



Bonita Springs Middle Silver Stallions

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TEACHER RECOGNITION

BSMS will celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 16 – 20th, with a number of activities – one of which is the Pumpkin Pie with Parents Day (see attached flyer). Another activity is that students will have the opportunity to write special messages to teachers who influenced or made a difference in their lives. We are asking parents also to do the same. If you would like to let one of our teachers know that they have done a good job, have had an impact on your child, or simple want to “make their day” please fill in the form below, cut out, and return to the front office with your child.

Your name _____

Your child _____

Teacher you are writing about



Calendar Of Events

6 th	NJHS meeting – 9:00 Picture retake day
11 th	Veterans’ Day – no school
17 th	Pumpkin Pie W/ Parents See attached flyer
19 th	McDonald’s Night – Springs Plaza – 5:00 – 8:00
20 th	NJHS meeting – 9:00
26 th – 28 th	Thanksgiving – no school

Teachers make learning a joy by capturing teachable moments and turning them into magical learning experiences.

NEED TO RIDE A DIFFERENT BUS???

From the Code of Conduct “Riding other buses for the purpose of going home with friends, going to work, going to non-school meetings and clubs, private lessons, and other personal conveniences



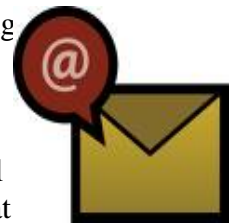
WILL NOT BE APPROVED.

Congratulations to... Samantha Courey

for winning the September drawing for having returned the form found at the end of each parent news letter.

Parent Teacher Organization Requests Your E-mail Address

The PTO is collecting e-mail addresses of parents who want to stay informed and connected with the school. E-mail is a quick and easy way to send out information on current and upcoming events and other important news. If interested, you can send your e-mail address to the PTO at Bonitamiddlepto@yahoo.com



A SALUTE TO THE VETERANS OF BSMS

Mr. Joseph Cofield – Army – first sergeant 1975 – 1997 - Communications Chief.

Mr. Russ Melberg – Air Force – Sergeant – 1966 – 1970 – Finance officer.

Mr. Merlin Psenicka – National Guard – Spec. 4 - Medical Corps.

Mr. Einbinder – Navy – Lt. Commander – 1993- 1997
Surface Warfare



No Child Left Behind Update: Information regarding the district’s performance status on the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) can be viewed at <http://intervention.leeschools.net/districtaccountability.html>. To learn more about your child’s progress in English language acquisition or how you can become more involved at the school, contact your child’s principal.

MCDONALD'S NIGHT – NOV. 19TH

Please join us at McDonald's in Springs Plaza from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. for dinner. A percentage of their profits for the evening will be donated to our school.

Thanks from SRO Deputy Gaydash

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Cadets that created an awesome door for Red Ribbon week are: Allison Elmore, Michael Cannon, Michelle Ramirez, Joanna Ramos, Shianne Silvey, Christy Ramos-Ventura, Anthony Amburgy, Jesus Rodriguez, Guadalupe Estala. Thanks Cadets for all your hard work!

BSMS VISION STATEMENT:

To provide a caring and nurturing environment where all students regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background, demonstrate continuous improvement and a love for learning.

BSMS MISSION STATEMENT:

Expanding minds, strengthening bodies, nurturing souls for lifelong success.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

The state of Florida requires every school to set annual goals. Each month, we will list one of those goals here. If you would like to have a voice in what happens at BSMS, please attend our monthly SAC meeting.

In 2009-2010, the percentage of students in grades 6-8 in the Students with Disabilities subgroup scoring in levels 3-5 on the FCAT Reading Assessment will increase from 25% to 33% to meet Safe Harbor requirement for AYP.

Dear Parents/Guardians: In order to keep the community informed with the latest facts and data, the District has set up a special budget section on its Web site. Please visit www.leeschools.net and click on the link on the main page for the 2009/10 Budget Update section to see information about the financial crisis facing Lee County Public Schools.



FEEDBACK, PRAISE, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

If you have any concerns or comments you would like to share with the administration, please write your thoughts below and have your child return this box to the office or homeroom teacher.



