



SMOKE SIGNALS

Bluewater Elementary
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Mrs. Amy Klugh
Principal
September 2017

From the Principals' Office-

Welcome back to school! Mrs. Geering and I have enjoyed meeting all of the new students. We have also enjoyed getting to meet parents at the parents nights we are hosting by grade level. We have kindergarten and 1st grade parent night left. We are currently seeking new members for our SAC-School Advisory Council. Please email Mrs. Klugh at klugh@okaloosaschools.com. Please check our website for the most up to date information.

Amy Klugh & Susan Geering
Principal & Assistant Principal

FIC Cards Are Coming!

Many of you ask, what are FIC cards? The technical name is Federal Impact Aid Campaign Cards, commonly called FIC Cards. These cards are used as documentation for our district to receive money from the U.S. Department of Education. A card is sent home with every student who has enrolled by the survey date, which this year is **September 6, 2017**.

These cards will be sent home on September 6th and must be returned to us by September 20th. **EVERY STUDENT MUST RETURN A CARD.**

Help your teacher win a prize by being the first class to turn in all of their cards completed and correct! All cards must have all information requested, that applies, filled in, signed and dated (September 6, 2017). Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Welcome

Welcome to our new MFLAC (Military Family Life Counselor) Elizabeth McLanahan. Ms. McLanahan has an office in our Media Center and is available to work with military families.

FSA Test Scores

FSA scores for 3rd, 4th and 5th that have not been picked up by Sept. 6th will be sent home on Sept. 8th.

Cafeteria

Parents: Remember to reapply for the free & reduced meals program by Sept. 21, 2017. Families need to re-apply every year with each student added.

Any charges that students had on their lunch account last year rolled over to this year. I will be sending out letters, emails & trying to make phone calls to inform parents. Parents can also email the cafeteria manager to find out if their child's lunch account is ok.

Christy.Hudson@Okaloosaschools.com

Transportation Changes: Parents -Bluewater has created a way to send all transportation changes to the office. Send your changes to our new email address at bestransport@okaloosaschools.com



Parents – Please make sure you come by the office and check in at the computers to receive your yellow visitor's pass. If your child arrives late, please sign the student in and let them walk to the classroom alone. This makes less interruption for the class and the teacher.



Parents – Please provide a note or call the office when your child is absent from school. Contacting the office with an email including child's name, the dates, and reason for being absent is another option.

TateD@Okaloosaschools.com This allows our office to change your child's unexcused absences to excused.



Sept. 4....Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 12....1st Gd Parent Night 6pm
Sept. 27.....4th grade FT Biophilia 9am - 1:30pm
Oct. 9.....TWD/Student Holiday
Oct. 16...Make Up Fall Pictures
Oct. 19....5th Gd Music Performance 6:30pm
Oct. 26....4th Gd Field Trip Tallahassee 5am
Nov. 7.....Patriotic Program 1st Gd Musical
Nov. 10....Veterans Day Holiday
Nov. 20 - 24.....Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 29.....Pictures with Santa
Nov. 30....4th grade FT Biophilia 9am - 1:30pm
Dec. 14.....2nd Gd Christmas Program 6:30pm
Dec. 15.....KG Christmas Carols 9am
Dec. 20 - Jan. 2.....Winter Break Holiday
Jan. 3....TWD/Student Holiday
Jan. 15...Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

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Nurse

OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDICATION PROTOCOL AT SCHOOL PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Prescription Medications

1. An Okaloosa County School District Dispersion of Medication Form (MIS 5183) must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. There must be a written physician's order for a student to carry any emergency medication. (i.e. Epipen, Inhaler, and Insulin)
2. A separate authorization form must be filled out for **EACH** medication.
3. Changes in medication require a new authorization form to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian.
4. Medication must be in the original pharmacy-labeled container and may not be expired.
5. A parent /guardian must deliver and pick-up the medications in the school clinic.
6. Morning and evening doses of medication should be given at home.
7. Notify clinic staff directly of any medication changes, including discontinued medications.
8. Discontinued medications must be picked up by parent/guardian within one week of the stop date. Unclaimed Medications will be destroyed.
9. During the last month of the school year, bring only enough medication to be used by the last day of school. **All unclaimed medication will be destroyed after school is dismissed on the last day of the school year.** The school will not store any medication over the summer.

Non-Prescription Medications (Over the Counter)

1. An Okaloosa County School District Dispersion of Medication Form (MIS 5183) must be filled out for **EACH** medication and must be signed by the parent/guardian.
 2. Medication must be in the original container (small or travel sized) with manufacturer's label and may not be expired.
 3. A parent/guardian must deliver and pick up the medications in the school clinic.
 4. Medication dosage must be age appropriate as stated on the manufacturer's label.
 5. Notify clinic staff directly of any changes, including discontinuation of any medications.
 6. Clinic staff can only administer the manufacturer's recommended dose of any over-the-counter medication. A physician prescription is required if the dose requested is greater than the manufacturer's recommended dose.
 7. When a medication is discontinued it must be picked up immediately. All medication must be picked up by dismissal time on the last day of the school year. **All unclaimed medication will be destroyed after school is dismissed on the last day of the school year.** The school will not store any medication over the summer.
 8. Student will be referred to School Nurse by clinic staff if the student has requested an over-the-counter medication three days in a row or more than 5 isolated times, unless pre-existing conditions exists
- Keeping Kids Healthy,
Nurse Mary LPN

PE

Welcome back!!

We are taking it easy in PE while it is still so hot!!

Please allow your child to dress appropriately for outside PE.

(No Flip flops please!)

As soon as we can be outside for longer periods of time, students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will be participating in Archery, Fitness and our walking/running program. Students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd will be participating in Fitness, walking/running program and movement concepts. Thank you so much for your continued support!
Coach Samac and Coach Barton

PTO



PTO MEMBERSHIP CONTEST ENDS FRIDAY SEPT 16TH!!!!

One class from each grade with the **MOST MEMBERS** receives a **PIZZA PARTY!** Membership is just **\$5** for your family! Members receive extra tickets for the Corn Festival and discounts for the Valentine Dance! **We are PROUD to have 100% Teacher Participation** in PTO!!! Being involved benefits EVERYONE!!!



PTO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FRI 9/22 6:30-8:30 MPR

Bring your family to Bluewater for a movie night! Movie will be a current rental from Redbox and we will serve popcorn for \$.50 and drinks. Bring your own beach chair. Feel free to bring a blanket & picnic!!! If you have offered to volunteer for this event, PTO will contact you soon!



BOX TOPS BLITZ!!!!!!!!!!!! 09/01 to 10/20
SEND IN Box Tops, Labels for Education, Tyson Labels, Coke Rewards **BEFORE THEY EXPIRE!!!!!!!!!!!!**
Send in a ziplock labeled with Student Name/ Teacher/ Grade. Drop them off in the box located by the Front door. For the most submissions:

- TOP CLASS IN EACH GRADE receives a Popsicle Party!
- TOP CLASS OVERALL receives a Pizza Party and a Box Top Trophy!
- TOP 10 STUDENTS receive a FREE ICE CREAM

If you are interested in ways to participate, please contact us at bluewaterpto@gmail.com. For the latest PTO news, Join our Facebook group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BluewaterPTO/>



10/13 Faculty/ Staff Luncheon #1 (Hosted by K & 5th)
10/19-10/27 Book Fair
10/20 THE CORN FESTIVAL