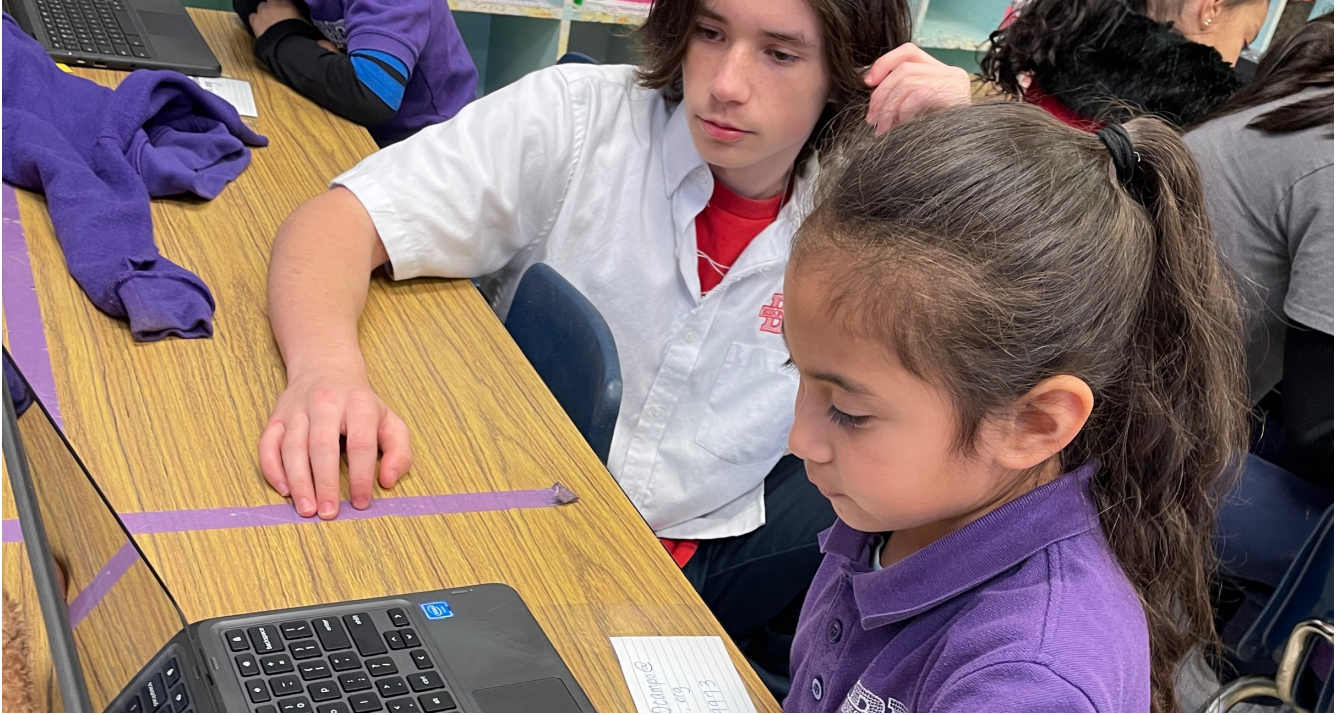


# BISSONET BULLETIN

*The latest news and updates from Bissonet Plaza School  
6818 Kawanee Ave. Metairie, LA 70003*



8th grade students assist Kindergarten with technology

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## A Message from the School Principal:

*by Audrey A. Easley*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so excited to welcome 2023! Our students and teachers are working hard to continue to close the learning gaps from lost time during COVID. Please check your child's folders and planners daily to check for homework and other school information. You can also check their Google Classrooms for daily assignments and homework. Students are able to work on several different online resources such as Clever, iReady and Zearn through their Clever account. They know how to log in and access these resources. Ask them about their progress in these online programs. It is so important for your children to know that you are an active participant in their education.

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## **A Message from the School Principal Continued:**

As we enter the second half of the school year, I want to take this time to revisit a few housekeeping items. I am noticing more students are tardy on a daily basis. Please make sure all students arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Students must be in their homeroom classrooms by 7:45. Carpool families should be in the carpool line prior to 7:35. When our students are rushing from the car to their class they may get frustrated or upset. We want to ensure a positive start to the school day. Please help us with this. Students with excessive absences or tardies will need to meet with a member of our administration.

