

Let's Go Bulldogs!



Barhitte News

We Need Your Help!!

Please call the office, at 591-9661, No Later Than 2:30 if there will be a change in your child's transportation home. The office gets very busy at the end of the day with phone calls coming in and people coming in to the office. We want to make sure your child gets the message! Or you could send a note with your child letting us know the change. Please do not tell your child and not notify the office or their teacher. The young kiddos get very anxious if they are told at home, but the school is not notified. If there is no notification to the office by 2:30 or to the teacher, the child will go home their regular way.

February 2017

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ 2/1/17 Late Start
Wednesday 9:25-3:30
- 5th Grade Book Bowl 3:30-4:15
- ⇒ Report Cards sent home
- ⇒ 2/8/17 **FULL DAY of SCHOOL** 8:25-3:30
- 5th Grade Book Bowl 3:30-4:15
- ⇒ 2/9/17 100's Day
- ⇒ Miss Cobb Party
- ⇒ 2/10/17 Honor's Assembly 4th and 5th Grade 2:00
- ⇒ 2/11/17 Daddy/Daughter Dance 5pm-8pm
- ⇒ 2/14/17 Valentine's Day Parties 2:00-3:00
- 3rd Grade Ice Cream Social 2:00-3:00 in Cafeteria
- ⇒ 2/15/17 Late Start Wed 9:25-3:30
- 5th Grade Book Bowl 3:30-4:15
- ⇒ 2/17/17 Hearing & Vision Re-Screenings
- ⇒ 2/20/17 **NO SCHOOL**
- Mid-Winter Break
- ⇒ 2/22/17 Late Start Wed 9:25-3:30
- 5th Grade Book Bowl 3:30-4:15

Attendance Matters!!

** We understand that your time at home with your child is valuable and precious. The Teacher's time with your child is also valuable, and very limited. Please have your child to school on time, everyday. School starts promptly at 8:25. The doors at the Parent Drop-Off Loop close promptly at 8:25 for the teachers to get to their classrooms. No children can be left at the doors once they are closed. They must come in the doors by the office. Tardy slips are given out to anyone arriving after 8:25, and this goes on their record.

** We are also experiencing many parents coming in to the office to pick their child up early. School is dismissed at 3:30. Instructional time goes right up until 3:20-3:25, depending on the lesson. Children are marked as "Left Early" when they leave school before 3:30. This also goes on the child's record.

Please make sure you are only using the Parent Pick-Up Loop at dismissal time (3:30) or send your child on their Bus home.

**Please see The Board of Education Attendance Policy on The Bentley Schools homepage at www.bentleyschools.org

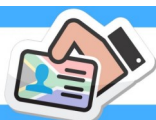
**If your child is going to be absent from school, you must notify the office within 24 hours of the absence (so by 9:00 am the next day) in order for the absence to be verified. If no call is made by 9 am the next day, it is considered an unexcused absence, and this goes on their attendance record as well.

Count Day

Our second Count Day of the year, will be on Wed, February 8, 2017. This will be a Full Day of school for the students, 8:25-3:30. Please make sure to call the office if your child will be absent from school. School Funding is very important to our district, please make sure your child is here on count day. If they aren't here, we can't count them!!

We Check ID's

We check ID's in the office! Whenever you or a family member, who is on your child's emergency card, come in to the office to sign a child out, you must show your ID!



Lunch Program

We know that financial situations can change quickly in today's difficult economic times.

If you are in need of financial help with school lunches please contact the Barhitte Office to have an application sent home.

Kids receiving free or reduced lunches are not singled out in any way in the cafeteria and lists are very confidential.

***Breakfast is free to all students regardless of need*



Artsonia Art Gallery

How Does Artsonia Work?

From Mrs. Browning

This school year has flown by in my classroom! Your little artists have created many beautiful pieces that are all displayed on artsonia.com. We have a lot to be proud of (and to brag about) this year on Artsonia. I want to thank those of you who actively participate. The rankings are based on the number of artworks, fan club members, comments to your children and other students—it means so much to them.

Artist of the Week—Each week, Artsonia randomly picks artworks to be voted on for Artist of the Week Awards. The winners are chosen by a voting process from Wednesday through Saturday, and are announced on Sunday. The winning students receive a \$50 gift card for art supplies and the art teacher receives a \$100 gift card as well.

I am often asked two questions about Artsonia. One is “How can I help” or “Can I help”? My answer is “Yes, you can help by participation on the site”. This is done by checking and approving comments that go into your child’s guestbook and joining fan clubs. You cannot do this unless you register as a parent or confirm registration if I registered to you.

I am so proud to display your child’s work and thank you so much for your support of the arts in our district.

