



Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

**Monday, August 24
Registration Day**

Summer Camp Fun



Have one more week of summer camp fun with your Bright friends! Click the Funstitute button at the bottom of the Bright School website homepage to register or email Cathy Hicks, chicks@brightschool.com.



Get Set....Get Ready.....

Yes, summer will soon come to a close, and Bright School's halls will once again ring with our children's voices. We'll also soon hear the hammers at work in Mr. Allen's Shop, screams of laughter coming from the gym, and the quiet turning of pages as students sink into their newfound books. It's a time I look forward to every year, and I can't wait to see everyone again. This place is much too quiet without you!

But we've been busy, believe me. All the rooms have been scrubbed clean, the hallways made shiny again, computers updated, and preparations readied for the joyful learning that is the hallmark of Bright School. Carol Woods, our Assistant Head of School, has been hard at work with our teachers, many of whom have devoted their summer hours to make sure we offer your children a quality curriculum that continues to expand their minds and stimulate their creative imaginations. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and professional teachers who not only strive to be the best but who also love your children.

We also want to welcome three new teachers to Bright School. In second grade, we welcome Megan Lilly and Susan Pesterfield. In fifth grade, we are happy to welcome Kathaleen Hughes, a Bright School graduate and veteran teacher, who will be joining Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Little in the all-important work in the fifth grade. Again, we are quite fortunate to have such highly qualified and dedicated professionals joining our distinguished faculty.

Under the guidance of our Facilities Director, Paul Davis, we continue to upgrade our buildings while also making some interesting changes to "liven up" the school a bit. On registration day and throughout the school year you'll see that we've begun to replace used and worn-out items to give the school a fresher and more welcoming feel. Your support in last year's Annual Fund is playing a big role in making these changes possible, and I'm deeply grateful.

Kelly Shikoh, the president of our Parents Organization, has set in motion an army of parent volunteers who are already involved in planning the Sally Foster Fund Drive, this fall's Bonanza festival, teacher appreciation meals, and much more. Throughout the year, Mrs. Shikoh and the school will welcome parents' help with all sorts of activities, so keep your eyes and ears open for the numerous opportunities that arise throughout the year. We'll also be having more regular Parent Association meetings to keep everyone informed about the state of the school, innovative ideas on the horizon, and good ways to stay involved.

I also want to ask everyone to help us welcome our many new families. We have close to 30 new families joining the Bright School community, and it's especially important to me that we give them the attention and help they will need as their children adjust to a new school. Many of these families are connected to Volkswagen and bring to the school a wonderfully amazing and rich background, adding to the deep diversity that continues to distinguish Bright School. Mrs. Claire Kyzer, who you will remember taught German to many of your children last year, is the designated coordinator of our international student programs. We will be providing a number of opportunities for you to meet these new families, but please also go out of your way to welcome them on your own.

Finally, I sure do hope everyone has been reading over the summer! As usual, I have something up my sleeve to honor our children's reading achievements, but they'll need to wait for the big surprise. They'll find it fun, but I'm just hoping that I live through it!

Again, it will be wonderful to see everyone again. In the meantime, enjoy your last weeks of summer!

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Go Bright Stars! Calling all Cheerleaders!

Do you want to cheer for the Bright Stars football team? Meet with Cheer Coach Angela Meyer on Thursday, August 13, on the mondo for information and the first practice from 3:30 until 5 p.m.

Register for cheerleading classes through Bright's afterschool program. Cheerleaders meet on Wednesdays right after school. One of Baylor School's dance coaches will assist with the Bright School cheer squad this year! Cheer times also allow students to participate in gymnastics, baton or dance if they are interested.

For more information, email Angela Meyer at angelameyer@comcast.net. Go Bright Stars!

2009 Registration Day Monday, August 24

Schedule of Day:

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Refreshments on Concourse
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Classrooms Open
- Class Lists will be posted outside of each classroom door. Please check your contact information.
- Meet your child's teacher
- Teachers will collect classroom fee payments
- 10:30 a.m. Parents are to gather in the auditorium for an all school assembly and introduction of Kindergarten students
- 11:30 a.m. Pick up your child(ren) from their classrooms

On the website button "Registration Day" you will find all the necessary information and forms needed for registration day. Please print the necessary forms, complete and turn them in on registration day. You may total all fees and present one check payable to Bright School with completed forms attached.

Remember:

Registration is a FREE DRESS DAY - no uniforms required!