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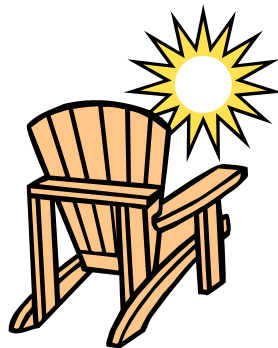
Have A Great Summer! Principal's Message by: Mr. Pacella

This will be our last newsletter of the year. We only have a few days of school in June and so we will not put out a newsletter for that month.

As we head into the month of May, field trips really pick up. Please be sure to fill out and return the field trip permission slips when you receive them. We cannot take your child on a field trip without your permission. Thanks.

As we enter the summer months, please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Even just twenty minutes of read-

ing every day, will help them to keep their skills. If you could discuss what is read with your youngster, that



would benefit them as well.

Class lists will be completed by the end of the year, and the name of your child's teacher will be written on their report card. Class lists must be balanced by a number of

factors and special requests for specific teachers cannot be honored. Thank you for understanding.

I want to thank each of you for supporting your children throughout this past school year. I realize that we all have many demands upon our energy and our time. However, I believe, as I am sure you do, that our children will always be our greatest priority. Our devotion to their well being is what defines us as parents and educators.

Please have a wonderful summer!

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Thank you to all of our Relay For Life supporters. We have raised over \$5,000 and counting to support cancer research. Relay For Life is May 11th at Frontier Town.



TELL (Teaching English Language Learners) Summer Learning, Side-by-Side

By: Reading Rockets

Summer is a fun season! It's full of interesting bugs, games, and activities. These may lead to lots of questions from your kids:

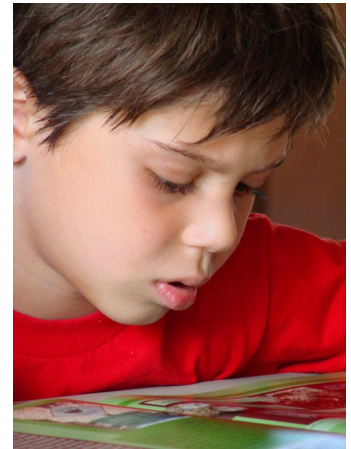
Grab hold of one of your child's questions and start a journey of discovery together!

Make regular visits to the library to find books, magazines, and movies on the topic your child is interested in. Look for related fiction as well as non-fiction. Ask questions as you read together or when your independent reader finishes a book. Ask your child to tell you something new or surprising he learned, or to read a section that was full of interesting words.

Help your child learn the basics of Internet research, at home or at the library. Bookmark a few kid-friendly, educational websites and guide him through simple searches. Look at the American Library Association's [Great Websites for Kids](#) page for ideas. Check out the summer programming schedule on your local public television station or educational shows on cable to see if there are shows related to your child's new interest.

Seek out free or inexpensive resources in your community: parks and recreation center programs, a community garden or farmer's market, museums (many have kids-get-in-free days), and neighborhood interest groups like the Stargazers Club — or start your own interest group! Taking a field trip together and having a hands-on experience can really add to what you have been learning from books and movies.

Keep a record of what you learn together — it's a great way to engage young learners, provide writing practice, and help kids retain new knowledge. Start a journal, create a scrapbook, or send a handmade postcard to family or friends. Invite your child to talk with family and friends about her new interest. Maybe your child never knew that grandpa collects rocks, too, and has a wonderful collection and stories to share. Encouraging kids to share with others gives them a chance to have some fun taking on the role of teacher!



BES Drama Academy Preforms

The 2012 Drama Performance of Osebo's Lesson will be May 31st at 6:30pm. Please join us to see our young thespians perform this original script, inspired by the African legend, The Leopard's Drum, an Asante Tale from West Africa, by Jessica Socehani.

The production includes original music, handmade instruments, and choreography and masks, created by our community and staff members. Original legends, written by the students, will be available for view, as audience members join us after the performance for refreshments.



For further information, please contact Mrs. Lanier at the school.

