



East Baton Rouge Parish Schools

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## September/October 2008

### Dates to Remember

- Sept. 15–Oct. 3 – Fall Fundraiser
- Sept. 22 – Picture Day
- Oct. 1 – Renzulli Training for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents
- Oct. 1 – PTA Board and Chairperson meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 2 – PaPa John's Pizza Night
- Oct. 15 – Staff Development – Early Dismissal @ 12:30
- Oct. 16 – Skate Galaxy Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16-17 – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Early Dismissal @ 12:45
- Oct. 17 – Picture Retakes @ 8:30
- Oct. 17 – Report Cards Issued

### Student News

One of our second graders, Malik Kelly, is part of a team that recently set a national record in a 400-meter relay. Malik and his team are part of the Betty Smothers KY Track Club and participated in the AAU Junior Olympics Games in Detroit. Congratulations Malik!

### Time of Instructional Day Changes

The school system has revised our school day to allow time to be recouped from missed days during Hurricane Gustav. Children can arrive on campus as early as 7:45. Breakfast will be served between 7:45-8:10 a.m. The instructional day begins at 8:15 a.m. Preparation for dismissal procedures will begin at 3:27 p.m. We will follow this schedule until further notice.

### Protected Teacher Read Aloud Time

Each afternoon, during the last ten minutes of the school day, classroom teachers will read aloud to students. This time will be uninterrupted. Therefore, requests to interrupt classrooms during that time will not be allowed.

### Arrival and Dismissal

Please review the following standard practices that we have in place.

- The canopy area is only for our children and duty teachers.
- **All children who are transported away from school by vehicle should be picked up in the carpool line.** Walking up to get your child to load a car parked in front or at the side of the school is strongly discouraged. Our carpool line moves quickly and provides a safe area for dismissing the carpool children.
- Parents who usually walk their children home are asked to have a specific meeting place to greet their children. Campus areas that we want to designate for parent/child connection are by the flagpole, bicycle racks, or in the grassy area that is by the Kindergarten fence. Those children and parents should follow a consistent routine so the child is not confused about the way to go home each day.
- When you leave campus, stay on the sidewalk and do not walk to cross the street between parked cars. Only cross at the entry and exit areas of the parking lot. In addition, walkers should cross streets with Crossing Guards.
- Children should always go home as usual unless a parent sends us a letter or calls us to make a change.

**Please know that the street areas on the side and front of the school are no parking zones. Parish law enforcement officers can ticket or tow violators. If you must park on the street, park along the curb and stay off of the grass of our neighbors. Left turns into the parking lot are forbidden by law between 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. Violators may be ticketed. As a reminder, the safety rules for traffic flow and student drop off should also be followed during morning arrival. Children should always be dropped off under the canopy area. Vehicles should not pass parked/standing vehicles that are unloading in the car pool line.**

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

### Individual Pictures

Individual pictures of our students will be taken Monday, September 22. Barclell Studio photographers will be on campus. They will begin photographing our children at 8:30. Information regarding pre-paid picture prices was recently sent home. That day will be a "Free Dress" day for our students. Students do not have to wear uniforms. However, all students will be expected to follow standard/appropriate dress regulations. These pictures will be used in our school yearbook. Picture Retake Day will be Friday, October 17.

### Office Depot School Support Program

Our school has been given an Office Depot identification number. If we use the number (70041440) each time we purchase items at Office Depot, our school will receive a 5% credit of all qualifying school supply purchases. Please keep a copy of the number handy and use it each time you make a purchase at an Office Depot store.

### Cartridge Recycling Program

We will work with Cartridge World to collect empty ink and toner cartridges. Please send your discarded, used, cracked or damaged cartridges to us. Our school will receive money for each donated cartridge.

### Land's End Uniforms

We participate in the Land's End School Uniform Program. Purchases made through the catalog or website gives our school 3% of the net sales. Our preferred school number 9000-4316-7.

### General Mills/Community Coffee Labels

Reminder: Please continue to send in box-top coupons and coffee labels. Our school receives cash for our efforts. This is an easy way to earn money for our school.

### Albertsons Community Partners Program

Our school participates in the Albertsons Community Partners Program. Most families should have a community Partners Card. This is how the program works: Whenever you are shopping at any Albertsons store simply remind the cashier to scan your card anytime DURING your order. Our school has been given an identification UPC number and when your purchase/transaction is properly recorded, our UPC number will be on your receipt. Albertsons will contribute money to our school based on the amount of sales we transact at their stores. We hope you will use your card to help our school. Within a few weeks, we will issue every family a new card.

### Habitual Absence, Tardiness or Early Check-outs

Please note this new state law.

A student shall be considered habitually absent or habitually tardy when either condition continues to exist after all reasonable efforts by any school personnel, truancy officer, or other laws enforcement personnel have failed to correct the condition after the fifth unexcused absence or fifth unexcused occurrence of being tardy within any school semester.

The parent or legal guardian of a student shall enforce the attendance of the student at the school to which the student is assigned.

