

Baileywick Bylines

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Oh, The Places The PTA Will Take You!

Amy Wilson, PTA President

Welcome back to Baileywick and an even bigger Welcome to all the new Kindergarten students and families! Summer vacation, trips and travel may be over, but the PTA plans on taking Baileywick students to many more places in the coming year!

We have planned a fun-filled year on a very tight but well thought out budget. We recognize that economic times are hard and we will do our best to respect your time and money, but we will need your donations and volunteer hours so that we can fulfill all we have planned for Baileywick students this year.

I'd like to encourage all Baileywick parents to join the PTA. We have membership levels ranging from \$7.25 to \$100 and all levels come with one or more incentives. Your membership will provide you with a voice and a vote as an active Baileywick PTA member. You will also be a member of the world's largest child advocacy organization.

If you haven't already joined, please look for a membership form in your Monday folder today. I'd also like to extend an invitation to attend any and all PTA meetings. Our first Executive Committee meeting will be tomorrow, Tues., September 1st at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. Our first General Membership PTA meeting will be held during the Open Houses on Wed., Sept. 9th at 6:30 for grades K-2 and Thurs., Sept. 10th at 6:30 for grades 3-5. We will be voting on the 2009-2010 budget and discussing the calendar and fundraising plans for the year.

The Baileywick PTA Executive Committee members are all amazing and energetic parents whom are busy planning another great year serving our staff members, our children and you. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments and suggestions at awilson146@nc.rr.com or 866-0114.

Welcome Baileywick Families!

Kathy Hartenstine, Principal

We have experienced a great first week of school with an excitement and enthusiasm that is creating a wonderful learning environment for our children. Thank you to all our parents who have sent us children who are eager to learn and who are very well behaved. As I have visited classrooms, I am so impressed with the learning and instruction that is taking place.

Our new year brings many changes due to the economic conditions and budget cuts. Just as many of you are being creative with your finances and seeking ways to do more with less, so are we at Baileywick. We are not letting the "legislative boot" dictate our program. Instead, you can count on the Baileywick staff and administration to step up to the plate, put on our high heels, and deliver a sound education for your children.

In today's Monday folder you have received the 2009-2010 Student/Parent Handbook. Last week you received the WCPSS Handbook. It is very important that you review these two documents with your children. You will find an insert that you need to complete and return to your child's homeroom teacher. Should you have any questions about our policy and procedures, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Keeping our Baileywick families informed on topics that influence your child's education is important to me. I will be offering two opportunities each quarter to meet with parents for an information session and dialogue. It is important that our parents feel connected to

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administration and I hope these sessions will offer us a relaxed time for me to provide information and answer your questions. I will offer a morning and evening time. Please let me know what times would work best for you. You may e-mail me at khartenstine@wcpss.net. I look forward to hearing from our parents.

Baileywick Growth Committee
Shila Nordone, Chair

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to our new parents and say hello to our returning families. My name is Shila Nordone, I am the chair of Baileywick's growth committee, our liaison to Wake Education Partnership (WEP) and our representative to the district 3 Board of Education (BOE) Advisory Council, of which I am the chair for the 2009-2010 school year. My job is to keep the Baileywick Community informed about WCPSS initiatives and advocate for our school in growth related issues.

Our first board advisory council meeting will be September 14th, 5:30 PM at Wildwood Forest Elementary. Our speaker will be Bethany Smith, from the NCSU College of Education. She will discuss the 21st century skills our students need and give us examples of the "tools" students and teacher can use to help acquire those skills. All parents are welcome to attend.

This year will be a big year for education in Wake Country. We have 4 retiring BOE members and will need to elect 4 new people to fill their seats. You may vote for a new BOE member if you live in district 1, 2, 7 or 9. Several groups will hold candidate forums. WEP will sponsor the largest forums and will have all candidates in attendance. Questions have been provided to candidates in advance, and if you would like to see the list of questions please email me at shila_nordone@ncsu.edu.

