

# Baileywick Bylines

September 8, 2009 volume 1 number 2



## Important Dates:

**September 9:** School Store, 8:40 am

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

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

ESL Orientation will be included both dates.

**September 16:** School Store, 8:40 am

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

**September 30:** School Store, 8:40 am

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

**October 10:** Saturday Fall Gathering, TBD

## PTA Membership Meeting

Amy Wilson, PTA President  
The PTA will conduct a General Membership meeting at Open House on Wed., Sept. 9 for k-2 grade parents and again on Thurs., Sept. 10 for 3-5 parents. Please join us! We will lay out the plans and vote on the working budget for the year. Meetings start at 6:30 pm but we will be on hand at 6:15--you can join PTA, get your Spirit Wear and 2009-10 Citipass book! We look forward to seeing you there!

## Greetings Baileywick School Family

Kendral Flowers, Asst. Principal

Our school year has been amazing so far!!! We are truly grateful to have such supportive parents, dedicated teachers and hardworking students. Thank you for allowing Baileywick Elementary the opportunity to educate your child. I just know that we are going to have another outstanding school year together!

To ensure that our school continues to run smoothly and that our arrival and dismissal times are safe and orderly, below I have listed some general carpool and bus procedures/reminders that we would like for you to review:

- Car Poolers-Students need to memorize and listen carefully for their new numbers. If numbers aren't memorized the carpool dismissal process goes slower. All cars must display issued tags. If you do not have a tag, please park in an empty space and go the office and sign out your child. If you do not have a tag, please see Ms. Wall in the main office. Equally important, please make sure that you do not ride up on the curb when picking up your child/ren. Safety First!
- Bus Students-The following 8 items are student expectations:
  1. Enter the bus in an orderly and quiet manner.
  2. Sit in assigned seats without being reminded.
  3. Remain seated and facing the front at all times.
  4. Keep hands, arms, heads or any other objects in the bus at all times.
  5. Sit with your feet on the floor and book bag and hands in your lap.
  6. Abide by the request of the driver and follow all school and county rules and regulations.
  7. Food, drink, and electronic devices are not allowed on the bus at any time.
  8. Be respectful to the driver and other students at all times.

Thank you in advance for reviewing these items and continuing to work with us as partners in your child's education and safety.

## Baileywick Student Directory

Please check your child's Monday folder for the Directory Consent Form. This form is to tell us if you wish to be included in the school directory. **Forms are due this Friday, Sept. 11.**

**Counselor tip:** Don't try to give your kids all the right answers. Try to ask the right questions.

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## Character Education

Alex Schray

### Responsibility

Parents, do you believe your children are developing the personal responsibility (which produces strong self-esteem) necessary to give them the confidence to try to solve most of their problems? Helping our children gain independence through responsible behavior gives them a chance to mature into successful young men and women, and our future leaders.

#### What is **Responsibility**?

Accepting credit when you do the right thing and accepting correction when you make a poor choice.

- Focusing on YOUR part, not on someone else's. This is personal responsibility. It means that others can depend on you to keep your promises, agreements and commitments. This means you are accountable. Take on new responsibilities when you are ready!
- Knowing the right thing to do and doing it. If you are not sure what to do the responsible thing to do is ASK a teacher or parent.
- Admitting your mistakes, do not blame others or make excuses.
- Being on time.
- Doing your best.
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#### What Does **Responsibility** look like?

- Following the rules
- Taking good care of yourself, for example: eat right, exercise, get plenty of rest.
- Showing Courtesy and kindness to everyone
- Appreciating our differences
- Protecting your rights

#### How do you practice **Responsibility**?

- When you agree to do something or are given a job to do, take it seriously!
- Take responsibility for the things you can do, and do not agree to do something you know you are not able to do!
- Do your responsibilities to the best of your ability!

***Guess who is watching!!*** It's your children and in the task of teaching **Responsibility** showing always does the job better than telling. That is the reality of parenting and teaching that cannot be ignored. What we are now, how we behave and what we do - these are the lessons we teach children every day. Here are some practical ways parents and teachers can SHOW Responsibility:

- Drive safely and courteously.
- Strive to maintain healthy habits.
- Vote whenever you are given the opportunity.
- Refrain from gossip.
- Apologize appropriately.
- Volunteer ~ school, church, food bank etc.

Here are some questions you can ask your children to start conversations about **Responsibility**:

***How would you show Responsibility if: ...you are given a job to do, but you would rather play?***

***... you are given lots of homework to do?***

***... you accidentally ripped someone's artwork in the hallway?***

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## Help Wanted

Ms. Piotrowski,  
3-5 Interventionist

Help... We are looking for a responsible teenager to watch staff children at Baileywick on Wed. afternoons while the teachers are in PLT meetings. We will pay someone from 3-4 pm each week. If this is something that sounds good to you please contact Ms. Piotrowski for details, 518-0090, or [rp Piotrowski@wcpss.net](mailto:rp Piotrowski@wcpss.net)

## Greater Raleigh Citipass Now Available

Sharon Schneier, VP, PTA

The PTA is now selling the 2010 Greater Raleigh Citipass book. This book contains over \$7,000 in discounts from more than 270 Wake County merchants including restaurants, fun-stuff, shopping and much more. Look for your purchase form in Monday's folder. Complete the form; attach your check made payable to Baileywick Elementary PTA and return to your child's teacher. Your Citipass Book will come home in the following Monday folder.

