

# BISSONET BULLETIN

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



8th Grade Dance Fun!

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## A Message from the School Principal:

*by Audrey A. Easley*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't believe I am writing the last newsletter for the 2022-2023 school year. As I look back on the year, I can't help but to be thankful for all of our staff members, students and families.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful school family. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gifts- your children!

We had a very successful Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to all of our families that showed their gratitude to our teachers and staff members. Our staff members were showered with beautiful flowers, supplies and cards of thanks! I want to thank one of our parents, Stacy Norton, for volunteering her time to assist with our school events to honor our staff members.

## NEWS

- **ALL GRADE LEVELS**
- **NEW SUPPLY LISTS FOR 23-24 YEAR**
- **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

## SAVE THE DATE

- **MAY**
- **AUGUST**
- **23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

LEAP Testing is still taking place on campus. Our 3rd-5th grade students recently completed their portion of LEAP testing. We are so incredibly proud of these students. They came to school prepared and ready for the test. Students worked hard and stayed focused. Great Job, 3rd-5th Grade Students.

Our 6th-8th grade students begin taking the LEAP Test on May 8th. Students will take tests in English, Science, Math and Social Studies. We know these students are prepared and are excited to see all that they have learned this school year. Parents, please make sure these students come to school prepared and on time.

The end of the year is always such a busy time for our school. Please make sure you are checking student folders each day. Important notes will be going home throughout the next few weeks. Please make note of the important dates included on the last page of this newsletter. We have also included the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar in the newsletter.

Supply Lists and Report cards will be mailed the week of May 29th. If your address has changed- please make sure our office has the most up to date address so that you can receive your child's report card.

Again, I thank you for a successful 2022-2023 school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Audrey A. Easley

## Technology:

All students will be turning in chromebooks, chargers and chromebook sleeves during the week of May 17th.

Please make sure that **if** you have received a notice of overdue payment/fine for a lost or damaged item that this is paid for in a timely manner.

If your family is using a school hotspot- that item needs to be returned at that time as well.

If your student has an outstanding fine, this fine will remain on the child's account throughout their education career and will follow the child to their next school.

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)**

## PRE-K NEWS:

Congratulations on finishing Pre-K!! We are so proud of you!! Thank you parents for completing homework each night, volunteering for our field trips and school activities!! Our kids are successful because of your help and support!! Stay active this summer and READ!!

We know you will shine bright in Kindergarten!!

Thanks for a great year!!

Pre-K

## K NEWS:

We made it!! Congratulations on completing Kindergarten! Thank you families for all of your continued support and guidance throughout the year! Continue to check red folders as important information will be found there. Thank you, again! We are so proud of each and every one of our students! Get ready to rock 1st grade!

Thank you,  
Kindergarten Teachers



# 1st Grade:

Dear 1st Grade Families,

We can not believe this year is almost over. We would like to thank each child for all the memories and learning fun. This past year we have strived to be the best we can be! Please continue learning this summer. Below are some fun reading and math ideas for the summer. Please don't forget to have fun and spend family time together.

Have a wonderful Summer!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6	Count by ones from 112 to 82. Then, count from 82 to 112.	Play Missing Part for 7.	Write a story problem for $9 + 4$ .	Solve $64 + 38$ . Draw a picture to show your thinking.	Complete a Core Fluency Practice Set.
Week 7	Do counting squats. Count down from 99 to 75 and back up the Say Ten Way.	Play Race and Roll Addition or Addition with Cards.	Graph the colors of all your pants. What did you find out from your graph?	Draw 14 cents with dimes and pennies. Draw 10 more cents. What coins did you use?	Complete a Core Fluency Practice Set.
Week 8	Write the numbers from 116 to as low as you can in one minute.	Play Missing Part for 8.	Write a story problem for $7 + \underline{\quad} = 12$ .	Use quick tens and ones to draw 76. Draw dimes and pennies to show 59 cents.	Complete a Core Fluency Practice Set.
Week 9	Do jumping jacks as you count up by tens from 9 to 119 and back down to 9.	Play Race and Roll Subtraction or Subtraction with Cards.	Go on a shape scavenger hunt. Find as many circles or spheres as you can.	Use quick tens and ones to draw 89 and 84. Circle the number that is less.	Complete a Core Fluency Practice Set.
Week 10	Write numbers from 82 to as high as you can in one minute, while whisper counting the Say Ten Way.	Play Target Practice or Shake Those Disks for 6 and 7.	Measure the steps from your bedroom to the kitchen, walking heel to toe, and then have a family member do the same thing. Compare.	Solve $47 + 24$ . Draw a picture to show your thinking.	Complete a Core Fluency Practice Set.



