

Baileywick Bylines

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Important Dates

Jan. 4: Welcome back to School

Jan. 4: School Store

Jan. 5: PTA meeting, 9:30, cafeteria

Jan. 8: Spirit Day

Jan. 11: School Store

Jan. 14: Yvette Lewis, "So This is Opera" 9:20 & 10:30

Jan. 18: MLK Holiday

Jan. 22: Spirit Day

Jan. 25: Teacher workday, no school

Feb. 2: PTA meeting, 9:30, cafeteria

Math Minute

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Have you heard or seen the phrase, "Number Sense" and wondered exactly what that is? Number Sense is just one content strand included in our math curriculum and is the fundamental basis of all math. It means that you understand numbers, ways to represent them and see the relationships among them. Having strong number sense helps children compute fluently and make reasonable estimates. It will also help with mental calculations. It can look very different from grade to grade. It begins with identifying numbers, counting and recognizing more and less. From there, it builds an understanding of place value and equivalence in sets. Students are expected to begin seeing relationships between numbers. Here are some ideas that you can do at home to help your child build a strong number sense:

- Count everything...the steps you climb in your house, the cars you pass on the road, the plates you need for supper!
- Estimate things around the house to help your child "see" a number or quantity.
- Display a hundreds board. You can print one at <http://mathwire.com/100board/100board.html>.
- Play "broken calculator." Using a calculator, have your child pretend a number is broken (such as 8) and they have to come up with another way to display it (such as 5+3.)
- Play "guess my number." Think of a number and giving clues until your child is able to identify it.
- Practice skip counting, for instance, 3,6,9, etc.
- Play dice or card games. One you might try is just rolling a dice and keeping total of numbers rolled. The winner is the first to get to a certain number, such as 100. You can also start at 100 and subtract, trying to get to 0 first.



What's For Lunch?

Jan. 4: Stuffed crust pizza, corn dog nuggets, seasoned peas, glazed carrots, 100% fruit juice, fresh fruit.

Jan 5: Chicken Sandwich, lasagna w/meat sauce w/breadstick, seasoned broccoli, corn on the cob, baked apples, fresh fruit.

Jan. 6: Cheeseburger on bun, turkey and cheese sub, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, steamed cabbage, chilled peaches, fresh fruit.

Jan. 7: Chicken nuggets with roll, toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches, fresh fruit.

Jan. 8: Hot dog on bun w/chili, fish filet on bun, oven baked potato wedges, baked beans, creamy cole slaw, fresh fruit.

Responsibility Respect Courage Kindness Self-Discipline
Integrity Perseverance Good Judgment

Find school news anytime at www.baileywickpta.org

Teacher Appreciation Week: Donations for Daily Drawings

Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for February 1-5. As our plans come together, we could use your help. Again this year, we plan to have daily drawings for prizes during the week. Like last year, we'd like to have enough prizes for all staff members to win one. We will reach out to nearby businesses for some of the items, but we need your help to insure that everyone wins a prize.

If you own or work for a business that has a product, service or gift certificate that we could use, we'd be very appreciative! Or, if you have season tickets to the Hurricanes games or an area college basketball game and would consider donating a couple, we would be so grateful!

Also, keep us in mind if you received a holiday gift that you don't plan to use or already have several of. Or, as your cleaning out closets and find unused, unopened items such as electronics, stationary, bath and body products, vases, glassware, candles, books, kitchen items, etc., think of us!

We could also use baskets and decorative boxes for grouping small gifts together. Last year, we came up with several fun baskets from your donations, like the Romance Basket, including wine glasses, candle, massage oil, a cd, and chocolate; and the Fun in the Sun bag, which came with a beach bag, towel, cooler and book.

Please contact me if you can help out. Thanks so much for your consideration!

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Magnet School and Program Information Sessions

Wake County has announced the online application acceptance period for magnet schools; applications will be accepted from February 1-21, 2010. Full information can be accessed at www.wcpss.net/magnet; or email MagnetCenter@wcpss.net, 919-501-7900. Meanwhile, learn about Magnet Middle Schools tomorrow, Tuesday January 5, at Brassfield Elementary, 2001 Brassfield Rd., in Raleigh; or this Thursday, Jan. 7, at Davis Drive Elementary in Cary, 2151 David Drive. Both schools have scheduled a browsing session from 6:30-7:10, and school presentations at 7:15 and 7:45.

You can also visit the following Magnet Middle Schools on Tuesday, January 19. Info sessions and tours are set for 9 am and 12 noon. Please contact the schools directly for additional times:

University Connections & Leadership: Centennial Campus
Museums: Moore Square
Gifted & Talented: Martin, Zebulon
Gifted & Talented with AG Basics: Carnage, Ligon
International Baccalaureate: East Garner, East Millbrook
Creative Arts: East Millbrook

Counselor Tip: Help your children build an extended community for themselves.

Next issue Jan. 11, submissions due Jan. 6 to hohne@yahoo.com. Vicky Rubin, Editor
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