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Principal Message

From the Desk of Mr. Horky



Dear Bacon Parents:

Can you believe the start of the new school year is right around the corner? I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. As I came back to an empty and quiet building my thoughts quickly transformed to how excited I am for the upcoming school year. Providing our students with their very own "Home Court Advantage" will again be a primary focus as we work to make it count for all learners. Our HCA for students, staff, and parents will again include: Safety, Support, and Belonging!

What's new to start the 2022-2023 school year:

- **New Staff Members** – I'm excited to welcome five new staff members to our Bacon team. In addition to the new staff members we will be seeing some familiar faces in different places.
 - ◇ **Julie Gerken** is joining our first-grade teaching team. Julie's prior experience was at Bethke Elementary.

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- ◇ **Casey McGowan** will join our specials team as our new music teacher. Casey recently moved to Fort Collins from Florida.
- ◇ **Kaitlin Botelha** has joined our Bacon staff as our emerging bilingual teacher. Kaitlin most recently taught in Greeley.
- ◇ **Alex Prewett** will be part of our integrated services team as one of our autism teachers. Alex has made the move north from Littleton where she served as a special education teacher.
- ◇ **Melissa Murray** will also be joining our integrated services team as a multi-categorical teacher. Melissa has been part of PSD as a registered behavior technician.
- ◇ **Lindsey Garwood** is moving to join our 3rd grade teaching team.
- ◇ **Melissa Hartman** will now be part of our 4th grade team.
- ◇ **Sarah Garvert** will have a new role as our media tech center site manager.

Important Dates:

- ◇ **New Student Registration** is August 2nd & 3rd.
- ◇ **Class Lists** will be available via ParentVUE after 3:00 on Tuesday, August 9th.
- ◇ **Kindergarten and First Grade Parent Meetings** are set for Monday, August 15th at 3:15 in your child's classroom. Please plan to attend to learn everything you need to know to get the school year off to a great start.

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- ◇ **Meet Your Teacher/Ice Cream Social** is Monday, August 15th from 4:00 – 5:30. Please come by the school to drop off supplies, meet your teacher, and enjoy some PTO provided ice cream.
- ◇ **First Day of School** is Tuesday, August 16th. First bell rings at 7:40 with the tardy bell sounding at 7:45.
- ◇ **5th Grade Eco Experience Mandatory Parent Meeting** is set for Thursday, August 18th at 6:00 in the Bacon Gym.
- ◇ **Back to School Nights (Grade 2-5)** are scheduled for Wednesday, August 24th. Each teacher will provide two sessions starting at 5:30 and 6:05.

School Accountability Committee

- ◇ As part of the Education Accountability Act of 2009 (SB-163) all schools are required to establish a School Accountability Committee (SAC) consisting of a minimum of 7 members that meet quarterly during the school year. The purpose of this committee is to advise and recommend to the principal in the following areas: school spending, school improvement planning, and progress discussions concerning the school improvement goals. If you are interested in serving on this school committee please contact me either by email or phone at your earliest convenience.

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Counseling News

Welcome back to Bacon! I am so excited to see students back in the building. I hope you had some time to relax over your summer. We are really looking forward to the 2022/23 school year – seeing students, being with kids, learning, growing, and hopefully having some fun! Since this is my second year at Bacon Elementary as the School Counselor my focus will be on running groups, individual counseling for students, classroom guidance, mediation, referrals, and working to implement some restorative practices.



If you would like to connect at any point throughout the year, or if groups/individual counseling is something you would like for your child, please reach out either through email or phone: lsweet@psdschools.org or 970-488-5308.

One more thing... This is the time of year when many kids shift from a summer schedule which can often include different sleep patterns and bedtimes, to a school schedule with more regularity in their sleep patterns. The American Academy of Pediatrics states that children ages 6-13 need 9-12 hours of sleep each night, with most kids needing between 10-11 hours! Kids aged 3-5 need 10-13 hours of sleep each night.

According to KidsHealth.org, Getting enough sleep can help with:

- Attention
- Behavior
- Learning
- Memory
- Emotional regulation
- Mental/physical health

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Some key strategies to help children shift to a consistent sleep schedule include:

- Developing and staying with a regular bedtime routine
- Turning off screens at least 1 hour before bedtime
- Limiting scary movies or images, especially before bed

Kindest regards,

Lisa Sweet, School Counselor

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A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

Dear Bulldog Community,

The PTO is excited to welcome you all back to Bacon and we can't wait to work with all of you to make this school year an amazing one!

As your PTO we fundraise in order to provide supplies, educational programming, fun trips, special events and more for our students, teachers and staff! Supporting our school is the #1 goal and we are ready to get back to it in the 2022/2023 school year!

We love seeing new faces at our meetings! Please keep a lookout in the September newsletter for information on our first meeting of the school year.

We can't wait to see you soon!

-Sabrina Barstow, PTO President

If you ordered from First Day School Supplies your box will be on your student's desk at back to school night!

We'd love to meet you at Back to School Night on August 15th from 4-5:30pm. We'll be hosting our annual ice cream social!

Bring the family to meet your new teachers, stop by the PTO table to learn more about the PTO and then enjoy a cold treat on us!

MEET YOUR **22/23** PTO BOARD

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