



# Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar!

**Thursday, Sept. 10**  
Parents/ Association  
Meeting, 8:15 a.m.  
Auditorium

**Thursday, Sept. 17**  
Parents' Night  
6-6:30p.m. **PreK & K**  
6:45 - 7:15 p.m. **1, 2 & 3**  
7:30 - 8:15 **4 and 5**

**Thursday, Sept. 27**  
Used Uniform Sale

## Through the Eyes of a Curious Child

By now I'm sure you have noticed the colorful banners attached to our white columns. They signal to the community the basic values that guide us in our learning together: respect, integrity, curiosity, and compassion. While young children often have trouble at first grasping grand ideas like these, these notions gain meaning and importance in our children's minds as we live them out daily in real ways.

But I don't want us to forget that our children have much to teach us as well about these "grand ideas." Teaching and learning is never just a one-way street. For example, while perched aloft in the colorful hot-air balloon last week, I saw in the faces of our students as they arrived for school what our teachers observe everyday - namely, the fresh wonderment and curiosity in their eyes that children can express. Every time a teacher opens a book to read to a class, every time a child embarks on new research on the computer, and every time one of our children creates a sculpture or draws a picture, we observe their curious eyes come alive with the magic of discovery and learning. Those are powerful moments.

Curiosity is a precious commodity in this world. It's what brings joy to learning, as Miss Bright understood so well, and it's what motivates children to seek the truth and expand their minds. Next to my desk are some wooden shoes from Holland that Miss Bright once brought back from her worldly travels. Many alums tell me that at the old Fort Wood campus, Miss Bright would often have her students to tea in her upstairs apartment, and there these curious minds would find trinkets and artifacts from all over the world, many of which still find a home in our school. She knew, as we do, that a child's curiosity is something to be treasured.

Next year, I'm not sure what we'll do. One imaginative and forthright child suggested that they shoot me out of a cannon. I'm not sure I'll go there. But does anyone know where I can find an elephant? Who knows what might show up at Bright School!

## Up, Up & Away!



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# Sally Foster for SCIENCE

Sally Foster is our Parents' Association fundraiser for this school year. Browse through the catalog of top-quality gift-wrap, related accessories, gift items, cookie dough and magazines and make your selections right away. ***Our school earns 50% on every item sold! Let's raise money for Bright School's science program!***

Out-of-town family and friends can support our school by visiting [SallyFoster.com](http://SallyFoster.com) and your child can earn prize credit, too. Just fill out the easy-to-use "E-mail Campaign" form at [www.SallyFoster.com](http://www.SallyFoster.com) using our account number - 507463.

**Bright School ID/Account Number - 507463**



**Our Sally Foster sale dates are:**

**Monday, August 24, 2009 to Monday, September 21, 2009**

**Questions? Contact Stacie Helton - Sally Foster fundraising chair(email [shelton@brightschool.com](mailto:shelton@brightschool.com)), or Lisi Phillips, co-chair. Sell, sell, sell!**

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## Parents' Night Schedule Thursday, Sept. 17

(parents only, please)



6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Bright Start, PreK & K
6:45 - 7:15 p.m.	1, 2, & 3
7:30 - 8:15 p.m.	4 and 5

15-minute breaks are scheduled between sessions to allow parents to enjoy refreshments on the concourse