Parents are doing a great job at dismissal. Please make sure you have your sign, with your child's name, if you are picking up in the car rider line. Parents are reminded that they are not allowed to park at Rouses and walk to pick up their children. This is for the safety of our families. Parents of students who walk home are encouraged to speak to them about walking straight home and not cutting through the St. Philip parking lot. We encourage parents to meet their children and walk home with them as often as possible. Some of our students are gathering near the church or in other areas and getting in trouble after school. Please help us by talking to your children about their safety after school.

Thank you for allowing us to educate your beautiful children. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with. Our office number is 504- 887-0470.

Sincerely,  
Audrey A. Easley



## Technology:

All K - 8th grade students have been issued a district chromebook to use at school. These chromebooks are used for daily instruction, assignments and projects. All Pre-K students have been issued an iPad. It is important that we have a signed permission slip on file for ALL students. It isn't just for those taking the device home.

**The agreement states that you are giving permission for a child to use the device and agree to the district's acceptable use of electronic equipment. If you need a new form- please contact your child's teacher.**

**Devices MUST come to school completely charged each day. Chargers should travel with the device.**

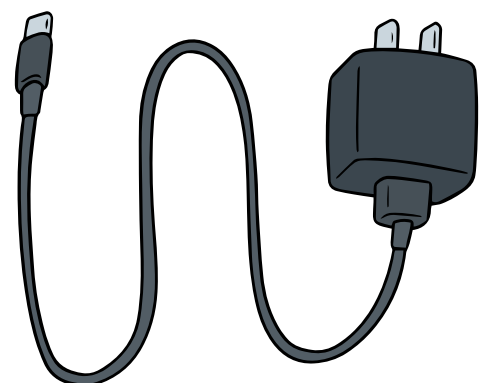
Additional questions regarding technology, google accounts, etc...- please contact **Christine Dauterive, our school technology coordinator.**

**She can be reached via email: [christine.dauterive@jpschools.org](mailto:christine.dauterive@jpschools.org)**

## Chromebook Chargers:

Middle School Families,

Many students in Middle School take their chromebooks home for homework purposes. We are running into an issue with chromebook chargers being left at home. Chromebooks and the chargers should be brought to school each day. If for some reason an item needed for instruction is left at home, the student will call home and someone will need to bring the item to school. Students aren't allowed to borrow chromebooks or chargers. Please help us with this matter.



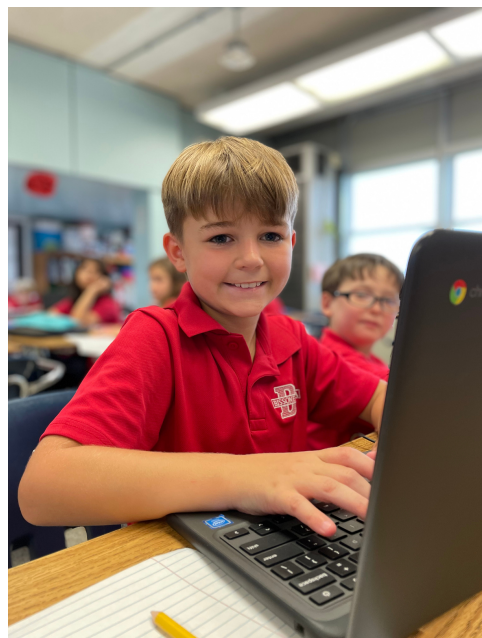
## Instructional Programs

All Bissonet students have access to Clever. Clever is a single sign on website that allows students access to different educational apps and websites that are used at school. Students have access to: iReady, Lexia- Core 5, BrainPop & BrainPop Jr., Nearpod, Edulastic, Zearn, LearnZillion, CKLA Hub, Stemscopes, WorldBook Online, Destiny (Library Catalog), and so much more!

**During the school year, we encourage ALL students to work on iReady ,Lexia and/or ZEARN for a total of 45 min. per subject each week. Grades K-2 : ZEARN Math and Lexia Reading. Grades 3-5: iReady Math and Reading and Grades 6-8 ZEARN only.** If you have any login issues, please contact: [christine.dauterive@jpschools.org](mailto:christine.dauterive@jpschools.org) .

***Why are we sharing this?*** It is important for our parents to be familiar with this resource. We ask that parents assist their students with their learning at home by making sure they know how to login to the platform and access the programs the teacher assigns. In addition, we ask that students complete additional time on the iReady and Lexia programs- not just the time spent on the programs in the class. Zearn is a valuable Math resource, as it is aligned to the Math curriculum used in the classroom. If your child is struggling in Math- please talk to them about logging in to Zearn.