## Odyssey of The Mind Comes to Baileywick Elementary!

Amy Wilson, PTA President



Baileywick PTA is sponsoring a new program to Baileywick Elementary for grades 3-5. Odyssey of the Mind program promotes creative thinking by challenging teams to solve divergent problems, or those with more than one solution. Students learn that creative solutions come from teamwork, cooperation and risk taking. The Odyssey of the Mind program gives students a unique learning experience that promises to be challenging and fun. Students will learn cooperation, the appreciation and understanding of others, and that a group may be a more powerful thinking force than any one individual may.

This will be an after-school program and any 3rd, 4th or 5th grader can participate. An evening informational session will be scheduled soon for any parents who want their child to be a member on an OM team and/or parents who are willing to coach/co-coach a team. But, **FIRST**, I need a parent(s) to lead this program and help Baileywick students embark on a new adventure. This is an exciting opportunity for parent(s) to work directly with students to enhance their creative achievements and competitive abilities. Please contact Amy Wilson at [awilson146@nc.rr.com](mailto:awilson146@nc.rr.com) or call 866-0114.



## What's For Lunch?

**Tues., 9/8:** Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, hot ham and Cheese Sandwich, tossed salad, seasoned veggie blend, chilled applesauce, fresh fruit.

**Wed., 9/9:** Cheese Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce, Chicken Sandwich, steamed broccoli, whole kernel corn, chilled pears, fresh fruit.

**Thurs., 9/10:** Cheeseburger, oven baked chicken w/roll, parsley potatoes, baked apples, veggie sticks w/dip, fresh fruit.

**Fri., 9/11:** Hot dog on bun w/chili, fish filet on bun, oven baked potato wedges, creamy cole slaw, chilled pineapple, fresh fruit.

**Mon., 9/14:** Pepperoni pizza, Meatball sub, glazed carrots, 100% fruit juice, seasoned peas, fresh fruit.

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### **Fall Festival Committee**

Amy Wilson, PTA President

Baileywick Elementary's Annual Fall Festival will be held Sat., Oct. 10th; time to be determined. Dust off your chili recipes! It is time to compete for the tastiest chili but first we need a few volunteers to fill out our planning committee. Please join us to help plan, promote and pull off this fun and free event for Baileywick students and families. Contact Amy Wilson at [awilson@146@nc.rr.com](mailto:awilson@146@nc.rr.com) or 866-0114. We will be holding a planning meeting soon.

### **Wanted: Room Parents**

Donna Schuster,  
Grade Parent Chair  
1-2 parents per classroom to:

- Be communication line between teacher and parents
- Be PTA contact
- Enlist volunteers for field trips and classroom activities
- Coordinate Staff Appreciation Week for your classroom. Contact your teacher to sign up. Feel free to contact the Grade Parent Chair with any questions, 847-1838, or [dschuster@aol.com](mailto:dschuster@aol.com).

### **Attention All Volunteers!**

Amy Wilson, PTA President

Before you volunteer at Baileywick Elementary you must first complete the Wake County Volunteer Online Application. Registration can be done in the school Library. It only takes a couple of minutes. If you were approved last year you only have to update the information, which must be done online as well. Once new registrations are submitted, a volunteer number will be assigned. Registration in Spanish is also available.

The computer screen also provides a checklist of volunteer activities in all levels. Persons volunteering for Level 3 and 4 will be asked to provide additional information for a criminal background check; for example, a driver's license, social security number, and addresses for residences during the last seven years.

Moms, Dads, Grand mom and Grandpa should all consider registering as soon as possible.

#### • **Levels of Volunteer Activities:**

- Level 1 Examples: clerical work for teacher, telephone volunteer, media center volunteer, beautification volunteer, resource speaker.
- Level 2 Examples: classroom assistant, field day volunteer, test proctor, front office helper, room parent.
- Level 3 Examples: field trip chaperone, one-on-one tutoring outside the classroom, dance chaperone, club sponsor, health room assistant.
- Level 4 Examples: overnight field trips.

### **Attention IBM employees and retirees**

Wendi Watson

IBM has a very generous 'Matching Grants program' where we can obtain computer equipment for the school for a fraction of the retail cost. With this program, employees (and retirees) donate 20% of the cost of equipment and IBM matches with a donation of 80% of the cost. This means that for every \$200 donated, IBM will donate \$800 towards the purchase of computer equipment. Last year, through this program, we obtained 22 17-inch flat-screen monitors for the school! This program is a great way to get more value from your donation!

This program is not limited to just parents who are IBM employees. Grandparents and other family members, friends and neighbors who are IBM employees (or retirees) are eligible to make a donation towards computer equipment. Together, we can make a big impact on the technology needs of our school. For more information on the 'Matching Grants program' or if you are interested in making a donation, please contact Wendi Watson at [wendi@nc.rr.com](mailto:wendi@nc.rr.com).