



Beechwood Weekly

Wednesday, September 1, 2010



Upcoming Events, Deadlines & Notices

Labor Day- No School

Monday, September 6th

12:00 Dismissal

Wednesday, September 8th

Back to School Family Picnic

Saturday, September 11th at 11:00am

All families are invited to kick off the new school year at this fun Beechwood Community event!

Back to School Night

Grades 6 - 8

Thursday, September 9th 6:00pm

Parent Advisory General Meeting

Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00pm

Parent Work Day

Saturday, September 18th from 9:00 to 12:00

Our Fall campus clean-up day has arrived! Make sure to sign up during your class meeting if you would like to participate.

Introducing our Parent Advisory Team for 2010-2011!

Azucena Sandoval (*Adriana, 7th grade*)

Rosa Gomez (*Angelica, 7th grade & Jessica, 5th grade*)

Kim Lax (*Alexis, 6th grade & Aaliyah, 2nd grade*)

Angel Dodson (*Angelean, 7th grade*)

Anna Hodges (*Tiere, 3rd grade*)

Patricia Rendon (*Daniel, KG & Valerie, 3rd grade*)

Are you interested in Singing in a Choir?



The Cantate Dolce Children's Chorale is looking for boys and girls in grades 3-5 to join their choir.



Auditions are being scheduled for September 2nd, 3rd and 10th. Please see the attached flyer for more information, or speak with Mrs. Getter if you have any questions about the audition process.

Parent Participation

Remember parents, it is your responsibility to fulfill your Parent Participation obligations. You can stay on top of this by checking your bill each month and by reading the Beechwood Weekly each week for reminders about upcoming events. You can even start now by checking the volunteer opportunity clipboard in the office!

Beechwood Weekly Via Email

The Beechwood Weekly is now available in a PDF format that can be sent to your email. Please leave your email address at the front office if you would like to receive the Beechwood Weekly online.



Soccer Shots, a fun soccer program for KP-3 grades, will begin on Friday, September 3 from 12:15-1, with a demo class open to everyone. If you would like to continue with the program, classes will be every Friday at Lunch and cost \$10/class. This is a great program and we hope you can participate. See the attached flyer for further information.

Beginning Wrestling

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Onetta Harris Community Center

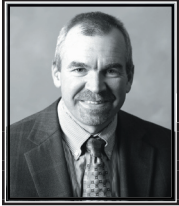
*Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:00-6:30
September 14 - December 16*

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Principal's Message

"Good Listening"

Another school year is upon us and I can't wait to get started with this good work that we are doing here at Beechwood School. The staff spent last week preparing for the arrival of the students. I can tell you that they are eager for the year to get underway as well.

At our opening meetings we spent some time talking about how we can make sure that the social and emotional needs of our students are being met. As a staff we want to be sure that we go beyond academics and nurture the whole child. Beechwood students should leave our school with an understanding of what it means to work together, to rise above challenges and respect all the people that they come in contact with. In other words, one of our responsibilities is to help our students become emotionally intelligent.

Parents and teachers have an important role to play in fostering social and emotional well being in our kids. One of the most basic things we can do in this regard, is to be good listeners. When we take the time to listen to our kids we can accomplish many things:

- We can learn what is happening in their lives
- We can provide an outlet for them to express themselves and release stress
- We can validate their importance as people
- We can teach them how to grow up to be good listeners themselves.

If we want to model good listening for our kids, we need to remind ourselves of what that looks and sounds like. Here are a few of the things we talked about as a staff and we hope that you will try with your kids:

1. Stop what you are doing and give the child your undivided attention. Easier said than done, right? For sure, but, if you can do this your child will feel special. Eliminate the distractions, look them in the eye and stay with them until they are done.
2. Rephrase and summarize what they are saying so that they know that they have been heard. Use phrases like, "It sounds like ..." , "So you are saying...", and "If I am hearing you correctly..."
3. Try to focus on what the child is saying rather than what your response is going to be. As parents, one of our roles is to give advice and to share our experiences. But sometimes, we just need to be a sounding board so our children can offload their problems, tell us a story or share their dreams with us.

We will be working on these skills at the school. We want to see the children listening to each other, we want to see the children listening to their teachers and most importantly we want to show the children that we are listening to them. I hope you will do your best to support us in the home by showing your children what it means to be a good listener.

Looking forward to an excellent year together.

Dave Laurance