



Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, January 16

•Spanish t-shirt day

Thursday, January 17

•Mrs. Cooper's Book Club

8:15 a.m.

Friday, January 18

•Bright School t-shirt day

•P.E. Scooter Races, 8:15 a.m.

Welcome to My Office

Open 24-7

As we begin to revisit our Strategic Plan and take an account of what we've accomplished in the last two years, I've put together a new web page to help us get a sense of the great work going on at Bright School. I also want us to have a clear understanding of those goals still before us. In the next few weeks I'll be calling upon many of you who helped in the creation of the plan to come together in focus groups to review and realign our priorities.

With over 95% of Bright School students who apply to Baylor, McCallie, and GPS gaining admission to those schools, we have, obviously, set high academic standards for our students. When I talk to our graduates presently enrolled in those schools, I hear a confirmation of our goals for them, namely that their solid preparation has enabled them to take advantage of all those schools have to offer. In the various academic honors lists, I see Bright School graduates in abundance, but more than that I see our graduates holding student offices, thriving on athletic teams, taking part in musical and dramatic productions, writing for school newspapers, editing yearbooks, and receiving numerous awards for meaningful service and achievement. Seeing our students having both the courage and the ability to lead and take part in the richness of those good schools makes me proud of how Bright School has prepared them to flourish.

Building upon and improving this solid preparation is the goal of our strategic plan. I ask you to take another look at our strategic plan page, review our mission, the goals of the plan, and the checklist that enumerates our progress. Also, look at the information I'll be presenting over the next few weeks that focuses upon specific accomplishments, important changes, and evidence that these adjustments are working. You'll also find ongoing information about how well we compare to other independent schools in the country. Comparing Bright School to the best independent schools will provide important benchmarks to help us focus again on our goals, our mission, and keep us in line with what we think will make us provide an education of excellence.

At the end of my web page, you'll find a button that invites you to let me know what you think. I need to hear from you regarding our strategic plan, how well we communicate with you, and what suggestions you have to help improve our work. As always my office is open, both literally and "virtually," and I always appreciate your helpful comments.

[Click here to
visit my online office.](#)

Bright Green Idea: Reusable Bags



Instead of plastic bags, take
your own reusable bag
along on shopping trips.

Wanted: Great Photos



Where are all of the great photos of Bright School students learning, playing and having fun? We know they are out there, and your yearbook staff needs them immediately. Please place digital photos on cds in the photo box in the office. Label with your name, grade and class, and they will be returned.

Annual Fund Update

All of what we accomplish at Bright School is possible because of a deep commitment from individual families within our school community. We are grateful [64% of our families have pledged financial gifts to the Annual Fund](#) to advance the educational opportunities at our school. Your gift can still help us reach our \$315,000 goal. [Click here](#) to add your contribution to the \$168,000 raised to date.

Chattanooga Dining Adventure Guides \$30

Last chance! We only have a few copies left. The Bright School Bookstore is selling Chattanooga Adventure Dining Guides for \$30. The book is full of 1/2 price dining options all around town. Books are available in the office - see Kim Brown or Sabrina McAllister.



Save Those Box Tops!

Bright School is enrolled in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. We can earn money for Bright School - up to \$20,000 per year - just by saving box tops from items we already use! Save the tops, and deposit them in the box in the school office. This is a great way for grandparents, relatives and friends to get involved and help Bright School. Save those tops!