Counselor's Corner!

What is a good listener?

Good listeners show compassion and care when they really pay attention to someone talking about his/her problems. Good listeners help prevent loneliness and isolation, because they let others know that they are not alone in their struggles.

Talk with your child about the importance of being a good listener to others.

Talk about things like eye contact and not interrupting.

Talk about what listening would look like in the classroom:

- Sitting up in their seat
- Eyes on the speaker
- Hands still
- Concentrate on what is being said

A Note from the Café Staff

As the end of the school year draws near please keep your child's lunch account up to date. There will be no charges or checks accepted after May 21st.

Congratulations to our
Students of the Month!

Visit us on your phone
at BES Mobile!

1st Grade

DiMichele – Kaliyah Jones

Layton – Isela Barragan-Rodriguez

Robins – Oliver King

Siano – Victor Geoghegan

Mears – Juan Ferreyra Diffo

2nd Grade

Socha – Damien Jackson

Matlock – Marqui Henry

Moniodis – Jourdan Lumpkins

Williams – Olivia Morning

3rd Grade

Hogan – Ambria Cooper

Rippin – Trovonna Briddell

Scafone – Zyair Howell

Bunting – Jaheim Lankford

Smith – Amanda Jones

Hurley – Tavey Wade

4th Grade

Bullock – Mandi McCready

Turner – Marissa Cannon

Booth – Zachary Thompson

Dale – Selina McCargo



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Buckingham Events Calendar

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Schedule of Events

May 2- Kindergarten Concert
 May 8- Grade 3 to Discovery Center
 May 10- K to Sby. Zoo/Adkins Market
 Pre-k to Beechnut Farms
 May 14- Muffins with Mom (Prek, K & 1st)
 May 15- Muffins with Mom (2nd, 3rd, & 4th)
 May 16- Look Ahead Night
 May 18- Vehicle Day
 May 21- Prekindergarten to Assateague
 May 23- Grade 3 Concert 6:00
 Grade 4 Concert 7:00
 May 24- Grades 2, 3 & 4 Trip to SU
 May 25- Grade 1 Trip to J. Millard Tawes
 Historical Museum
 Grade 3 to Furnace Town
 May 28- Schools Closed
 May 29- Grade 3 to Lifesaving Museum
 May 30- Boardwalk Walk
 May 31 SOM Lunch & Spirit Day
 EII Field Trip to Assateague
 Grade 1 Trip to Assateague
 June 1- Field Day

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 *	9	10 *	11	12
13	14 *	15 *	16 *	17	18 *	19
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27	28 *	29 *	30 *	31 *		

***For More Dates and an Interactive Calendar Visit
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Teacher Notes

2nd Grade Teachers

We encourage our second grade parents to attend the "look ahead night" on May 16th at 6:00. It is important for you to listen to the third grade teachers and their ideas for how to prepare your child for third grade. We also encourage our students to read during the summer. It has been a pleasure to be your child's second grade teacher. We have had a wonderful year. Thanks for all of your support. Have a sensational summer!!!



To First Grade Parents

Second grade teachers would like to invite the parents of the first grade students to the "Look Ahead" night on May 16th at 6:00. We will be sharing new information about how to prepare your child for second grade. We encourage you to take part in this "important" process of your child's educational journey. See you there.

Testing Dates for May

The last set of reading benchmarks will be going on in May.
 May 1st-2nd – Kindergarten
 May 4th – Fourth Grade
 May 7th-8th- First Grade
 May 14th-15th – Second Grade

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Vehicle Day/Career Day in on Friday, May 18th. The rain date will be May 22nd. Students will be outside from approximately 9:00 - 10:45.

Field Day will be on Friday, June 1st

Please make sure students wear sunscreen for these days and on days for any other field trips that your students are scheduled to attend.



Last day of school- Friday, June 8th
half day for students

Congratulations to our Retirees

Buckingham Elementary School would like to say congratulations and thank you to the following staff members for their years of service.

Nurse- Sue Baer

Guidance Counselor- George Ann Wingrove