

# BELMONT NEWS 2009-2010

September 4, 2009

## Principal's Corner

We have our 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.

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

- Kindergarten—Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Grade One—Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
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## 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 nurse's office.**

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

**--Updated Census Forms**

**Belmont BIST News:** 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.

Before adults can help children change, they must teach and protect children, not feel a

need to control or punish. Punishment alone prevents students from understanding why they experience certain strong feelings and emotions and why they act out their feelings in negative and destructive ways.

These children need to:

- Learn to look at themselves and their emotions
- Own their problems and be accountable for their problems
- Take responsibility for their actions
- Change their behavior

Children need to be safe from their own disruptive and hurtful behaviors as well as that of others. To provide this safety:

- We must accept children where they are
- Understand why they are behaving the way they are
- Enforce limits in a predictable way

We will partner with parents to help change the disruptive and hurtful behaviors when they are exhibited at school.

Children will learn while being protected with the safe seat, buddy room, recovery room and protective plans, when needed. We will focus on these areas in future newsletters.

## Academic Focus:

At Belmont Elementary, we have the following school improvement goals:

- All students will improve reading skills.
- All students will improve their math skills across all content areas.

We will accomplish these by using strategies identified through teacher collaboration during Professional Learning Communities.

**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 Rachel, 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:**

--Monday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>—No School. Happy Labor Day!

--Tuesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, CLC First Quarter Clubs begin for those enrolled.

--Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>—Belmont Family Association Fundraiser turn in date.

--Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Constitution Day.

--Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Health Screening Day at school.

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

--Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>—Grade 4 to Spring Creek Prairie.

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