



Bonita Springs Middle Silver Stallions

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THE GUIDANCE CORNER

For those new to Florida and for our 6th graders.....

BLOCK SCHEDULING

ON BLUE DAYS we have periods 1, 3, 5 and 7

ON SILVER DAYS we have periods 2, 4, 6, and 8

Attendance is very important! If you miss one block of class it is like missing 2 classes.

Students please come to school every day, on time and prepared. Use your agenda/planner. WRITE your assignments. It will be difficult to keep track of it all if you do not use your agenda/planner.

Middle School Credits

What does this mean?

This means that you must have a D or above **every quarter** to earn the credit you need to move on to the next grade.

8th GRADERS

All 8th Graders must take the Business/Career Ed Course to fulfill one of the credits you need to graduate. Through this course you will be instructed on career and education planning. You will fill out your e-PEP (electronic Personal Education Planner).

Parents for more info on e-PEP go to FACTS.org and click on the Parent's Guide.

STUDENTS REMEMBER that First Quarter ends on October 28th!!!!



Calendar Of Events

5 th	Art & music fund raiser begins
12 th	Fall canned food drive begins
14 th	SAC/PTC meetings – 5:00 & 6:00 media Ctr.
15 th	McDonald's Night – 5:00 – 8:00 Springs Plaza
20 th	National Writing Day
28 th	End of 1 st grading Qtr.
29 th	Professional Duty Day – No school for students
30 th	Hurricane Make-up Day School closed

ESSAY CONTEST

Mrs. Gordon's advanced class and some of Mrs. Carias' classes will be participating in the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. This year's topic is the Celebration of the Completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Essays are due November 2nd.



Congratulations to... Caitlin MacPhearson

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

Intramurals:

October

- 1 – Bonita Charter at BSMS 4:30pm
- 6 – BSMS at Three Oaks Middle 5:30pm
- 8 - BSMS at Bonita Charter 5:00pm
 - South Area Cross Country Meet at Lexington
- 13 – Lexington Middle at BSMS 5:30pm
 - Team Pictures at 4:00pm
- 15 – Basketball Practice TBA
- 19 – 28 – Basketball Playoffs TBA
- 26 – Cross Country Finals TBA

Physical Education

Physical Activity Every Day!
You need 60 Minutes of Physical Activity EVERY day for good health.
What are you doing to get your 60 minutes?

Fall Carnival is Huge Success

The Parent Teacher Organization and the entire staff of BSMS would like to thank everyone who helped make the Fall Carnival a huge success. The event would not have been as successful without the many people who volunteered their time, service, and equipment.

We also want to thank the parents and students who came to the carnival to play games and purchase food. We are already

Looking forward to making next year's carnival even bigger and better.



Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education

The School District of Lee County has been identified as a district in need of corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the district did not meet all state student achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in reading, mathematics, and/or writing for four or more consecutive years. The district has met 72% of the AYP criteria. AYP measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire district does not make the AYP requirements. This does not mean that Lee County Schools are failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows the percentage of proficient students in Lee County compared to other students in the state.

2008-09 Percent of Students Scoring Proficient			
Subject	Goal	Lee County	State
Reading	65%	64%	60%
Mathematics	68%	67%	66%
Writing	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met
Graduation Rate	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met

As a result, the district has developed a plan to improve the achievement of its schools. This District Improvement, Assistance, and Intervention Plan can be accessed on the DOE's (Department of Education) website: http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1. In addition, the district must move some of the funds to the schools to support activities that improve student achievement.

Parents play an important role in their child's education and are invited to become involved in their child's school. There are many ways of participating, such as:

- Attending parent conferences with teachers
- Participating in activities at the school
- Becoming a member of the SAC (School Advisory Council)
- Volunteering at the school

For additional information, visit DOE's Bureau of Student Assistance website: <http://www.fldoe.org/bsa>. If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school, Lee County Schools, or how to become more involved, contact your school principal.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

BSMS has been recently inspected and certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors or roofing materials that are tested prior to repairs or removal as needed, have been located in the school buildings. Please be aware that the School District of Lee County has an active management plan designed to ensure that the building is maintained safely for all occupants. These materials are being controlled in accordance with the Asbestos Management Program for the School and following the limitations and procedures of the policies and requirements of the Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program of the School District of Lee County.

The report listing the location, quantities, and condition of all known materials and contains the details of the control procedures is available at the school office for your inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the whole or parts of the school's asbestos file can be supplied to you at a cost of \$0.15/page.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Dorn J. Beddow
Asbestos Inspector/Management Planner
School District of Lee County

“When everything seems like an uphill struggle, just think of the view from the top”
Anonymous

Night Out at Chick-fil-A

Chick-fil-A at Estero cordially invites you to attend their 1st Annual Night of Elegance Saturday, October 17, 2009 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bring your date, family or friends to Chick-fil-A at Estero where it will be our pleasure to serve you. Sit down to a linen covered table and relax by candlelight.



We will take your order right at the table, hand deliver it and then leave you to enjoy your meal the elegant way. No reservations required, however, reservations will be accepted by calling 239-498-8700.

MCDONALD'S NIGHT – OCT 15TH

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.

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Bonita Middle School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

- Erin Fowler – gifted
- Charndra Carias – gifted
- Sherry Bullock – reading
- Kristy Richardson – ESOL

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 6-9 in the ELL subgroup scoring in levels 3-5 on the FCAT Reading Assessment will increase from 22% to 30% to meet the 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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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 October 23rd. 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