Mrs. Browning



Ways to Show Children That You Care...



Notice them. Smile a lot. Acknowledge them. Seek them out. Ask them about themselves. Look in their eyes when you talk to them. Listen to them. Play with them. Giggle together. Be nice. Tell them their feelings are okay. Set boundaries that keep them safe. Be honest. Listen to their stories. Hug them. Forget your worries sometimes and concentrate only on them. Play outside together. Stay with them when they are afraid. Delight in their discoveries. Share their excitement. Follow them when they lead. Give them space when they need it. Discuss their dreams and nightmares. Laugh at their jokes. Answer their questions. Tell them how terrific they are. Use your ears more than your mouth. Hold hands during a walk. Apologize when you've done something wrong. Listen to their favorite music with them. Keep the promises you make. Display their artwork at home. Catch them doing something right. Give them your undivided attention. Ask for their opinion. Let them solve most of their problems. Meet their friends. Let them act their age. Praise more: criticize less. Admit when you make a mistake. Marvel at what they can do. Tell them how proud you are of them. Unwind together. Ask them to help you. Applaud their successes. Tell them stories in which they are a hero. Read aloud together. Delight in their uniqueness. Let them make mistakes. Include them in conversations. Respect them. Join in their adventures. Visit their schools. Be understanding when they have a difficult day. Be silly together. Hang out together. Make time to be with them. Accept them as they are. Trust them. Create a safe, open environment. Be available. Cheer their accomplishments. Do what they like to do. Build something together. Encourage them to think big. Love them no matter what.



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**Every Child, Every Day
- Whatever it Takes.**

Principal's Corner

Hello Barhitte families,

The High School Leadership Team is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance on February 11 at the Middle School from 5:00pm-8:00pm. More information will be coming home soon. Also, for all 4th and 5th Grade parents-there will be a quick assembly on Friday, February 10th beginning at 2:00 for students who made the honor roll. All other awards for 4th and 5th, as well as all other grade levels, will be at the end of the year.

Mrs. D. McCollum

Spelling Bee

We would like to say Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners! On Mon Jan 23 and Tues Jan 24, our 4th and 5th Graders participated in a spelling bee. Fourth Grade winners are: 1st place, Kyle Bonter from Mrs. Robert's class, 2nd, place Luke Sokolowski from Mrs. Gusie's class and 3rd place, Caleb Holmes from Mrs. Robert's class! Fifth Grade winners are: 1st place, Randi Dunckley from Mrs. Osmun's class, 2nd place, Jacki Merrit from Mrs. Osmun's class and 3rd place, Briana Asbury from Mrs. Owen's class. 1st and 2nd place winners will move on to the GISD competition in March! Congratulations to you all, you all did a f-a-n-t-a-s-t-i-c job! We are so proud of you!



Barhitte Vision Statement

Love learning

Excel in all we do

Achieve goals together

Do what is right



Book Bowl

This is just a reminder that Mrs. Gusie holds 5th Grade Book Bowl in her classroom, Room 104, every Wednesday from 3:30-4:15. Please make sure your child knows, ahead of time, if they are allowed to stay after school for this, or if they are to go home. We have a lot of children coming to the office at the end of the day, asking if they can call home to see if they can stay. Prior arrangements need to be made please!



Volunteer's

With Valentine's Day Celebrations, and Field Trips coming up, please make sure you have a Volunteer Application and Clearance Check form filled out and submitted. If anyone (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc) wants to come into the classroom to help, or go on a field trip to help, they must be cleared to come in. No one can be cleared the day of. All Applications must be submitted ahead of time. Applications are available in the office.

We thank everyone willing to come in and help our children!

Winter Weather Apparel

- We understand it's been an unseasonably warm January, but the children still need to wear a coat to school everyday. They need their coat for recess! Children go outside for recess if the weather is 0 degrees or higher. They will go outside whether they are sent with a coat to school or not. Please make sure they are dressed for the weather.
- If children wear boots to school, please send a pair of shoes in their backpack. With all the snow, wet and mud that gets tracked in on the boots, the teachers do not need that in the classroom.
- Children must have gym shoes with them to participate in gym class. If they do not bring the proper shoes, or are wearing boots to gym class, they will be sitting out that day. No more reminder calls can be made home for parents to bring up gym shoes.
- Please make sure your child's name is in all pieces of removable clothing, i.e.: coats, boots, hats, gloves, sweatshirts. We have many children with matching apparel, and this saves on someone else taking something home by mistake.



A Big "Thank You" to The Young Readers Book Club for their generous donation to our Library!
The children are excited for all the new books!



Family Bingo Night was a huge success this year! It is so nice seeing kids and their families together, having fun! Let's keep this tradition going!

