

# WILDCAT WORDS FOR PARENTS

**Bunn Elementary School**  
A Title One School

**October 2009**

*Calendar of Events:*

October	5-6	Vision Screenings Grades 1, 3, 5
	6	6:30 United Way Spelling Bee at LES
	7	Cookie Dough Kickoff K-2 1:30, 3-5 2:00
	12	3:00 WFSG
	12-15	CogAT Testing Grade 3
	15	12:45 Early Release 1:30 IC Meeting
	16	Teacher Workday – No School
	19	School Improvement and other Committee Meetings
	19-23	Science Benchmark Testing Grade 5
	22	Fall Picture Make up day
	26	Hearing Screenings Grades 1, 2, 3, 5
	26-30	Benchmark Testing Grades 4, 5
	30	9 Week Awards in gym 12:45 K-2 1:45 3-5
November	5	Report Card Pick up and PTA Night

**1. Random Parent Surveys.** Don't be surprised if you receive a short survey in the mail from Bunn Elementary. We value the opinions of our parents and would like to hear from you to be sure that we are constantly improving in the ways that we provide instruction to our students and the safe nurturing atmosphere of our school. We will be mailing random parent surveys that are quick, informative and would give our parents the opportunity to let us know what they think. If you receive one of these surveys please return it in the stamped self-addressed envelope that is provided. We look forward to hearing from you.

**2. Shoe Safety.** The coming of Fall will probably help with this concern but we do need to mention the safe wearing of footwear. Our students have physical activity period everyday and the wearing of flip flops and heels is a safety concern for students. Please help your child select comfortable and safe footwear each morning so that they can join in the activities without getting injured.

**3. National School Lunch Week.** School lunch helps students succeed by making healthy choices and eating balanced meals. This is the goal of National School Lunch week which will be celebrated October 12-16, 2009. Lunch gives students the fuel they need to succeed. We all need to eat healthy and be energized – so – join in and help celebrate!!! Eating healthy and exercising go together!! Mrs. Gordon in our cafeteria reminds you that you are always welcome to join your student for lunch in our cafeteria.

**4. Parent Conferences/Report Card Pick-Up and PTA.** Mark your calendars for November 5, 2009. This is our first Student Led Parent Conference – Report Card Pick-Up day of the 2009-2010 school year. We have had great success with our parent conferences in the past and are excited to have our students actually take a significant lead in the conference. All students will be preparing ahead of time and will be ready to share with their parents their accomplishments and goals for learning. Please note that since these are student led conferences our students are supposed to attend the conference with the parents. Please make arrangements for this to happen. We look forward to this exciting time and hope that all of you can participate. Be watching for notices from your teachers on scheduling.

**5. Requests.** Every year I continually make these same two requests to parents: 1) Please have your child at school on time and do not check them out early and 2) Please check your lunch account to be sure that there is not a balance owed. I am again making these pleas. Please help.

**6. Grading Period Awards.** We will be celebrating the end of the first grading period with awards on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We want to be sure that you make it to the gym to see these awards. In order to do this you must get to school in time to check in at the office and receive your Special Events Badge. For the safety and security of our students we must have a record of our visitors. We always have wonderful participation in these events so make sure that you are here early. The K-2 program begins at 12:45 and the 3-5 program begins at 1:45. Feel free to check in early and get a seat.

**7. Flu Letter.** Coming home with this newsletter is a letter from our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Ingram, about Franklin County Schools' efforts to maintain a healthy school environment during the upcoming flu season. Please read the Flu Prevention Tips on the back of the letter and take precautions as listed.

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