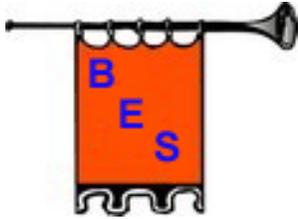


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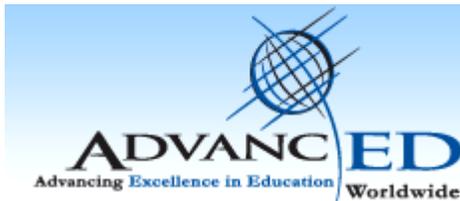
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February 2008

Mission Statement

The mission of Bolden Elementary School is to empower all students with the knowledge to succeed in a dynamic global community.



Upcoming Accreditation Visit

You are reminded that our five year accreditation process will take place on February 13th and 14th. There will be a group of 5 educational leaders from across the nation who will come and look at our continuous School Improvement Program. We are anxious to share with them all the progress that our teachers have made as they look at student scores and research the professional literature to find best practices for teaching and learning. The team will be checking into our programs to see how well we are doing, and more importantly, to make recommendations on how we can get even better at meeting the needs of all of our students.

On the 13th at 2:00 the team will be talking with parents to hear what our parents think about Bolden Elementary. If you would like to take part in this forum, please call Ms. Trudi and she will add your name to the list of parents.

New Bolden Posters

Check out all the new posters at Bolden. We are working hard to build character as well as increase knowledge in our academics.



"Plant a Seed of Kindness Daily"



Our students are working hard to live by our school motto: **Plant a Seed of Kindness Daily.** Use this as you talk with your children at home. Each time they perform a kind deed, it changes how others act and feel.

Bolden Students Read & Eat With Marines



Lt.Col. Lovejoy & 3rd grade student

Several of our students had the opportunity to sit down and read and have lunch with some Marines from H&S Company who have graciously committed to coming to our school on a regular basis to spend time with our students. This newly developed program is a great way for the students to feel safe and establish a mentorship with someone in uniform. We are very excited about and encouraging the Marines to come in and spend time with the students We look forward to seeing some great bonds developing and reading scores increasing.



Marine & Students eating lunch

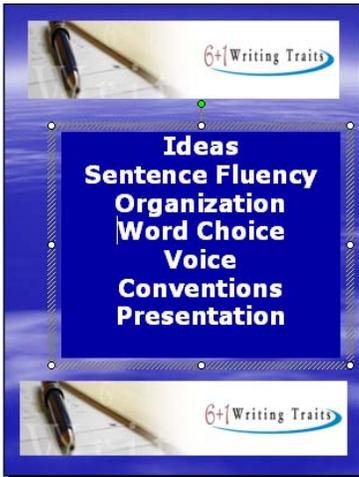
MATH MATTERS!!!

Soaring with Eagles!!



"Tea with Dr. T."

Mark your calendars. The next "Tea with Dr. T." will be held on 22 February. If you are new to the school, you will be getting a special invitation. However, this is open to everyone. This is a two-way discussion. We not only give you information, but listen to your concerns and comments.



Do you know about 6+1?



Sign up for Grade Speed

The new Grade Speed program at Bolden Elementary is up and running and is ready for you to log in and set up your account. Once your account is set up, you will be given online access to your student's grades and attendance from anywhere in the world you have internet access. If you need additional information about this new program, please contact the school, and we will send it home with your child again. We have 25% of our parents (4-6) using it already.

Mem Fox's "10"

Read-Aloud Commandments



1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes *every single day* reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever *teach* reading or get tense around books.
10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

LOST & FOUND



Lost and found is located on the stage in the cafeteria. Items are removed on the 15th of each month. Items that are marked with names will be returned to the child's classroom. All other items are donated to charity. There are some nice jackets; parents please check to see if your child has lost one. Also, please put names on items.

Calendar Events

- 13 - 14 February AdvancED Accreditation Visit
- 13 February— School Board Meeting at Galer - 3:30PM
- 18 February—No School (President's Day)
- 22 February—Tea with Dr T. - 9:00AM - (All Welcome)
- 25 - 29 February—Scholastic Book Fair
- 26 February—Family Pizza Night (Details Coming Soon)
- 10—14 March—(Terra Nova Testing)
- 15 March—Applebee's Pancake Breakfast (8AM—9:30)
- 20 March— Individual Picture Day
- 21—28 March (Spring Break)

Scholastic Book Fair (Volunteers)

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair that will take place in our school between February 25th—February 29th. Dates and times in which the book fair will take place will be determined by the volunteers who can help. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Julie Gfrerer at 982-0302 or by email at juliegfrerer@charter.net



Staff Appreciation Day—Friday, February 15th

Theme: Chocolate Treats & Snacks

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