



Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, August 20

•Registration Day, 9:45 a.m.

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Mr. Mathewson is reading...are you?



READ! READ! READ!

It's New, It's Exciting...

Are you ready for a new school year? For most of us, the summer has passed quickly. Parents, you may be thinking its high time your children get back into the school routine. With camps and vacations ending, I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a fresh start at school. As always, I can't wait to see all of our kids back. August 20 will be here before you know it.

As we continue to fulfill Bright School's mission of building the foundation upon which our students will become wise and compassionate citizens of the world, you'll find some exciting developments upon your return. All of these new items will help us to continue our quest for excellence in educating the whole child.

As you enter the gym this fall, you immediately notice some wonderful changes. The beautiful parquet floor has been fully restored and refinished—even with mysterious paw prints hidden throughout. Could Buddy have done this? You'll also notice a drastic change in temperature with new air-conditioning for these hot months and heat for the winter. Finally, our children will have the great opportunity to make use of a new climbing wall in their P.E classes. Thanks to many of you generous parents, we've been able to make all of these much-needed improvements to spaces our children use everyday. (We'll be honoring these parents and friends of the school later this fall.)

We are now putting the final landscaping touches on our new outdoor classroom. The Kilbride Center, teachers, and students will be making use of this new space during the day and after school. The kids will especially love our new pond with fish, turtles, frogs, and sharks (no, just kidding), and the new waterfall should excite everyone as well.

When you drive on campus, you'll probably notice our new bus which will help with the transportation of those students between the school and Dalton. If interest in the bus keeps growing, we're also thinking about transportation to and from the Cleveland/Ooltewah areas.

Additionally, you may notice some younger children enrolled in our new "Bright Start" program for three-year-olds.

Finally, you'll soon discover that reading at Bright School will be taking center stage with a new curriculum, new activities, and a renewed emphasis on the importance of reading. With the help of new technologies and new approaches to teaching reading, we will be strengthening the important reading and writing skills upon which our students will build their successes in the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone. And remember my reading challenge!

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Calling All Parent Volunteers

Parents, we need volunteers! On Registration Day, booths and sign-up sheets will be located around the courtyard for a number of volunteer opportunities. Some of these involve a commitment of only an hour or two during the school year. Volunteer! You'll have fun and meet lots of other parents while performing work that benefits all of the children at Bright School.

Listed below are some of the volunteer opportunities that you will have a chance to sign up for on Registration Day.

Done in a Day-

Sign up for this committee if you want to help but don't have a lot of time to commit to a specific project. When quick projects come up, the Done in a Day Chair will call volunteers to see if they can come in for just a day or two.

Decorating Committee-

Help the decorating chair make the school beautiful for special occasions, holidays, or seasons.

Grandparent's Day-

Volunteers are needed to help on Grandparent's Day with setup, cleanup and assisting the committee and the grandparents.

Golf Tournament-

This year Bright School will be holding a fundraising golf tournament. Volunteers will be needed in all aspects of planning and executing this fun day.

Odyssey of the Mind-

Do you love a puzzle or a challenge? Help the children think outside the box and learn creative problem solving by coaching an Odyssey of the Mind team.

Library Volunteers-

The library needs volunteers that can commit to working one day, every other week as a library assistant. You can work half the year or the whole year.

Yearbook-

Do you love taking pictures? Are you available to come to the events in your child's grade this year? The Yearbook can use volunteers to be grade photographers AND volunteers to help put the yearbook together.

Teacher Appreciation-

Help the teacher appreciation committee put together two special lunches for our teachers and staff. Also, coordinate dinner on Parent's Night and Open House, when our teachers can't get away to eat.

Sally Foster-

This is our main fundraiser. Many volunteers are needed to tally orders and help sort boxes on delivery days. A great way to help the school!

Used Uniform Sale-

This is a great service to Bright School parents. Twice a year, the Parents' Association holds Used Uniform Sales. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and assisting on sale days.

Bonanza-

This family fun day takes lots of planning and helpers. Volunteers are needed in all areas.

In addition to Volunteer Opportunities, these other tables will be on the Concourse on Registration Day:

B-Mail-

Stop by this booth and let the school know your CORRECT email address. As we go paperless, important information will be sent to you via email, as will B-Mail, our weekly information blast and Tuesday Topics, our bi-weekly newsletter. If your email address is incorrect you will miss important announcements.

Extended Care and Extended Care Rest Mats-

If you need to sign your child up for extended care or simply need to purchase a rest mat for extended care OR kindergarten, this is the table you need to visit.

Afternoon Athletics-

Bright School has a variety of after school athletic teams, such as soccer and basketball. Teams will be forming as soon as school starts, so be sure to stop by this table and sign your child up. (Other after school activities will be offered at a later time.)

Scouting-

Boy and Girl Scout Leaders will have a table for you to sign your child up to participate.