control and anger management. The program teaches skills that students can use throughout their lives.

I am still very excited about the program and I can see the difference it has made for our teachers and to our school success.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or drop by (Rm. P22).

Myrl Tillman
Redirect Program



BIG THANK YOU'S

- John Marshall and Endre Zigmund - grilling over 500 hot dogs!
- PTA for buying the great barbeque grill
- Del Norte Church for donating over 60 backpacks full of school supplies, delicious cookies and certificates to Putt Putt Golf & Games

