

# The Bobcat Bulletin

Buck Lake Elementary School  
August 2016

## Principal's Message

Dear Bobcat families,

Happy New Year! Our campus is alive with the sounds of learning and it is so good to have everyone back! If you are new to Buck Lake, thank you for joining us. If you are a returning family, welcome back. We will take good care of your Bobcats! Each month, we send out the Principal's Newsletter. Typically, it will come out through Listserv on the first Monday of each month. It is one way that we work to keep you informed of important information and happenings at the school.

The beginning of the year can be a daunting time for parents. It is hard to let go of our children, there is a lot of paperwork to fill out, and oh the school supplies! I trust that you will find, as I have, that Buck Lake is a special place where the students are put first. We truly have a loving, caring faculty and staff and we will do everything we can to make your child's experience a positive one filled with friends and learning.

Please remember to send in your child's Summer Reading Log by Wednesday so that we can include him/her in our celebration on Friday. We will be celebrating students who took the challenge with snow cones. Also, please don't forget to fill out the volunteer form on-line at <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/Volunteers/>. You will be unable to volunteer in your child's class or chaperone on a field trip until we receive your volunteer clearance. Clearance can take 2-3 weeks, so please do not wait to fill out the form.

Mark your calendar for our Open House dates. These nights are a great way to see what your child has been learning in the classroom, as well as learn how you can help at home.

- 9/7- 1<sup>st</sup> grade (5:30-6:30); 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:45-7:45)
- 9/8- 4<sup>th</sup> grade (5:30-6:30); 5<sup>th</sup> (6:45-7:45)
- 9/12- Kdg. (5:30-6:30); 2<sup>nd</sup> (6:45-7:45)

If there is ever anything that we can do to help you, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Quiggins or me. We are here to help and proud to be Bobcats!

Sincerely,

William Millard  
Principal

## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

### Morning student drop-off procedures:

- Parents may begin dropping off students at 7:45 until 8:30 in the back of the school entering from Buck Lake Road.
- If you want to park and walk your student to their designated area, please use one of the parking spaces at the front of the school or in the overflow parking (first week only).
- The driveway at the front of the school is only for buses and day care vans.
- Do not park at the back of the school.

### Afternoon student dismissal:

- Afternoon supervision is from 2:45 – 3:20.
- The back gates open at 2:15. (Do not block the gate.) Please do not line up before 2:15 as this backs up traffic.
- Parent pick-up will be at the back of the school. Please do not block the lanes of traffic.
- Dismissal begins at 2:45 for K-1-2 and at 2:50 for 3-4-5. If you have younger and older students, please come at the later time.
- Please remember that you cannot block traffic on Buck Lake, or you may get a ticket for obstructing the flow of traffic.
- You may not park in the front parking lot and walk into the building to get your child or to the gathering place. We cannot mix foot traffic with bus traffic.
- If you are walking in to meet your student, do not park in the front parking lot. You may meet them at the Gathering Place at 2:45. (The Gathering Place is located in the covered area near the portables near the front of the school.)



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### Other Important Information:

□ Parents/Volunteers may park in the front of the school in the parking lot from 8:30 to 2:15 to take care of school business. You must be gone by 2:15 or stay until all the buses are gone (about 3:10).

□ Please do not drop off your child on Pedrick Road in front of the school. THIS IS UNSAFE AND WE WANT NO CHILD HIT BY A CAR.

□ Also, please do not pull through the front parking lot and drop off your child as this is unsafe.

Thank you for your support in making sure that our students are safe during drop-off and pick-up!

### Contact Information

Please make sure your contact information is up to date with us. We also encourage you to sign up for our List Serv for up to date information:

<http://listserv.leon.k12.fl.us/scripts/wa.exe?SUBE D1=bucklake-parents&A=1>

You can also stay up to date by visiting our website: <http://www.leonschools.net/Page/9> and our PTO's Facebook Page (Buck Lake Elementary PTO).



8/15-Welcome Back!

8/17-PTO Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

9/5-Labor Day, No School

9/7-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Open House, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

9/7-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Open House, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

9/8-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

9/8-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

9/9-Grandparent Luncheon

9/12-Kindergarten Open House, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

9/12-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Open House, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

9/13-Homeroom Parent Meeting, 6-7 p.m.

9/14-PTO Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

### Partner Spotlight

We'd like to highlight a few different partners each month. This month's Proud Partners are:

Beef O'Brady's, Capital Circle  
Big Easy Snowballs  
Bouncers of Tallahassee  
Centre Pointe Rehab

### Volunteers

Volunteers are part of the success at BLES, and we encourage parents and stakeholders to volunteer. In order to volunteer individuals must be cleared by the county office, by completing the online form: <http://volunteers.leonschools.net/volunteers>

This process takes about two weeks, so please do not fill out the form one day and expect to be cleared the next. Individuals must be cleared to help in any capacity at BLES, this includes attending field trips.

Volunteers may start volunteering beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> or later depending on the teacher needs.



Thank you to Mrs. Spillers, Mrs. Eick, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Vicks, Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Conner, Mr. Lassiter, Mr. McFarland, and Custodial Staff for having the classrooms in our new wing ready for our August 4<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting!



Superintendent Jackie Pons and Mr. Millard cut the ribbon for our brand new wing!

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs. Eick, who was the lead teacher on our Weather Balloon grant, funded by The Foundation for Leon County Schools for more than \$9,000!

Congratulations to Mrs. Koerner, whose Donor's Choose project was funded to bring iPads into the classroom.

Congratulations to Mrs. Darden, whose Donor's Choose project was funded to bring STEAM activities into the classroom.

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