

# The Principal Perspective

Dear Bacon Parents:

I hope everyone is having an outstanding summer. As always, it seems as if the summer months go by very quickly. With the end of summer activities comes the nearing of the beginning of the new school year. I must say that I am personally very excited to begin the 2011-2012 school year!

Before sharing information about the upcoming school year I would first like to say "Thanks" for supporting the Mill/Bond back in November. As class lists were developed it was very nice to be able to split our kindergarten through third grade students into four sections allowing for smaller class sizes. Also, as I sit and type this newsletter I'm noticing a number of new computers being brought into Bacon replacing our older student use computers. Again, another positive result from the passing of the Mill/Bond in November. These things in combination with outstanding teaching will continue to help Bacon students be 21st Century Learners!

What's new at Bacon for the 2011-2012 school year:

We are excited to be welcoming a number of new members to the Bacon staff for the upcoming year.

Heather LeCureux is joining the kindergarten team. Many of you will recognize Heather as she spent last year as a kindergarten instructional paraprofessional in Mrs. Clark's kindergarten classroom.

Nicole Murphy will be taking on a new role this year at Bacon. She is moving from her literacy position into her very own second grade classroom. The second grade team is excited to have her bring her years of literacy instruction to their already outstanding team.

The third grade team is welcoming two new members - Chris Gerken and Shane Mathis. Chris joins the team after having spent the past year teaching fifth grade at Dos Rios Elementary School in Greeley. Having graduated from CSU and student taught in PSD - Chris is very familiar with Fort Collins and is excited to be a part of the Bacon Community! Shane comes to Colorado from the great state of Nebraska having recently graduated from Peru State College in Peru, NE. Shane's passion for education is obvious and we look forward to having him as a member of the Bacon Team.

Alissa Poduska is another staff member taking on new challenges for the upcoming school year. She will be moving into a newly created RtI/Administrative Assistant position.

Alissa's skills in the area of data make her a valuable asset to our staff in this new capacity. In addition, she will be teaching upper level math to fourth and fifth grade students.

Andrea Tomlinson will be rejoining our fourth grade team after taking a one-year leave of absence - Welcome back!

We are happy to be going back to three full-time sections of fifth grade for the 2011-2012 school year. Lindsey Garwood will be joining the fifth grade team. She has spent the past four years teaching fifth grade students in Greeley at Ann K. Heiman Elementary School. Using data to guide instruction is one of Lindsey's many skills she will be bringing to the Bacon staff.

Emily Vangermeersch comes to our staff as our literacy/GT teacher. Emily brings past literacy teaching experience in PSD along with a Masters in literacy, language, reading, and writing to our school. Emily is also a parent of three Bacon students!

Our last new addition to the Bacon staff is Antoinette (Toi) Creech. Toi joins our integrated services team as one of our autism teachers. She has spent the past three years teaching special education in Moscow, Idaho at Moscow Elementary School.

Posted Class Lists:

You will find the lists for each classroom posted at the entrance to Bacon after 4:00 on Friday, August 5th.

Meet Your Teacher - Ice Cream Social

Starting school on a Monday presents a slight challenge when scheduling a time to "Meet Your Teacher." Here is the plan for providing the chance for your child to bring in school supplies, meet his/her new teacher, and enjoy some PTA supplied Ice Cream.

The school will be open from 3:00 - 4:30 on the afternoon of Friday, August 19th for students and parents to stop by school, see their classroom, and meet their teacher. The formal "Back to School Night" is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st.

Thanks for sharing your child with us!

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# PTA News

## Fall Festival

By Debbie Wright

### FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

5 pm - 7:30 pm

Greeting Bacon Families & welcome to a new and exciting year at Bacon Elementary!!

The PTA has already been planning some of this year's events!!

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 16th!! The PTA is sponsoring a Fall Festival.

In the past, we've had the Fall Carnival, but due to building constraints, we're moving most of this event outdoors!!

We'll be bringing back some of our most popular games and adding many new options.

Don't worry about making dinner, we are planning two food options ~ both **Hot & Ready!!**

Watch for flyers to come home in your **FIRST** Friday Folder for more information.

As always, we'll need volunteers - mostly to help staff the games during the festival.

Please contact

Debbi Wright if you can help out.  
(wright.debbi@comcast.net)

## PTA

By Tanya Henry

The 2011-12 PTA board is busy gearing up for the upcoming year. We are really excited to welcome the following board members: Lindsay Radcliff-Coombes - President, Tanya Henry - Vice President, Sarah Zacher - Secretary and Ericka Lake - Treasurer.

Among the events scheduled so far are:

First annual Fall Festival Sept 16. This will be a great family event with a carnival, food, music, and tons of activities for the entire family.

Boo Hoo Breakfast is August 25.

Back to School Night is September 1

Book Fair Oct 3-5

Little Shop of Physics Feb 2

Safety Week Oct 9-15

Our First PTA meeting of the year is set for September 6, at 9:00 am. Please come out and have a voice in the events at Bacon!

Go Bulldogs!!





## Media News

*By Jean Brodahl and Kim Sterkel*

Welcome Back Bacon Bulldogs!

We cannot wait to hear about your amazing summer! Hopefully you had time to read, read, read, and read some more!

Did you have a favorite book, or several favorites, this summer? Did you draw pictures of favorite books or make lists of what you read this summer? If not, why not do it now, it's never too late! Bring them to the Bacon Media Center and we will have some surprises to give you! Your pictures will also be hung on our hallway bulletin board.

Bacon Media Center has some great new books for everyone to check out! Come on in and take a look.

News Crew:

Would you like to be part of the Bacon News Crew this year? We have some exciting changes going on and we want your ideas about how we can make the Bacon News better. This year we are limiting our news crew students to fifth graders only. So, if you are a fifth grader and want to have some fun being on the Bacon News Crew, get to the media center and grab a new permission slip for the 2011-2012 season!

See you soon!

Keep Reading! Yay Bulldogs!

Mrs. Sterkel and Mrs. Brodahl

If you have questions about overdue books, etc. we can be contacted at:

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## Health News

*By Joni Baker*

Attention Parents of New Students- Please remember to drop off a current immunization record for your student to the front office. If you choose not to immunize your student due to personal, religious or medical reasons, we do need to have a signed form. You may come in and sign a form in the front office. You may have your doctors office fax a copy to 488-5306. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 488-5300.

Parents- Please remember if your student needs any medication at school, either perscription or over the counter, we need to have a medication form signed from the doctor. Also if your student has any medical condition we should be aware of, we do need to have a health care action plan on file, with doctors signature. We do need to have a new form every year. You may find the correct forms you need on the PSD web site. You may have the doctors office fax it to school at 488-5306 attention Health Office. If you have any questions please call the office at 488-5300.

Thank you

Joni Baker- Health Tech.



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