[Website: clever.com/in/jppss](https://clever.com/in/jppss)



# PRE-K NEWS:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Thank you to all parents for making this a great year so far!! Stay tuned for several events that are coming up soon... Check folders daily for homework, notes from the office etc. Remember to send a change of clothes if your child has an accident and label all sweaters and jackets.

Our students are collecting "B-Bucs" during the school day for positive behavior reinforcement. They are responsible for collecting these Bucs during the school day and can shop for special items on the days when the Buc-E cart visits our classroom!! Remember to Focus, use Helping Hands and Eagle Eyes to earn your Bucs each day!!!

We will continue to study letters, sounds, syllables, rhyming words, numbers, patterns and counting. Please complete and review all homework assignments each day!!

Thank you for your continued help and support!!

Pre-K



# 1st Grade:

At this point of the year, the students should be reading their readers and writing sentences independently. Learning the weekly Tricky Words are very important for your child in order to read and write on level. Here are some activities to practice the spelling and tricky words at home:

- Write your words on index cards- Shuffle the stack of words and ask your child to read the words five times in a row.
- Go Fish – Use index cards. Write each word on two cards.
- Word Searches – Find sight words on food boxes or other available print material, such as magazines.
- Concentration - Use index cards. Write each word on two cards, shuffle and lay face down to play.
- Letter Magnets – Call out a sight word and ask your child to use the magnets to spell the word.
- Sentence Building – As your child's baggie begins to fill up with words, ask him/her to use as many words in a sentence as possible.

First graders should also be fluent with addition and subtraction facts within 12. Writing basic facts on index cards is a great way to practice and increase fluency. Students have been learning about measurement and will soon be learning about place value. Please continue to practice the lesson taught in class each day by completing the coordinating lesson homework.

Thanks for your support,  
First Grade Teachers

## **SECOND GRADE:**

**We hope you all had an amazing break and are ready to start the new year!**

### **ELA**

**We are starting our new domain on Westward Expansion. This domain will introduce students to an important period in the history of the United States. Students will learn why pioneers were willing and eager to endure hardships to move westward. More specifically, students will learn about Fulton's Steamboat, the Erie Canal, the transcontinental railroad, and the Pony Express. Students will come to understand the hardships and tragedies that Native Americans endured because of the Westward expansion.**

### **Math**

**We will continue working in Module 5 where students will practice the simplifying strategies they learned in Module 4 but with numbers up to 1,000. Throughout Module 5, students maintain addition and subtraction fluency within 100 as they use these skills during their application work to solve word problems of all types. Topic A will focus on place value strategies to add and subtract within 1,000. Students relate 100 more and 100 less to addition and subtraction of 100. The topic ends with students sharing and critiquing solution strategies for addition and subtraction problems.**

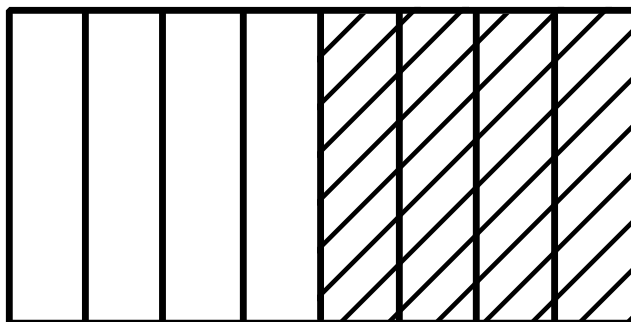
### **Reminders:**

- Complete Homework daily**
- Check Red folders for important papers**

## THIRD GRADE:

**Happy New Year! We are excited to start the second half of third grade! Check with your child to see what school supplies that may need to be replenished. Students MUST have a pair of headphones to use in class every day. Also check your child's folder and planner to see important notes and homework assignments.**

**In MATH, we are starting a new module with a new homework book! Please leave the old book at home. You may use it for practice. The homework book should say "Modules 5-7" on the front. Students should be working on ZEARN at school and home. The goal is 2-3 lessons per week, but it will be beneficial to work on it every day in order to keep up with the material taught at school. We have started a unit on fractions, but we will continue to review multiplication and division as we prepare for the LEAP test later this year.**



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## ELA/SS

4TH: 

### 4th Grade

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!! We hope that our students had a wonderful holiday break!

