

Baileywick Bylines

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Important Dates

May 14: Spirit Day

May 19: Early Release at Goodberry's, 2:45 pm

May 19: Family Night Out, TBA

May 28: Spirit Day

May 31: Memorial Day Holiday

June 1: Super Kid's Day K-2
(Rain Date June 3)

June 2: Super Kid's Day 3-5
(Rain Date, June 4)

June 4: Spirit Day

June 10: Last school day, 5th Grade Celebration

Attendance is Important

Kathy Hartenstine, Principal

Parents: We need your help. We are experiencing an increase in the number of students being checked out EARLY at the end of the school day. Our instructional day goes until 3:45 and we need for your children to be present for all instruction. We certainly understand there are occasional doctor appointments that require an early dismissal. Please work with us to maximize your child's learning.

Baileywick's 2009-10 YEARBOOK!!

The yearbook is coming soon! Look for your child's personalized yearbook coming home this month after the EOG's! The cost will only be \$14.00 for a wonderful school memory... THANK YOU to each parent who sent in pictures to help us capture life at Baileywick! Questions? Contact Amy Nagle at amynagle@hotmail.com.

Education: The knowledge or skill obtained or developed by a learning process.

Amy Wilson, PTA President

In 2004, my husband and I brought our son to Baileywick Elementary to begin his grade school education but after 6 years I'm the one that received an 'education'.

I have been instructed in compassion and bravery from the youngest of teachers. While at Baileywick, Cole had 2 classmates diagnosed with cancer. We watched these young ladies bravely fight a battle that they would both eventually lose. At the same time, I saw a school community reach out, embrace and support these children and their families, as they were their own. I didn't know such young children were even capable of great compassion.

I was taught the true meaning of 'Team Effort' many different times. Throughout this year, when I felt a task was too overwhelming there was always someone - a parent, a volunteer, a friend or a staff member to assure me that it could be done. As I watch my son prepare for middle school I will always consider every one of his grade teachers a member of HIS team that contributed to the amazing student, friend and son that he is today.

I have been reminded to continue to study PATIENCE. When I'm home with my children and the chaos that life brings me, I'm always challenged in this department. When I go into my children's classrooms I am schooled by their teachers on how to listen to 24 children at once; how to talk and listen at the same time; how to make a child feel like they are the only one in a crowded room. Baileywick teachers are the masters of patience.

I have become more knowledgeable on the subject of Diversity and why it is important to expose my children to a diverse community during their elementary education. My children will live, go to college and earn a living one day in the 'real' world. It is not my place to shelter them from that world now or in the future. I believe that in true diversity you will discover compassion, imagination, forgiveness and creativity.

Thank you for all the pats on the back, all the "that was a great idea" and "we had a great time". Those little things encouraged me to keep going, to do more. So thank YOU for letting me serve as your PTA President this year. It has been an honor, a pleasure and an education.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to take on a leadership position or a chair position with a committee. Get involved! You won't regret it. You too will appreciate the education your children have to offer. It's waiting for you at Baileywick Elementary.

From Ms. Bostick

Last week's article on Bullying or Conflict should have included the following information: The three major areas of Baileywick's comprehensive violence prevention program include the following:

1. Empathy
2. Impulse Control
3. Anger Management

Also, Katie Calloway should have been mentioned as one of our April Character Stars. We're proud of Katie and of all our students who exhibit good character.

Did You Know? (Part One)

By Sheila K. Oliva

As a Baileywick Elementary School parent for almost a full 5 years now, I can – without hesitation – tell you that I LOVE the school. My kids are happy and learning at an amazing rate. But, what I am less sure of is WHY that is so. What are the specifics of this little school that make their learning process so enjoyable and successful?

So, as a reporter by training, I thought I would do a little investigative journalism. I am going to share some of the things I learned over the next couple of weeks in this weekly newsletter.

For instance, **did you know** that our school offers free tutoring to students twice a week after school? That's right, we currently have about 50 students that stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get additional assistance in subjects they may be struggling with, such as math and reading.

These tutoring sessions are offered to all children in grades 3-5 and last for an hour each day. Our very own teachers work with the kids, but the sessions offer learning environments with small groups of kids, so each child gets extra attention.

Some icing on the cake is the free snacks that are provided to the students receiving tutoring, as well as free transportation home when the hour is over.

And, that's not all.... **Did you know** that Baileywick will also be offering summer school this year? This program will run Monday-Thursday, July 6-29 (from 9:00am-3:00pm). It is designed to help students who may already struggle in reading or math not to "lose" what they learned the previous year over the long summer break.

Even better, there is an English as a Second Language (ESL) portion to it, so it can encompass the needs of even more of Baileywick's students. We are anticipating about 100 Baileywick students taking advantage of this great program. And both those students and some of our own Baileywick teachers will spend their July at Lead Mine Elementary school, where they will team up with their students and teachers for what is expected to be a fun and exciting learning experience!

And, finally, **did you know** that both of these great programs are new this year and were made possible because of Baileywick's Title 1 status? As a Title 1 school we receive funds from the Federal government to provide our students with just these types of supportive programs.

I, for one, did not know all this. So, I guess you could say that the kids in the classes at Baileywick are not the ONLY ones learning something. This Mom is getting educated too!



What's For Lunch?

May 11: Chicken Sandwich, Italian Beef-o-Roni w/breadstick, tossed salad, seasoned broccoli, chilled peaches, fresh fruit.

May 12: Hamburger on bun, Cheese Dunkers w/Marinara, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce, onion, pickle, chilled peaches.

May 13: Corn Dog Nuggets, Mac & Cheese w/roll, seasoned green beans, veggie sticks w/dip, fruit crisp, fresh fruit.

May 14: Hot dog on bun w/chili, NC Chicken BBQ on bun, baked beans, creamy cole slaw, chilled mixed fruit.

May 17: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Tex Mex tacos w/chips or soft shell, shredded lettuce and salsa, corn on the cob, cinnamon applesauce.

Counselor Tip: Don't take your child's successes for granted, it diminishes his/her effort.