## SECOND GRADE:

**Keep up the great work! We are excited to finish out the year strong!**

### **ELA**

**Our 2nd grade students are finishing their Immigration Domain this week. Next week, we begin our final Domain on Fighting for a Cause . This domain will introduce students to several ordinary people who stood up for what they believed in and who fought for a cause, even when faced with immeasurable odds.**

### **Math**

**We have started our final Module. Students are extending their understanding of part-whole relationships through the lens of Geometry. As students compose and decompose shapes, they begin to develop an understanding of unit fractions as equal parts of a whole.**

### **Reminders**

- **Check Red Folders daily for important papers**
- **Our Field Trip will be on May 9th. Please complete the Permission Form and turn in \$10 for your child to attend.**

**Have a great summer!**

**Thank you for everything you have done,  
2nd Grade Team**





# THIRD GRADE:

## ELA

My Dearest 3rd Graders,

We are finishing up Unit 3: The Louisiana Purchase and exploring all about how the United States made the “greatest land deal” in history on May 2, 1803.

We have read a plethora of nonfiction and historical fiction books these last few months. Our final project is to explain which people gained the most and which people gained the least from The Louisiana Purchase.

This summer I hope you spend some of your time practicing reading fluency and just reading books for FUN! It has been a memorable year in 3rd grade and I will miss you all so much.

P.S. Don't forget to wear sunscreen!

Love, Mrs. Lambert



# 4TH:

As we come to the end of the 2022/2023 school year, we would like to say that it has been an absolute pleasure teaching our fourth grade students this year. They have really matured over the last few months, and we are very proud of all of them. They persevered through challenging writing tasks, complex reading texts, historical social studies quizzes, tricky math problems, and hands-on science experiments. They expressed love towards all members of our Bissonet family. We truly appreciate them. Being able to persevere, show courage, and express love will strengthen their character and their ability to succeed in life.

We would like to thank Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Suazo, and Ms. Kim for their hard work this year. They helped us provide the best education possible for our children.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Easley and Mrs. Suarez for their dedication and support. A great deal of what we do in the classroom cannot be achieved without their cooperation and backing.

Finally, the last day of school is Wednesday, May 24. Therefore, we would like our students to continue to get their iReady minutes, complete all assignments in ELA, math, science, and social studies and follow classroom and school expectations until the last day of school. Please check deadlines for when academic projects are due. They will all count for major test grades.

Thanks for helping us to help your children. Have a wonderful summer break!!! See you all in August.

Thank You,  
Ms. Griffin, Ms. Gutierrez, Ms. Haley, Mrs. Penot, and Mrs. Ricciardi.  
4th Grade Teachers





### **English Language Arts-**

Students are winding down the year with so much literary and informational knowledge of texts!

In this semester, we have written constructive essays answering the big question: How can people understand the same experiences differently?

Through differentiating points of view of a text, students understand the importance of perspective!

In the next unit, students will explore cultural identity and immigration. Students will answer another important question: Why is it important to maintain cultural identity in honor of our ancestors when melding into a new community?

