



# COUGAR TRACKS

The School Newsletter - BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**PRINCIPAL THOUGHTS.....FROM DEB DABBERT**

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our Belmont Family Association and volunteers for a successful Carnival Night! Numerous families enjoyed an evening of games, inflatables, and prizes. This event would not be possible without your donations and willingness to volunteer your time for running the different games. Thank you!

## WELCOME TO THE 9TH ANNUAL CANS4BOOKS

In addition to being a great way to raise money for your school media center, Cans4Books provides a wonderful opportunity to recycle aluminum. Participating in Cans4Books is easy and can be done all during the month of April (National School Library Media month!!).

\*Simply bring your cans to either A-Can Recycling or A & J Recycling.

\*Just mention 'Cans4Books' and donate all or a portion of your recycling refund to the school media center of your choice.

\* Cans4Books will see some changes in 2009.....So what's changed?

\* The global recession has hit the recycling market hard. The price currently paid for aluminum is half of what it was a year ago. Recycling processors are searching for markets to receive recycled materials – and the prices are low, therefore they will not be able to contribute money to the program this year.

\* This year the prizes will be: Schools with the top dollar earnings per capita will receive gift certificates from Lee Booksellers: **1st place - \$75, 2nd place- \$50, 3rd place - \$25**

But wait – a few things have NOT changed. Recycling is still a great way to help the environment.

Cans4Books will still earn money for your school media center. Don't miss this great opportunity to help your school library AND the environment. Cans4Books is sponsored by Lee Booksellers, A-Can Recycling, A & J Recycling, and Greenstar Recycling; in partnership with the VIP office, LPS Library Media Services and LPS Recycling Office. Questions? **Call Marti Franti, LPS Recycling**

**Office @ 436-1072 ext 82007.**

## FOOD AVAILABILITY

During these challenging economic times, one's circumstances can quickly change due to reduction in work force or unforeseen events that significantly impact a household budget. If you need help with food, please contact Melissa Kirkland at 436-1124 as we have access to food boxes to help our families.

## PARA APPRECIATION DAY

Para Appreciation Day was Wednesday, April 15. Our Administrative and Special Education Staff provided the paras with a luncheon. The Cookie Company donated cookies for this special day. Two pairs of tickets to a performance of the Russian National Ballet: Swan Lake, were donated by The Lied Center. Congratulations to Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Vakoc who were the winners of the tickets for this amazing performance. Thank you to our paraeducators for their work with our staff and students as they are a valued and essential piece in the education field.

## PROMOTION

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion will be held on Wednesday, June 3, at 5:00 p.m.

## SMART GOALS

Each team has specific SMART (Strategic and Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results- oriented and Timebound) Goals that focus on student learning. Following are specific grade levels and the percentage of students that are proficient on the goals.

**Kindergarten** – 100% of the Kindergarten students will recognize all 54 letters.

Currently – 95% of the Kindergarten students recognize all 54 letters.

100% of the Kindergarten students will recognize numbers 0-20.

Currently – 85% of the Kindergarten students recognize numbers 0-20.

**First Grade** – 85% of all 1<sup>st</sup> graders will read at District Reading Level 18 or higher.

Currently – 78% are on grade level, reading a DRA at 14 or higher.

90% of the 1<sup>st</sup> graders will pass the addition facts tests.

Currently – 63% of the 1<sup>st</sup> graders have passed addition facts tests.

**Second Grade** – 100% of the second graders will pass the addition facts test.

Currently – 84% have passed the addition facts test.

**Third Grade** – 100% of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will pass the addition and subtraction timed fact tests.

Currently – 86% have passed the addition and subtraction timed tests.

**Fourth Grade** – 83% will pass the reading vocabulary test.

Currently – 79% have passed the vocabulary test.

**Fifth Grade** – 81% of the fifth graders will pass the Leveled Reading Passage TUV.

Currently – 86% of the fifth graders have completed the TUV Leveled Reading Passage.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 – 1:35 dismissal, PLC Day

May 12 – 5:30 BFA Executive meeting

May 14 – 5:00 Kindergarten Orientation

## BIST

The BIST management program is designed to protect students from their own behavior rather than, punish them every time they do something wrong. With the protection piece, there is also a time to teach appropriate behaviors. Processing is part of the teaching piece of BIST.

### *Processing*

When adults process with students, here are some things you may see:

- Building of a relationship between teacher and student.
- Finding out what happened.
- Identify the missing skill.
- Validate or empathize with the student.
- Connect the feeling with the behavior.
- Help the student to see that it is a problem in their life.
- Set a new behavior goal