WEP Sponsored Candidate Debates:

District 1

Date: Sept. 10

Time: 7 pm

Chamber of Commerce partners: Wake-Forest; Rolesville; Wendell; Knightdale; Zebulon

Location: Wake Technical Community College, Northern Campus, 6600 Louisburg Rd

District 2

Date: Sept. 1

Time: 7 pm

Chamber of Commerce partners: Garner; Fuquay-Varina

Location: Wake Technical Community College Main Campus, 9101 Fayetteville Rd

District 7

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 8 am

Chamber of Commerce partners: Morrisville; Raleigh

Location: Morrisville Chamber of Commerce, 260 Town Hall Dr., Morrisville

District 9

Date: Sept. 9

Time: Noon

Chamber of Commerce partner: Cary

Location: Cary Chamber of Commerce, 307 N Academy St., Cary

Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African-American Children:

WCPSS Candidate Forum, August 29, 2009, Martin Street Baptist Church, 9:30am-12:00. Please register on the groups' website:

<http://www.cccaac.com/>

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Baileywick Spirit Wear Available Now!

Natalie Henderson, Chair
In today's Monday folder you should have received a Spirit Wear letter and order form (some were sent out last week.) The deadline for ordering your Spirit Wear is Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. There are extra forms in the copy room next to the office if you need them. Please remember to include your payment with your order and be sure to complete the entire form legibly, please. We will display all items available at the Open House; Sept. 9 and 10. Be sure to check out the new Bulldog design, collared shirt option and new tie dye designs!

PE Fitness Testing

Ann Willard
Welcome back to school and fall fitness testing in PE classes! Coach Norkus will begin testing in September for about 6 weeks and will need lots of volunteers to help time, count, measure, record and encourage our children. If you are able to help your child's class for about 45 minutes once a week during their PE time, or any time you have available that would be great. We will need 2-3 volunteers for each class each week. Some of you may have already signed up in your child's classroom and I will be getting back to you.

If not and you would like to help or have questions please contact me. It is a fun and easy way to see your children and their classmates in action! Thank you so much. Ann Willard, 844-0865
rawillard5@yahoo.com

Math Minute...

Maggie Spivey, Math Coach

Hello Parents! I'm so excited about our new school year, our new math series and my new role as Baileywick's Math Coach. This year, I will be supporting our teachers and students in the implementation of effective mathematics instruction.

Wake County Public Schools has adopted *Math Expressions* as our new math series. It is a program that includes powerful problem solving, helping build a strong foundation in both fluency and understanding. Within each lesson, five core structures will be incorporated:

- **Building Concepts** are the skills taught at each grade level.
- **Math Talk** allows students to share strategies and solutions.
- **Quick Practice** improves math fluency.
- **Student Leaders** allows students to become the teacher and lead daily routines.
- **Helping Community** provides homework and newsletters to strengthen the home-school relationship. *Math Expressions* is going to make our Baileywick math program even better!



September is **Responsibility** month. Be dependable and show others that you are responsible for your own words and actions.

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Important Dates:

September 1: PTA Meeting
9:30 am, cafeteria

September 7: Enjoy your
Labor Day Holiday



September 9: Open House
K-2, 6:30-8:00

September 10: Open House
3-5, 6:30-8:00.

ESL Orientation will be
included both dates.

September 23: Early
Release Wednesday, 1:15
student release time

October 8-15: Scholastic
Fall Book Fair, 8:45-4:30 pm

October 10: Saturday Fall
Gathering, TBD

Baileywick Yearbook

Amy Nagle, Chair

Baileywick's 2008-09 Yearbook Sales were a hit! Thank you to all of the families that bought yearbooks last year! We sold over 320 books which made over \$320 for the school!! Be watching for more information on the 2009-2010 yearbook...we are looking forward to capturing life at Baileywick for this school year!! If you are willing to help by sending in pictures that you take for school/classroom events, please contact me at amynagle@hotmail.com or call 803-3785.

General Reminders

Please remember that classroom assignments are tentative until September 22nd. This is due to growth, student assignment changes and new students enrolling or who have withdrawn after Aug. 25th. No changes will be made unless absolutely necessary.

Volunteers are always welcome! The school district requires that you complete an online application on our school computer.

Registering as a volunteer must be done every year, as background criminal checks are renewed annually to ensure student safety. You can contact your child's teacher directly, or Julie Sauls, fivesauls@earthlink.net for information on how to volunteer.

From the Editor

Bylines is your communication tool. You don't need to be a staff or committee member to let the Baileywick Community know what you have to share--are you a parent participating in an event or program that benefits the community at large as well as Baileywick? Let us know about it! We're interested in family friendly events and are happy to include your announcement as space permits.