A few reminders.... **Students must have headphones at school for daily use; pencil pouches should be filled and replenished with supplies needed daily** (sharpened pencils, scissors, glue sticks, crayons, dry erase markers, et.); **check your child's red folder daily as well as the Google classrooms** for important reminders and information.

## Math

We are wrapping up Module 4 on Geometry and will soon be starting Module 5 on Fractions. Practicing math skills every day, completing homework and Zearn lessons are beneficial to a student's success. At least 2-3 Zearn lessons per week is the goal.

## Science

We have just started our new bundle on Energy Transformations. The kids are already excited about making circuits to light bulbs and make buzzer sounds! We will also be exploring energy in movement, speed, and collisions. These in class activities are fun and engaging so be sure your child is at school to join in!!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL:

**6th & 7th Grade Students are invited to attend our Blizzard Bash Dance this Friday from 7:00-9:00.**

**Middle School News from Mrs. Wellmeier:**



**Happy New Year!! I'm looking forward to an amazing semester with your children.. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the 22-23 school year. We still have so much to accomplish together. Let's all work together to make the remainder of the year successful. In the end, each of us should be able to say, "I did my best!"**

**In 6th grade we will wrap up Module 1 soon. The students have had the opportunity to solve lots of real world problems. The students have been working on comparing shopping prices by finding the unit price of items. Analyzing data in tables, graphs, words, and equations have helped them decide how to make smarter purchasing decisions. Next, we will explore percentages.**

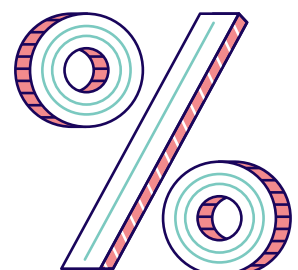
**6th Grade Students will participate in a school Mardi Gras Parade on Campus. Please begin locating a wagon to use. Letters will go home soon!**



**In 7th grade math, the students have been solving problems involving real life situations like commission, tax, markups/markdowns, and simple interest. Module 5 will be our next unit. We will explore probability and statistics.**

**ALL of my math students should be completing ZEARN daily!!!!!!**

**Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions at [suzanne.wellmeier@jpschools.org](mailto:suzanne.wellmeier@jpschools.org)**



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS INFORMATION:

As colder weather approaches, please make sure your student is dressed in the proper outerwear for outside PE class.

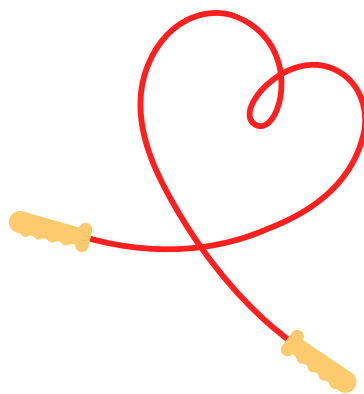
There are many items in the lost and found waiting to be claimed.



**Jump Rope for Heart-** Mark your calendars for the American Heart Challenge on February 14th at Bissonet! Please register your student for the Kids Heart Challenge using the link below. Students will receive detailed information in the next few weeks during PE classes.

Link to register:

[https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/khc\\_resources\\_search.html](https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/khc_resources_search.html)



## REMINDERS:

Make sure all outerwear is labeled with the student's name. This includes water bottles. Tennis shoes are required for class.

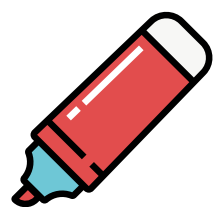




## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### 2022-2023 School Supply Lists

**ALL** students must have a personal set of headphones to use at school. We recommend purchasing (2) to have one set at home as a back-up. Headphones tend to break over the school year and families will be responsible for purchasing a new set.



[Click Here for the School Supply List](#)

## Before & After- School Care:

We still have available spots open in child-care. Please see the information in the flyer and contact Jasmine if you would like to register your child.

[Click Here for the Flyer.](#)



**February 8 - 9:** Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

**February 10:** Student Holiday Parent/Teacher Conferences  
12:00-4:00

**February 16:** 6th Grade Mardi Gras Parade (students only, 6th grade parents invited)

**February 17 - 24:** Mardi Gras Break

**March 3:** Read Across America Day

**March 23:** Report Cards

**March 27:** Book Fair Week

**March 29:** Literacy Night

## Contact Information:

(504) 887 - 0470 - School Office

(504) 887 - 5693 - School Fax

(504) 365 - 5304 - Student Technology Help Desk

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