Name _____

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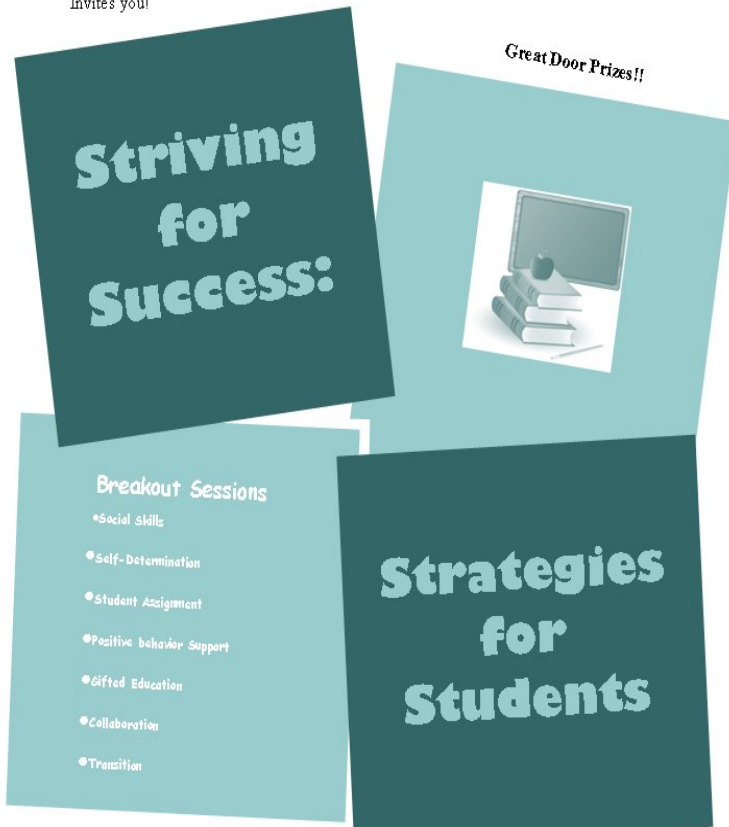
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If you've read this far, you must really be a caring and concerned parent. Please complete the form below and send it back to school with your child by November 13th. Forms should be turned in to homeroom teachers. Students who return the form will be entered into a prize drawing.

Student's Name

Home Room Teacher

Parent's Signature



Dr. Browder's *Exceptional Student Education Parents Advisory Committee* cordially invites all parents, teachers, and community stakeholders

Free Childcare and Sibling Workshops Available!!

(Please pre-register with Donna Djerf at 337-8621 or donald@leeschools.net)

Location: **South Fort Myers High School**

Time: **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Date: **Saturday, November 14th 2009**



IS YOUR CHILD SEXTING?

What Parents Need to Know...

Parents may never have heard of it, but surveys show that 20 to 60 percent of teens are doing it: "sexting". What is sexting? A combination of the words "sex" and "text messaging," "sexting" is the sending of sexually provocative messages or visual images to and from cell phones and computers, and it puts kids at risk for exploitation, harassment, and even felony charges. Some teens and young adults use sexting to flirt, others to have fun or be funny, and still others to gain recognition, improve their social status, or hurt or harass. Sometimes it's gossip, sometimes it's a mating call, sometimes it's sexual harassment. Provocative photos sent in private can be forwarded to the entire school body after a break-up, posted online, and then come available over the Internet. Emotional trauma is one of the dangers associated with sexting, and in some parts of the country, teens are being threatened with child pornography charges.

What Should Parents Do?

Communicate with your child. Frequently ask them about friends, relationships, crushes, and bullying. Many small conversations about their social life show that you care and will give you a better picture of their social life. A one time, pointblank question about sexting will probably not reveal much. Many teens may not even recognize the term.

Dads Involved in Their Children's Education

President Obama, in his speeches, has talked about the importance of fathers' involvement in their children's lives. A special report called "Father's Involvement in their Children's Schools," talks about the impact dads have on their children. The study says, "Children do better in school when their fathers are involved in their schools, whether their fathers live with them or their mothers are also involved." Here are five steps you can take to become a stronger dad in your child's education:

1. Meet your child's teacher(s).
2. Call/email the teacher(s) yourself if you have questions/concerns.
3. Attend teacher conferences.
4. Help your child with homework.
5. Let teachers and the school know you want to be involved; ask what you can do to help your child.

Check out www.strongfathers.com for more information on how to be involved in your child's life.

Most teens are more apt to speak openly with their parents when they know that parents genuinely care about their lives. If you learn that your child is dating or engaging in sexual behaviors, have a frank talk about sex and include the topic of sexting.

While teens want privacy and parents want to respect that privacy, parents need to remember that they are responsible for their child's actions. Parents have the right and should frequently check cell phones, notebooks, bookbags, bedrooms, and other personal belongings to ensure that children are not involved in any dangerous activity.

