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BAKER SCHOOL

JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BEGINS ON AUGUST 10, 2017

2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017 are asked to register their children for 2017-2018 kindergarten as soon as possible. Florida law provides that any child who will be five on or before September 1st is eligible for kindergarten that school year. It is extremely important that new kindergarten students be registered as soon as possible for the fall (August) school opening. Classes will be formed, teachers assigned and materials ordered on the basis of student enrollment. Kindergarten registration is currently taking place in the guidance office. The following items are required for kindergarten registration: birth certificate, social security card, blue immunization card (including the 2nd Varicella shot) and Florida health physical. For further information please contact the guidance office at 689-7226.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING:

Kindergarten screening will take place on July 27th and 28th. You will receive a letter in the mail with your child’s appointment time to be screened. If your child has not registered for school, please register them as soon as possible so that they can be included in this screening process. For further information please contact Victoria Hurley at 689-7279.

UPCOMING 7TH GRADERS NEED VACINATIONS:

Additional immunizations are required for students going into 7th grade next year. You must have a Td booster to start the 7th grade to be in compliance with the state of Florida Health requirements. Please make arrangements to have this shot before school begins so your child will not be excluded from school. Please be sure to bring updated shot records to the guidance office. Students who will be in the 7th grade next school year will not be allowed to pickup schedules until immunizations are complete. You may call the guidance office at 689-7226 if you have any questions about your student’s status.

2017 SALES TAX HOLIDAY AUGUST 4TH - AUGUST 6TH

This three-day tax holiday is in effect from 12:01 am on Friday, August 4, 2017, through 11:59 pm on Sunday, August 6, 2017. The sales tax exemption applies to each eligible item of clothing selling for \$75 or less and to each eligible school supply item selling for \$15 or less. The exemption will apply no matter how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

STUDENT DEBT:

Student indebtedness generally results from items such as textbooks and uniforms being issued to students and not returned and/or returned in damaged condition. District policy states that seniors who have debts 10 days prior to the end of scheduled classes are not permitted to participate in commencement exercises. It also states that the failure of the students or the students’ parent to pay such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal may result in the suspension of the student from participation in extracurricular activities until such debt is satisfied or satisfaction of the debt by the student through community service activities at the school site as assigned by the school principal. Please contact Jennifer Stewart at 689-7279 to settle a debt.

LOCKERS, AGENDA BOOKS, PARKING DECALS AND SCHEDULES:

Lockers and agenda books will be available beginning Monday, July 31st, for a fee of \$5.00 for lockers and \$3.00 for agendas. **STUDENT PARKING**— Permits are available through the front office. The price of a parking permit is \$15.00. In order to get a permit you will need to show a driver’s license and vehicle registration. Your parking permit must be hung from your rearview mirror, and allows you to park only in the designated student parking lot adjacent to Buck Ward Road. No student is to park on campus without a parking permit.

GUIDANCE:

Students can pick up schedules beginning July 31, 2017.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Please remember to complete your Free or Reduced Lunch Application as soon as possible. <https://www.myschoolapps.com>

ORIENTATION:

KINDERGARTEN – SECOND GRADE	Tuesday, August 8	9:00 – 10:00 AM
THIRD GRADE—FIFTH GRADE	Tuesday, August 8	10:00 - 11:00 AM
6th GRADE (Auditorium)	Tuesday, August 8	6:00 - 6:30 PM
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL (with bell schedule)	Tuesday, August 8	6:30 - 8:00 PM

NEW CHECKOUT POLICY:

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds after their arrival on school campus until the end of the school day. However, students can be signed out through the attendance office by their parents or legal guardians. Failure to properly sign out will result in an unexcused absence and possible disciplinary action. Students will not be allowed to walk home and only students who drove themselves to school will be allowed to drive home with verification from parent. High School students with an abbreviated schedule must have proper identification when exiting the school. Photo identification will be required for all student checkouts. Students who check out must leave campus. Baker School is not an open campus. Therefore, students are not allowed to checkout for the sole purpose of lunch. Students may only checkout with a written note signed by the parent with a contact number. Phone checkouts will not be allowed for any reason.

NEW BUS NOTE POLICY:

Students may only ride the bus that they are assigned. In order for a student to ride a bus that has not been assigned to them or to get off at a different stop a written note signed by the parent with a contact number must be given to the front office before school for approval. If transportation arrangements change during the day changes may only be made in writing (email, fax, note) to the front office no later than by 1:30 PM.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

The prices are as follows for 2017-2018:
 Student Breakfast \$1.80 Adult Breakfast \$2.25
 Student Lunch \$2.70 Adult Lunch \$4.00
 Reduced Breakfast \$0.30 Reduced Lunch \$0.40
 Milk \$0.65

2017-2018 VOLUNTEER AND RENEWAL APPLICATION:

Application and renewal forms are available at www.okaloosaschools.com under the green volunteer tab on the bottom of the webpage. Volunteer applications and renewals must be completed yearly.

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