



SHENANDOAH ELEMENTARY

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A School of Academic Distinction and Achievement

September/October 2009

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 23 - Fall Fundraiser Ends
- Sept. 30 - Parent Renzulli Night
 - 5:00-5:30 Fourth & Fifth Grade Parents
 - 5:30-6:00 Second & Third Grade Parents
- Oct. 1 - Picture Make-up Day/Retakes
- Oct. 1 - Papa Johns Pizza Night
- Oct. 1 - 22 - Reflections Visual Arts Contest
- Oct. 7 - PTA Board and Chairperson meeting @1 0:00 a.m.
- Oct. 12 - Columbus Day Holiday - No School
- Oct. 15 & 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Early Dismissal @ 12:45
- Oct. 15 - Skate Galaxy Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 - Report Cards Issued

Target Take Charge Program

We recently received \$115.82 from Target because of the use of REDcards. Target gives 1% of purchases back to schools if shoppers use their REDcards. Thank you for your participation.

Renzulli Parent Night

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 through thousands of pre-screened resources on the web and within the Renzulli Learning 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 to be an outstanding asset for homework assignments as well as for enrichment activities at home and during school.

Parents of 4th & 5th graders - Wednesday Sept. 30th from 5:00-5:30

Parents of 2nd & 3rd graders - Wednesday Sept. 30th from 5:30-6:00

Renzulli Learning is an exciting resource with new features 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.

EBR School System Annual Spelling Bee

Following an initiative that was established during the 2007-2008 school year, all second-fifth grade students who attend EBR schools will participate in a Spelling Bee competition that reflects the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Each school must sponsor a contest on their campus and send two students to a parish-wide competitive event. One representative will come from 2nd and 3rd grades. The other student will be the winner of the 4th and 5th grade competition. Yesterday, each 2nd - 5th grade student was given lists of spelling words from 2nd - 5th grade levels so the children can study at home for the competition if they wish to do so. Our teachers will conduct classroom and grade level spelling competitions by Friday, October 30.

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.

Albertsons Community Partners Program

Our school participates in the Albertson's 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. If you do not have a card for our school program, please ask a member of our office staff to provide one to you.

Expenditures of School Funds

Please know how much we appreciate your promptness in paying the \$20.00 Supply Fee and \$10.00 Computer Fee for your children. Supply fees are used by the classroom teacher to purchase materials for science experiments, social studies support, math manipulatives, testing materials, cooking items, and art supplies. Computer fees are used to purchase new computers.

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.

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.

New Immunization Requirements

Louisiana law now states all students must have the meningitis vaccine and Tdap booster vaccine when they are eleven (11) years old. Additionally, all four (4) year olds must have been immunized twice for chicken pox (varicella).

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 Empties for Cash 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.

PBS

Shenandoah Elementary is a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) School in our second year of implementation. PBS is a research-based initiative that aims to build effective environments in which positive behavior is more advantageous than problem behavior. We have progressed to the Tier 2 Preparatory level. This is good news for our school! Last year, teachers began using a ticket reward system to recognize students who do their **B.E.S.T.** by **B**eing responsible, **E**xtraordinary, **S**afe, and **T**olerant. This year, we have expanded our incentive program to a school-wide level. Ask your child about charm chains! Each student can earn charms when they are caught demonstrating our school-wide expectations. (**B.E.S.T.**)

Here are a few examples of how your child may earn charms:

- Walking on the sidewalk at dismissal
- Using good cafeteria manners
- Taking pride in bathroom cleanliness
- Demonstrating kindness and tolerance towards others
- Showing respect to other students and adults

We are enjoying the positive outcomes of the implementation and see a renewed positive spirit in the students and teachers/ staff at our school.

PTA News

- **Spirit Wear** – Cooler weather is just around the corner! Don't miss out on purchasing a long sleeve t-shirt, burgundy sweatshirt, navy hooded zip-up sweatshirt jackets that are uniform policy approved! Final spirit wear order deadline is Thursday, October 29th. This is the last opportunity to get your Purple Spirit Wear shirts. 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 Second Pizza night will be **Thursday, October, 1st**. 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 1st. Questions? Contact Rae Self at 756-3357 or raself@ebrschools.org
- **Yearbook** – It seems early to order a yearbook now but remember we will NOT have extras, so place your order now. Don't miss out in capturing your child's school memories. 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 Tricia Sauer @ 773-6707 or tasauer@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 Becky Hendrix @ 755-1144 or blhendrix@cox.net
- **Skate Night** - Bring the whole family out to skate on **Thursday, October 15th 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.
- **Reflections Arts Contest** - This national PTA arts contest will begin on October 1. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." Your child will participate in a school wide visual art contest. They will create a picture of their interpretation of the theme. Please begin to talk to your child about what he/she thinks "Beauty is..." More information about the contest will be coming home soon. Please look for it in your child's booksack.

Cut and return only if you DO NOT want your child's address or telephone number in the directory

PTA Student Directory Information:

The directory will list each student's name, address, and telephone number. Student's addresses and phone numbers will be listed exactly as they are registered with Shenandoah Elementary School and cannot be altered by the PTA for this listing. The directory will be distributed by the PTA to its 2008/2009 members. If you DO NOT want your child's address or telephone number listed in the directory, you must fill out this form, sign it, and return it to school by Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

I do not want my child's address listed in the directory _____ (check here)

I do not want my child's telephone number listed in the directory _____ (check here)

Student's Name (please print) _____ Teacher _____

Parent's Name (please print) _____ Parent's Signature _____