Finally, students will do a research project that has them gathering details about a cultural group that has emigrated to America from the past. This will be done on a poster.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL:

## 6th Grade and 7A Math News:

May is finally here and our school year is coming to an end soon, but it's not over yet. Math LEAP testing will be on Friday, May 12-Tuesday, May, 16. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast, and arrives at school on time and ready to work. I am counting on every student to show their work, use their math strategies, and put forth their best effort. Everyone has worked so hard this year and now is the time to **SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!!!** The students have a math project to complete, and it will count as a major test grade. Let's work together to finish the year strong. I am so proud of each of my 6th and 7th graders.. Have a great summer and I hope to see you back at Bissonet next year.

~Mrs. Wellmeier

# TALENT THEATRE:



Talent Theatre Program News  
by: Mrs. C. Decker

Bravo to our Talent Theatre Program students. They dramatized poems along with drama students from three other Jefferson Parish schools to celebrate National Poetry Month on April 19, 2023 at the East Bank Regional Library.

A big round of applause goes out to: Alisson Chacon-Medrano (5th), Laila Deeks (8th), Pyper Garner (8th), Ronan Gorumba (7th), Bekir Hajdarevic (6th), Mia LeBlanc (4th), Nathalia Mejia (3rd), Landon Norton (3rd), Mckenna Norton (6th), Audrina Palmeira-Paz (6th), Addison Schmidt (6th), Carleigh Wilson (5th), Parker Wilson (3rd), Ainsley Wise (3rd).

Our 8th grade drama students have taken their final curtain call at Bissonet Plaza. Laila Deeks and Pyper Garner have both shined on stage in many performances and plays during their years in the Talent Theatre Program. Break a leg in high school to these extremely talented actresses!

**SHOW  
TIME**

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION:



## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS INFORMATION:**

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR WITH OUR STUDENTS! CONGRATULATIONS ON MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER FILLED WITH HEALTHY ACTIVITIES!

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART-** BISSONET EXCEEDED THEIR FUNDRAISING GOAL AND THIS EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! AS NOTED, STUDENTS IN GRADES PREK THRU 5TH THAT DONATED \$5 WILL ATTEND A SPECIAL WATER DAY ON MAY 17TH. PERMISSION SLIPS WERE SENT HOME AND MUST BE TURNED IN FOR YOUR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE.

**FIELD DAY FUN-** PREK-3 STUDENTS ON MAY 19. 4TH-8TH GRADE STUDENTS ON MAY 22

**MILEAGE PLUS PROGRAM-** CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN "COACH FOR A DAY". THESE COACHES EARNED THEIR REWARD FOR HAVING THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF LAPS IN THE RUNNING PROGRAM.



**6TH GRADE BALLROOM DANCE-** THE ANNUAL BALLROOM DANCE COMPETITION WAS HELD IN MID APRIL. STUDENTS COMPETED IN VARIOUS DANCE STYLES AND THE TEAM WON 1ST PLACE IN THE WALTZ TEAM DANCE!

