



# THE BRITTIN BANNER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 09 October – Staff Development/ No Students
- 12 October – Columbus Day Holiday/ No School
- 13 October – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period (45 days)
- 16 & 22 October – Early Dismissal @ 11:45
- 22 & 23 October – Parent Teacher Conferences/ Report Cards Distributed at Conferences

## **Brittin Elementary Main Numbers for the front office:**

If you need to contact the front office for any reason the numbers are (912)368-3324 or (912)368-7514.



## **How much math can you get from a quarter?**

Students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades were challenged to create as many math related ideas as they could when presented with a quarter minted in 1985. These are some of the statements they decided on in their teams. Who knew one little quarter had so much math in it?!

- 1.) 1985 is an odd number.
- 2.) It is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a dollar.
- 3.) This coin is 24 years old.
- 4.) 1985 is divisible by 5.
- 5.) 1985 divided by 5 equals 397.
- 6.)  $1985 \times 5$  equals 17,865.
- 7.) 1985 is a composite number.
- 8.)  $9 + 8 - 5 \times 1 = 12$ .
- 9.) It is a circle.
- 10.) It has two sides you can use to do probability.
- 11.) It's a three dimensional object.
- 12.) The sum of the digits is 23.
- 13.) George Washington was the first president.
- 14.) George Washington is  $\frac{1}{44}$  of our total presidents.
- 15.) It is a circle that can be divided into 4 equal parts.
- 16.) A quarter has no straight sides.
- 16.) The product of the digits ( $1 \times 9 \times 8 \times 5$ ) is 360.
- 17.) If you use the digits in 1985 to make a subtraction problem starting with the 1, you get -21. ( $1 - 9 - 8 - 5 = -21$ )
- 18.) 1985 has four digits.
- 19.) If you do a coin toss it will either land on heads or tails.
- 20.) The quarter is a solid, so it has mass.
- 21.) It has no corners.
- 22.) If you add a decade to 1985 you'll get 1995.
- 23.) If you round 1985 it will be 2000.



## **First Grade News**

The first grade year has started with great interest. We have been working hard on our math and reading skills. In math we continue to work on number recognition and we are beginning to work on addition and subtraction. We will begin teaching touch math strategy to the students in order to provide them with an alternative strategy to use as they are learning to add and subtract. We are still working on learning the routines in our new classrooms. Continue reading with your child each night as it is an important part of their learning process.

The first grade staff looks forward to working with every parent to better enhance each child's learning experience.

## **New School Board Members**

- Samantha Heinrich
- Nicole Hudson
- Chasity Johnson
- Aaron McHaney
- Liupaogo Tuisalia



## **SILT (School Improvement Leadership Team)**

The team welcomes Mrs. Michelle Lopez as a parent liaison. If any parent is interested in joining the team to help improve the success of our students toward our school wide goals, please contact *Ms. Waller or Ms. Rice.*



## **PLAYGROUNDS! PLAYGROUNDS! PLAYGROUNDS!**

“Count ‘em!” Not one, but TWO spanking new playgrounds are scheduled to be built at BES! Starting in late October, we should see the start of construction and equipment installation activity in our green areas on the way to a completion date of late November. These two playgrounds (one for the Pk-3 age groups and one for the 4-6 children) are state of the art, well-designed, safe, and colorful student activity centers. Let's look forward to our “RIBBON CUTTING “ceremony!!!! Thank you all for your support. A copy of the playground sketches are included with your BANNER NEWSLETTER...please remember that these sketches are copyright protected and are used with all of the appropriate authorizations.

## **REMINDERS - - - Safety and Courtesy During Student Drop-off and Pick-up**

Thank you BES parents and guests for the great care and support you have for our school. Your “kids safety first” commitment is visible and appreciated. Let's keep up the efforts, so that we can enjoy a great and safe SY 2009-2010! ALWAYS!!!!

### **TIPS –**

- 1) Please remember that you must utilize the appointed “kiss and drop areas” adjacent to the rear of our cafeteria ( borders Austin Road) or the appointed drop-off area parallel to HERO road and the school's main parking lot.
- 2) Visitors parking is only permitted in the general parking lot adjacent to Hero Road
- 3) All other parking is sign directed or reserved for faculty and staff.
- 4) Parking along the shoulder of Austin Road is not authorized by Installation Security and Police authorities
- 5) Kinder and PK “drop-off / Pick-Up” continues to be to the rear of the cafeteria, parallel to the green area beyond our warehouse by our C-wing exit
- 6) Please observe all posted speed limits and continue to utilize extreme caution and courtesy while driving near and on the BES campus.