The parent or legal guardian of any student in kindergarten through grade eight who is considered habitually absent or habitually tardy pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be in violation of the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph and shall be punished as follows.

- (i) A first offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or the performance of not less than twenty-five hours of community service.
- (ii) Any subsequent offense shall be punishable in accordance with R.S. 17:221(A)(2).

For purposes of this Section, the term "tardy" shall include but not be limited to leaving or checking out of school unexcused prior to the regularly scheduled dismissal time at the end of the school day but shall not include reporting late to class when transferring from one class to another during the school day.

**ACT 745 REGULAR SESSION (2008) - LRS 17:233**

### Check Writing Policy

All checks must contain the physical address and phone number of the individual who issues the check. Checks without that documentation cannot be accepted by the school. In addition, all returned NSF checks will be turned over to an outside collection agency and will be charged an additional \$25.00 Service Fee.

### Volunteers Wanted

Part of the strength of our school comes from the wonderful support of our volunteers. We would love to have some extra classroom and library help. If you can donate time to school efforts, please let us know. We will find a place for you. In addition, we appreciate the many parents who spend time at home working on school activities in support of teacher requests. Those hours should be recorded in our Volunteer Log. We appreciate all efforts. Thanks!!

### PTA News

- **Spirit Wear** – Our spirit wear shirt this year is Green! We will also be offering a long sleeve shirt as well as the short sleeve shirt. We will be placing a second order in a few weeks. Don't worry there is still time to order. Students may wear their spirit wear shirts on Fridays. Questions? Contact Brenda Martin at 752-3811 or bellopt1@bellsouth.net
- **Pizza night** – The **first Thursday** of every month is Papa John's Pizza Night. Our First Pizza night will be **Thursday, October, 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Shenandoah receives 20% from all orders! You may order from any Papa John's location just tell them **your teachers name and Shenandoah**. The class with the most sales will receive a pizza party. Mark your calendars and take a night off of cooking once a month with Papa Johns. Don't forget to order on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Questions? Contact Rae Self at 756-3357 or raself@ebschools.org
- **Year book** - This is the second year we will have an ALL COLOR yearbook. We will NOT have extras, so place your order now. Questions? Contact Tomi Bartel at 753-9236 or dahlinruby@cox.net
- **Fall Fundraiser** – We have kicked off our fall fundraiser! Our school will receive 50% of all proceeds. Your family should have received a catalog and information about the fundraiser. Please help us make this a successful fundraiser by sharing the catalog with neighbors, friends and co-workers. It is a great way to start your holiday shopping. Questions? Contact Maris Bourg @ 753-0046 or jbandmaris@cox.net.
- **Membership** – Join PTA Today and be part of a great organization that benefits your child and the school! Every member that joins by September 29th will receive a school directory. Make sure to list your email to receive email updates and reminders! A great way to stay

[connected with the school. Only \\$8.00 for up to two \(2\) memberships, don't let this pass you by.](#) Thanks for your continued support in Shenandoah PTA! Questions? Contact Michelle Heughan @ 755-1158 or [cheughan@cox.net](mailto:cheughan@cox.net).

- **Skate Night** - Bring the whole family out to skate on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Skate Galaxy. Skate Galaxy is located at 12828 Jefferson Hwy. Parents come out and mingle and get to know each other while the kids skate. It is a great family night for everyone! Shenandoah earns proceeds on every skate admission purchased.

**Renzulli**

We are delighted to inform you that our school has again begun using a learning tool for enrichment that your child will be able to use both at home and during school called Renzulli Learning. This is an exciting new resource for providing academic challenge. Renzulli Learning is based on over 30 years of research designed to help students learn more about their own interests and talents. Renzulli Learning searches thousands of pre-screened resources on the web and within the Renzulli database, to find enriching, challenging opportunities for all students in their specific areas of interest and choice. One of the best features about Renzulli Learning is that you can view your child's profile and enrichment activities. There are also articles selected just for parents, as well as helpful links to web sites for parents.

We would like to invite you to participate in an information session that will show you the program and allow you to have access to the activities your child is working on currently. We will host a Renzulli Parent Night on the following date for the following grade levels. Many parents have found Renzulli Learning to be an outstanding asset for homework assignments as well as for enrichment activities at home and during school.

**Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders – Wednesday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-5:30**

**Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders – Wednesday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:00**

Renzulli Learning is an exciting new resource that will enable you to guide your child in meaningful enrichment activities and we are pleased to have the opportunity to share this news with you. We encourage you to talk to your child about his/her interests and use this as an opportunity to support your child's pursuit of these interests and talents both at home and in school.

**School Improvement Team**

Five parents serve on our School Improvement Team each year. According to policy, parent representation shall be composed of both attendance zone representation and representation from families who live outside our district. It is time to call for an election of our parent team members. Persons can serve no longer than three consecutive years. If you're interested in serving on the 2008-2009 School Improvement Team, please complete the form below and return it to the office no later than 10:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 2008.

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I am interested in serving on the School Improvement Team.

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(Signature of Self-Nominee)