

BELMONT NEWS 2009-2010

September 18, 2009

Principal's Corner



Thank you to all that have attended the Grade Level Curriculum Nights to date. We still have 4th and 5th Grade Level Curriculum Nights coming up. We look forward to seeing you all there to learn about what your child will be learning this year, how you can help them at home and the building AYP status. We will provide dinner. Daycare will be provided for school age children. Children younger than school age will stay with their parents and be their responsibility.

Our Curriculum Nights will be held on the following dates from 5:00-6:30 p.m.:

- Grade Four—Sept. 22nd
- Grade Five—Sept. 24th

Forms that Need Turned In:

If you have not already turned in the following forms, please do so as soon as possible.

--Free/ Reduced Lunch Applications are due in the office. Otherwise, you will be charged full price.

--Updated shot records and necessary paperwork turned into the office.

--Learning Compact—Please take time to review the Learning Compact with your child/ren.

--Updated Census Forms

Children with persistent behavior are asking for help! They feel helpless, hopeless and angry and can't control their overwhelming emotions. When they act out they provide an opportunity to be taught how to manage their emotions and to learn.

Belmont BIST/ Behavior Intervention Support Team Discipline News:

When your child comes home and says: "I was in the Safe Seat today." What does that mean? It means that your child needed some time in the learning community to be away from others and protected to regroup, take a break, and process with the teacher so that they would continue to be successful in the classroom. They are not in trouble; they just need some time to regroup. If an adult sees a student not doing what they are asking of the group, they will give the child a redirect: "Can you listen, even though it is hard?" If the child continues the same behavior, they are showing us that it is hard for them and they need a break in the safe seat. A child can also self refer themselves to the safe seat in the classroom as a way to take a break and manage their emotions. If a child has a hard time going to the safe seat or can't sit quietly in the safe seat, they will be sent to the buddy room or the adult will call the office for some help for the child. A child that needs to be invited to go to the buddy room 3 or more times in a week is showing us with their repetitious behavior that they are missing some skill needed to be successful in the classroom. We will work with you and your child to create a plan to teach that missing skill. We have worked with several families to create a plan for success for their child. We are making a difference in the lives of these children.

We are working on helping students learn the life goals. 1. I can be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to. 2. I can be okay when I

am mad or have an overwhelming emotion. 3. I can be okay even when others are not okay.

LPS Parent Center: Did you know that you can find school calendars, forms and more at the following website just for LPS Parents:

<http://www.lps.org/parents/>

Check it out!!

Attendance:

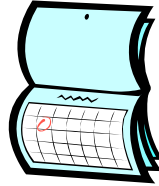
We will continue to focus on attendance. An important part of school success is regular, on-time attendance. We will carefully monitor the attendance of each student and work with families to minimize the number of student absences and tardies. Lincoln Public Schools considers attendance a problem when a child misses 5 days of school.

Please call the school at 436-1124 by 8:10 a.m. and ask for the attendance secretary if your student will be absent or tardy. You may also call and leave a message on the voice mail.

Balloons and Treats: Due to health concerns, no balloon deliveries or birthday treats will be allowed at school. Please inform your friends and relatives.

Office Hours: *Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The school doors will lock at 3:30 pm. You may call in absences before or after these hours and leave a message on our answering machine. If you have questions, please give us a call (436-1124).*

Personal Items: Please mark your child's personal items with a permanent marker: coats, jackets, backpacks, etc.



IMPORTANT DATES:

--Tuesday, Sept. 29th — PLC Early Dismissal Day. School dismisses at 1:35pm. 8:15 am, Cougar Pride Assembly, Gym.

--Thursday, Oct. 1st — Grade 4 to Spring Creek Prairie.

--Friday, October 2nd — Grade 5 to Plum Creek Literacy Festival in Seward.

--Monday, October 12th — No School for LPS Elementary Students.

--Tuesday, Oct. 13th and Thursday, Oct. 15th. Belmont Parent Teacher Conferences starting at 3:15pm.

Schedules will be coming home soon.

--Tuesday, Oct. 20th — Individual Student Picture Day. Order forms to come home soon.

Upcoming Events: Our Curriculum Nights will be held on the following dates from 5:00-6:30 p.m.:

- Grades Four — Sept. 22nd
- Grade Five — Sept. 24th