

The Bobcat Bulletin

Buck Lake Elementary School
October 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Bobcat families,

We are kicking off our Boosterthon fundraiser in a couple of weeks! This year, we are raising funds to provide more playground equipment that is safe and accessible for all students to use. I appreciate your help in making sure that all our students have a place to play while they are at school. Please be on the lookout for information coming home about our Fun Run.

Included in this month's newsletter is information about drop-off and pick-up procedures. Please review this carefully as we have a few changes we have implemented for the safety of you and your child.

As we wrap up the first nine weeks, I want to encourage you to schedule a conference with your child's teacher if you have not already done so. Having open lines of communication between home and school is important in helping your child succeed.

Sincerely,

William Millard
Principal

Partner Spotlight

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

Carrie Fraser, Realtor
The Pitts Family

Contact Information

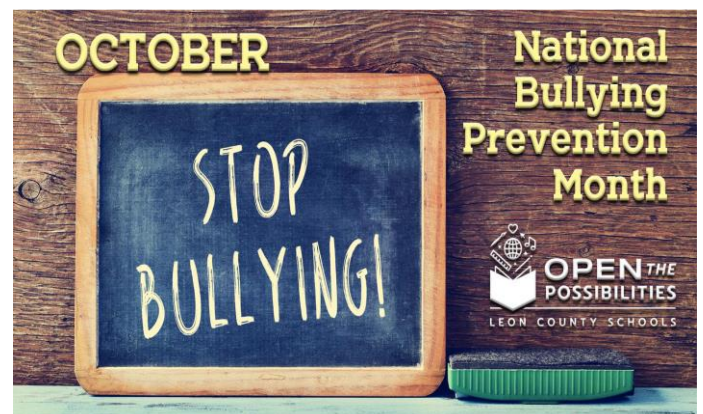
Please make sure your contact information is up to date with us. We also encourage you to sign up for our List Serv for up to date information:

<http://listserv.leon.k12.fl.us/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=bucklake-parents&A=1>

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

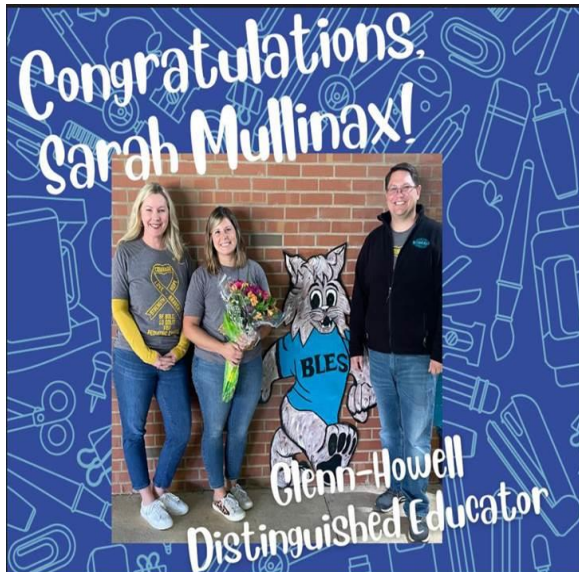


- 10/14-End of 1st nine weeks
- 10/14-Luck Goat sales ends
- 10/17-Teacher Planning Day, no school for students
- 10/18-Health Screenings
- 10/18-Homeroom Parent Meeting @5:30 in the cafeteria
- 10/19-Picture make-up day
- 10/20-WEAR BLUE for Bully Prevention month**
- 10/24-Boosterthon Kick Off
- 10/26-Report Cards posted at noon
- 10/26-LCS goes Pink!**
- 10/27-SITE/Team Leader Meeting
- 10/28-Spelling Bee (4th & 5th)
- 10/31-11/4-Character Education Spirit Week



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**Congratulations to our
Employees of the Year!**



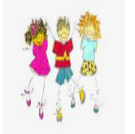
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CHARACTER EDUCATION SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 31ST - NOVEMBER 4TH

Monday: "We're Wacky for Good Character"

Students wear wacky-tacky clothing.



Tuesday: "Team Up Against Bullying"

Students wear their favorite sports attire.



Wednesday: "Let Your Kindness Shine Bright"

Students wear bright or neon colored clothing items.



Thursday: "Bobcats are Red-y to Make Positive Choices"

Students wear the color red.



Friday: "Boosterthon Spirit Day"

Students wear class shirts for the Fun Run!



BOOSTERTHON IS COMING! Please be on the lookout for more information. Early registration will open October 10th! The school-wide kick off is October 24th and the FUN RUN will be on November 4th!



Parent Drop-Off

Parent Drop off begins at 7:45 a.m. at the back of the school located off of Buck Lake Rd. Students may also be dropped off at the Bus ramp at the front of the school beginning at 8 a.m. We have multiple teachers and staff members located at the drop-off areas that will greet you and your child and ensure that your child exits the vehicle safely. You may only park in the front parking lot during drop-off hours if you have an appointment or your child needs help dropping off an oversized item, such as a project. Parents should not routinely park and walk their students across the crosswalks at the front of the school as this slows down our traffic line and creates an unsafe environment. **Beginning in the second nine weeks, we will be enforcing a single crosswalk at the front of the school and having students and visitors wait until it is safe to cross.** For safety reasons, we are not allowing parents to walk their children to class unless they have an appointment to see their child's teacher. We have staff all throughout the campus to ensure that students arrive where they are going safely.

Please make sure your child is ready to exit the vehicle when you enter the car drop-off area. Waiting on students to pack their belongings and say goodbye slows down the flow of our car line.

When you exit the drop-off area to Buck Lake Road, please follow the posted traffic sign for right turn only. After making a right, please drive through one of the adjacent neighborhoods being mindful that we have several families that walk to school and several neighbors who enjoy our beautiful part of town with a morning run or walk. Please do not go into an adjacent neighborhood (ie. Sedgefield or Avondale) and make illegal U-turns as this cuts down very little on your commute and creates a hazard for you and our neighbors.

I implore you to refrain from dropping you children off on the side of the road. This is incredibly unsafe and discourteous to other drivers and walkers. I also ask that you refrain from pulling in and dropping off in an adjacent neighborhood as this creates problems for our neighbors who are also trying to get to work and get their children to school safely.

If you are in need of an early drop-off, our Extended Day Program offers a Before School Program that many families take advantage of. Please contact our director, Mr. Banner, for information on the Before School Program: bannerj@leonschools.net.

Parent Pick-Up

All parents are to pick-up from the back of the school. Please do not try to circumvent the system by parking on the side of the road or in an adjacent neighborhood and sending your child to the Gathering Place. This is happening routinely and it is unsafe for our walkers and for other drivers. If this continues, we may have to discontinue the Gathering Place as an After School option.

Please ensure that you have a Buck Lake placard displayed with your child's name clearly written on it when entering the Pick-Up area to help with the timeliness of our pick-up. If you need a placard, please contact the front office.

Please do not exit your vehicle during car pick-up. If your child needs assistance getting loaded, please pull all the way to the front of the line and out of the way of other vehicles so you are not blocking the flow of traffic.

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