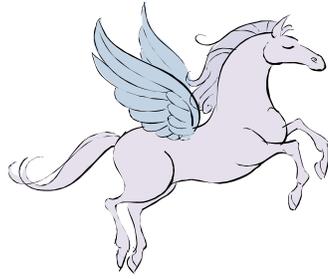


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# The Pegasus Flyer

## “Where Learning Takes Flight”

October 2008

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## From the Principal...

### The Bad News is the Good News

Guarding instructional time for our students seems like it should be a simple enough thing to do. It is not. There are so many things that want to steal time teaching and learning. One of the worst offenders in this area is the massive amount of interruptions to classrooms at the end of the day.

On October 14, we will join the other Ft. Bragg Schools in not allowing students to be picked up early after 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays. On Wednesday, the time will be 1:00 p.m. What will this policy do for your students? It will allow for real instruction the last half hour of every school day. Now we are losing most of that time because we are interrupting teachers by requesting students and giving messages about special pick up arrangements. That equates to 2.5 hours of lost instruction a week and about 80 hours of lost instruction a school year. Yes, that is over two weeks worth of school.

This bad news is good because you pay us to educate our children. We both want maximum learning to take place every school year. It will take some adjustments, but it is working at the other six elementary schools in our system. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Dr. Bob

## From the President...

WOW what a great kick off to the year! Our first family night went off without a hitch! We had a wonderful turn out and the kids seemed to have the most fun! Many thanks goes out to all the volunteers that helped out that night and to Melinda and Kimberlee my two vice presidents who did such an awesome job setting up and shopping for the night!

Our next family night is October 16th and it is tied in with our book fair. So come and bring the kids for activities in rooms and come see all the awesome books for sale! Look for more information to come home soon. Our fall fundraiser with Pampered Chef has been moved to the first of November now, keep an eye out for information to go home. Have a great October!

Lisa Wright



**\*STUDENT DROP OFF\***

Earliest student drop off is  
7:45 a.m. each morning for  
student breakfast

OR

8:10 a.m. for classroom  
arrival.



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**"PENNIES 4 PE"**

The physical education department is in the process of collecting pennies for expendable items such as helium and balloons. Each class has a container for collection and your support is once again appreciated.



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The board members welcome your comments and questions!

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**From the desk of Dr. "M":**

Mom & Dad,

This is a friendly reminder that boots, sandals, flip flops and crocs are not appropriate shoes for physical education. Participation will be denied in the interest of safety. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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Mrs. Mills' Pre-K Fall  
Harvest Celebration  
Friday, October 31, 2008



## **EARLY OUT WEDNESDAYS**

**Wednesdays are early release days. School gets out EVERY Wednesday @ 1:35 and all students should be picked up at that time.**



### **\*STUDENT CHECK OUT\***

Effective October 14, 2008 students cannot be checked out of school after 2:00 p.m. (1:00 on Wednesdays). This policy is in line with other Fort Bragg Schools, and is least disruptive to the students classroom work. If your child has an after noon appointment, please make arrangements to pick them up before 2:00 p.m.



## **STUDENT RECORDS**

Fort Bragg Schools policy is that each student will have documents on file as proof of eligibility for attendance. Each sponsor is given a list of the requirements when their student is enrolled. These documents are:

- Student Birth Certificate (Certified copy only—which lists parents, a copy will be retained). If sponsor is not the biological parent then custody papers and marriage license is also needed.
- Sponsor's current order (within last 3 years) or copy of sponsors ID or letter from sponsors unit verifying active duty status.
- Verification of housing (Lease agreement from housing or 90 day letter from housing).
- Sponsor's signature on DA form 600 or spouse's signature with copy of current power of attorney.
- Immunization record—proof that required immunizations are met. Health Assessment (physicals are on file for PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students).

**Without these documents we may be required to dis-enroll your student.**

## **PICTURE DAY**

October 8, 2008



Comb your hair, smile for the camera and say cheese! Lifetouch will be here to take students pictures and the office will make a schedule. Pictures are PREPAY only. Picture envelopes will be sent home on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



# Thank You

Thank you for the delicious meal provided by the parents of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and the PTO. To quote Ms. Wilson, "The lunch was absolutely fabulous!"

Special thanks to SPC Jessica Baysden and SPC Donald Lockett from the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) for all of their assistance with Mrs. Mills' Pre-K students

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

October 6 – 10— Fire Prevention Week

October 8— Picture Day

October 8—Smokehouse Demonstration

October 14-17—Book Fair

October 16—Reading Night/Book Fair Family Night

October 29—End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period

October 31—3 Hour Early Release (11:45 a.m.)



Help  
Wanted

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER GROUP

*Meet at noon in the PTO hut and work on items for the teachers! Recia Copeland is forming a band of volunteers to work on items for staff members. A play area inside the PTO hut is available for children too young for school.*

**The Book Fair is Coming!**



**Scholastic Book Fairs**

Please plan on joining us for our upcoming Book Fair during the week of October 14-17. Keep an eye out for more information including hours of operation and our family night event. If you are interested in volunteering for the book fair please contact Wendy Jackson at [hw.jackson@hotmail.com](mailto:hw.jackson@hotmail.com).

**Thinking of Changing Quarters?**

**Read this!**



When you move into different housing on Fort Bragg your students will be required to immediately move to the school that services that housing area. If you are moving to Linden Oaks your students will immediately be assigned to the school that temporarily houses the grade level they are in.



# October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  "W" Day (for Wed.) Schedule	2  "A" Day Schedule	3  "B" Day Schedule	4
5	6  <b>Fire Prevention Week</b>  "C" Day Schedule	7  "D" Day Schedule	8  <b>Picture Day</b>  Smokehouse Demonstration  "W" Day Schedule	9  "A" Day Schedule	10  "B" Day Schedule	11
12	13  <b>Columbus Day</b>  <b>No School</b>	14  <b>Book Fair Week</b>  "C" Day Schedule	15  "W" Day Schedule	16  <b>Reading Night/ Family Night</b>  "D" Day	17  "A" Day Schedule	18
19	20  "B" Day Schedule	21  "C" Day Schedule	22  "W" Day Schedule	23  "D" Day Schedule	24  "A" Day Schedule	25
26	27  "B" Day Schedule	28  "C" Day Schedule	29  <b>End of 1st Grading Period</b>  "W" Day	30  "D" Day Schedule	31  <b>3 Hour Early Dismissal</b>  "A" Day Schedule	