### **TEAM MEMBERS:**

SALSA- BRYSON MORRIS, AUDRINA PAMEIRA-PAZ, ROLANDO SANCHEZ, Jaelia GONZALEZ

WALTZ- ALEXANDER VILLALVA, MAYDELIN ROSALES-LOPES

TANGO- JERREO RIDGLEY, KENNEDI COOPER (8TH GRADE), AYDEN AYALA-CORDON, KEREN HERNANDEZ

SWING- RAXEL TAMAYO, JADE MUHAMMAD

## **SPORTS SHOUT OUTS:**

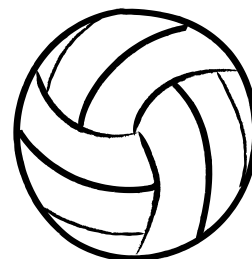
FOOTBALL TEAM- EASTBANK CHAMPIONS

### **TEAM MEMBERS:**

CALEB MORRIS HARIS ZUBAN TYLER BOVIA

VINCENT IPPOLITO JACOB BARBIN CAIDEN STRODE

ALEXANDER VILLALVA RAXEL TAMAYO



## **VOLLEYBALL- DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**

### **TEAM MEMBERS:**

LAILA DEEKS PYPER GARNER GRACE CHUNG

JULIANA ANTUNEZ MCKENNA NORTON ADDISON SCHMIDT

**BASEBALL TEAM MEMBERS:** GOOD LUCK THE REST OF THE SEASON!

JACOB BARBIN CALEB MORRIS HARIS ZUBAN

VINCENT IPPOLITO

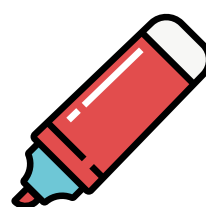




## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### **2023-2024** 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](#)





# 2023-2024

## STUDENT & PARENT CALENDAR

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### 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

\*End of quarter, interim report and report cards days will be added once the state's assessment calendar is released.

August 1-4	Teacher Preparation Days
August 7	First Day Students (Grades 1-8)
August 7	Senior Smart Start Day (Only Grade 12 reports to High School)
August 8	Junior Smart Start Day (Only Grade 11 reports to High School)
August 9	Sophomore Smart Start Day (Only Grade 10 reports to High School)
August 10	Freshman Smart Start Day (Only Grade 9 reports to High School)
August 11	First Day Students (Grades 9-12)
August 14 & 15	First Day Students (Grades PK/K)

September 4	Labor Day (Holiday)
September 26-28	Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days (Virtual)

October 6-9	Fall Break (Holiday)
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November 1	Professional Development Day (Student Holiday)
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break (Holiday)

December 14-15	Half Days (9-12 & 6-12 schools)-Exam Days (Grades 9-12)
December 18-January 2, 2024	Winter Break (Holiday)
December 18-20	Fall Mission to Mastery Session I (Grades PK-8)
December 27-29	Fall Mission to Mastery Session II (Grades PK-8)

January 3	Record's Day/Professional Development (Student Holiday)
January 4	Students Return

January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday)
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February 9-16	Mardi Gras Break (Holiday)
February 15-16	Spring Mission to Mastery (Grades PK-8)
February 27-29	Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days (Virtual)

March 28-April 2	Spring Break (Holiday)
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May 10	Last Day Seniors (Grade 12)
May 22	Half Day (9-12 & 6-12 schools)-Exam Days (Grades 9-12)
May 23	Half Day-Last Day Students (All schools)
May 24	Last Day Teachers

Elem-Middle: Elementary, K-8, and Middle Schools  
 Secondary: High Schools (9-12, 6-12, and Grand Isle)  
 \*May be used to make-up days due to inclement weather  
 Calendar subject to change to accommodate state testing changes.

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- ★ First Day (Grade 1-8)
- First Day (Grades PK-K)
- ★ First Day (Grades 9-12)
- △ Student Final Day of School
- Teacher Final Day of School
- Parent Conferences

- Holiday
- Student Holiday/Teacher PD
- Exam Day
- Possible Emergency/Storm Recovery Days



## 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.](#)



**May 1- 5:** 3rd- 5th Grade LEAP Testing

**May 2nd:** 6th Grade Field Trip

**May 8th - 16th:** 6th-8th LEAP Testing

**May 17th- 19th:** LEAP make up tests

**May 17th- 22nd:** Chromebook Pick Up

**May 17th:** Jump Rope for Heart Water Day

**May 19th:** Field Day (PK - 4th in the morning)

**May 22:** Field Day (5th - 8th in the afternoon)

**May 22:** 8th Grade Award Ceremony (6:30 PM)

**May 23:** Award Ceremonies for (1st - 7th Grades- during the school day- NO Parents)

**May 24th:** Last Day, Half day for ALL students

**August 7th:** 1st day of school for students in grades 1st - 8th

**August 14th/15th:** 1st day of school for students in PK/K

**September 4th:** Labor Day Holiday

## Contact Information:

(504) 887 - 0470 - School Office

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