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**Vickie Slagell, Principal**

# **BENT SUPERSTAR GAZETTE**

## **October, 2009**

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

Bent teachers are currently preparing for teacher-parent conferences. Many teachers will be having these conferences before and after school the week of October 19 rather than the designated day on the calendar (Oct. 26). Watch for their information. Please make sure that you have made an appointment with your child's homeroom teacher. If you are interested in meeting with any of the teachers that work with your child, they are available as well. Call the office (828-4315) to set a time to meet with any or all of them.

#### **What can you expect from the conference?**

- Teachers will share your child's progress in academic areas, work and study habits, and social skills
- You will review a copy of the report card that you will receive at the end of the next quarter
- Scores of standardized tests and other measures as available
- A friendly face that wants to learn more about your child

#### **What can you do to prepare for the conference?**

- Write down any questions you have and anything you need the teacher to know because the 15-20 minute meetings progress quickly
- Ask your child if there is anything they'd like for you to share or ask about
- If you are not able to have a personal face to face conference, let the teacher know. They can schedule a phone conference and send you the materials

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### **Title I Meeting for Parents**

On Thursday, October 15 a meeting for parents to explain the Title I program will be held at Bent. This meeting will begin at 6:00 in the cafeteria. Although your child may not receive direct Title I intervention services, each student in our school is entitled to this help. The meeting will last approximately one half hour.

### **Bilingual Program Parent Meeting: Topic: Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 15 @ 6:30 PM in the cafeteria**

Mrs. Dahl, Ms. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Taber will be presenting information that parents need to know in order to assure that parent/teacher conferences are a success. We will discuss the following information:

- What you can expect to learn at parent/teacher conferences.
- Questions to ask.
- Understanding your child's ISAT scores.
- Goal setting.
- School/home connections.

## Did you know?

- Make sure the office has your accurate phone number – you will be receiving a call from the district office when school is closing due to severe weather
- If your child is sick, please call the office: 828-4315
- Late bus? Missed your stop? Contact Illinois Central Bus: 828-4373
- Bent School Store is now open for business Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:45-9:00. Come check out our new inventory
- You can schedule a parent teacher conference with any of your child's teachers (music, art, PE, learning center, intervention, etc.)

## Conference schedule for Specialist Teachers

**Mrs. O'Shea – Music** - will be available: Oct. 26

**Mrs. Bagley – Spec. Ed** will be available: Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22 - 7:00-8:30 A.M. and 3:30 – 4:00P.M.

**Mrs. Chiles – Speech** – will be: Oct. 19 – 8-8:30A.M. and Oct. 22 8:00 – 8:30 A.M. and 3:45 – 4:30 P.M.

**Mrs. Carroll – Speech** – will be: Oct. 20 - 7:30-8:45 A.M. and 3:20 – 5:45 P.M.

**Mrs. Dahl- ESL Resource** - will be available:

Oct. 19 – 7:30-8:30 A.M.	
Oct. 20 – 7:45 – 8:30 A.M.	and 3:45 – 5:45 P.M.
Oct. 21 – 8:00 – 8:30 A.M.	and 3:45 – 5:45 P.M.
Oct. 22 – 8:00 – 8:30 A.M.	and 3:45 – 4:45 P.M.

**Ms. Picone – Kdg. PE** –will be available: Oct. 21 – 3:15 – 4:15PM

**Ms. Evans – PE** – will be available: Tues., Oct. 20 – 7:30-8:15AM and 3:45-4:30PM

**Mr. Christian – PE** – will be available: Oct. 19, 20, 21 and 22 3:45 – 5:30PM

**Ms. Dunlap - Art** - will be available: Oct 21 - 3:30 – 6:00PM

**Mrs. O'Niell – Art** –will be available: Oct. 19 and 20 – 3:15-5:00PM and Oct. 21 –3:15 – 4:30PM

**Ms. Riccio, Learning Center**, will be available: Oct. 19, 20 and 21 - 3:45-6:30PM and during the book fair

**Mrs. Vesper – Title I** – will be available Oct. 20 – 3:45-7:30PM - Oct. 22 - 3:45-7:00PM

**Mrs. Warren – Spec. Ed.**- will be available: Oct. 26 - 8:30 – 3:30PM

**Mrs. Reckard – Social Worker** will be available: Oct. 26 – 8:30-3:30PM

## Student Council Officers:

Congratulations to our new officers. We are proud of you and all students who participated.

Grace Perry, President

Paris Baptiste, Treasurer

Bronwen Boyd, Vice President

Audrey Lessoff, Recorder

## Music Notes from Mrs. O'Shea :



Due to the increase in the number of classes at our school, we have lost the music room. Without a dedicated music room, we will not be having winter or spring music program. Hopefully, this will just be a one year situation and we can resume having programs again next year.

## Hey Superstars and Your Parents – Mr. Christian

Welcome to the October issue of the Bent Elementary “Don’t Get Bent out of Shape” PE newsletter. We have started off the year with some locomotor movements to see how the students are moving around. I like to see if they can skip, gallop and slide and we play a couple of games to help them with this practice. The K-2 classes will spend a little more time on it while the 3-5 classes are quicker to move on to units on throwing and help with hand eye coordination. The K-2 classes will end September/start October on a fitness unit and manipulative unit and the 3-5 classes will also work on a fitness unit and then move into volleyball. All classes will spend a lot of time throughout the year working on miscellaneous units but most of them will have an emphasis on hand eye coordination AND footwork. If you have any questions about anything, please call me at school anytime. Thank you and remember, don’t get BENT out of shape!!



## Hello Bent Families,

My name is Mrs. O’Neill and I am teaching art in kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Here is what we have been working on so far:

Kindergarteners are exploring lines, shapes, and colors as part of art. They are working on various skills such as cutting and drawing, and they have been introduced to watercolor paint.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been exploring texture and are now working on still life drawing and painting.

4<sup>th</sup> graders have completed several pieces that include positive and negative space. They are studying the art and life of sculptor, Louise Nevelson.

5<sup>th</sup> graders are studying one point perspective as a drawing technique.



## Notes From the Media Center – Ms. Riccio



We are having a Book Fair this year! The book fair will be held October 19 (Monday), October 20 (Tuesday) and October 21 (Wednesday) during school hours and also from 3:45-6:30 p.m. The book fair is happening during parent teacher conferences so be sure and stop in the Library Media Center while you are at school. Come out to browse our great selection of books and help support our school’s library. During the book fair you can also purchase books off of teacher wish lists and help build your child’s classroom library. Of course, there will be great books to browse – books for kids, adults, and bargain books! Stop in the library media center and enter to win one of the great raffle prizes-

Gift certificates to: Shell gas station! Starbucks! Great Harvest Bread Company! Cub Foods! And Baner and noble!(You will be notified by telephone the following day – your child will be given the gift certificate to take home or you may arrange to stop by school to pick it up)!

I look forward to seeing you at our school’s book fair! October 19-21 from 3:45-6:30 PM! More information including a book preview magazine will be sent home before the book fair.

Questions? Contact Ms. Riccio (Library Media Specialist) at Bent School

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