

# BISSONET BULLETIN

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



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## SAVE THE DATE

- **NOVEMBER**
- **DECEMBER**

## A Message from the School Principal:

*by Audrey A. Easley*

Dear Bissonet Families,

November is upon us as we reflect on the many things that we are thankful for in our lives. I am thankful to our parents for the gift of your children each day. They are a joy to teach. I also am thankful for the wonderful staff here at Bissonet. They make it a pleasure to come to work every day. Their tireless efforts and high expectations make Bissonet a strong learning community. I hope that each of you share with your friends and families the many things that make you thankful. Spend some quality time with family during the month of November.

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

Reading is the key to success in school. Find time to read to your children every night before they go to bed. You will create wonderful memories for them and you will be helping them become better students. Also, your children are able to access iReady Reading, iReady Math, Zearn and Lexia at home. These are reading and math programs that will help them become stronger in these subject areas. It might be a great idea to have your child work on these programs twenty minutes each night instead of playing video games or watching TV.

Our Fall Fest was a huge success! Our students enjoyed the games, face painting and snacks!! They were able to spend time with their friends as they enjoyed the beautiful day. Thank you to our staff members and parent volunteers for helping with the game booths! We were so excited to bring back this Bissonet tradition.

We have many events scheduled in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars for our Chuck-E-Cheese Night, Santa Pictures, Book Fair, STEM Night, and Santa's Secret Shop. These dates can be found in the "Save the Date" section, page 14, of this newsletter.

Finally, our students have done a wonderful job with their behavior since school started. Please support our efforts at school to promote positive behavior. Check with your children daily to see how they are behaving. Please check folders and homework planners to be sure that you are up to date with any news or homework from school. Children perform better in school when they know that their parents are involved in their education.

If there is anything that I can do for you please do not hesitate to call me.

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)**

## Book Fair:

Students will visit the Book Fair with their class beginning November 29th and ending December 6th. **This year we have to collect sales tax.**

Parents/Guardians can send cash to school during the Book Fair for students to shop. Parents can also create an account online using the Scholastic e-wallet. Students can shop the fair using the e-wallet funds.

More information regarding e-wallet will go home prior to the start of the fair.

**We will need parent volunteers for the Book Fair.** If you are available to volunteer during the school day, please email: [christine.dauterive@jpschools.org](mailto:christine.dauterive@jpschools.org)

**STEM Night** will take place after school on **Wednesday, November 30th**. This is a great opportunity for families to participate in fun, learning activities together. In addition to the STEM activities, families can shop the Book Fair together!

Keep an eye on those red folders for more information regarding Book Fair and STEM Night.

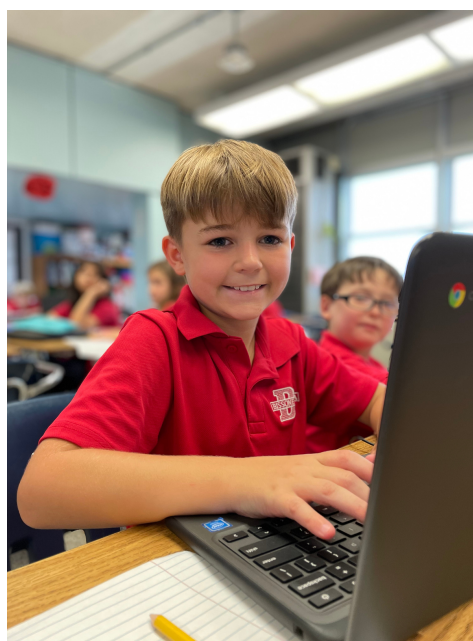
## Instructional Programs

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:

Thanks to all parents who made our Pumpkin Patch trip a huge success!! The kids had a great time on the nature hike, picnic and picking pumpkins.

**Our next field trip will be Nov 11, 2022.** We will visit **Touch a Truck** at the Pontchartrain Center. Parents are welcome to join us and it is free of charge but will need to provide transportation, **the cost for students is \$5.00** for entrance fee and bus. See you there!!

Please review letters **Mm, Tt** and **Ss**. In the next few weeks we will add letters **Aa, Rr** and **Pp**. We are also recognizing, **writing and counting numbers 1-10**. We will continue to use patterns, syllables and rhyming words.

Please complete homework everyday and review all the skills we have been learning. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.

We appreciate your continued help and support!!  
Pre-K





# 1st Grade:

Dear Parents,

The ability to recall number facts instantly is called fact power. Instant recall is indeed a powerful tool, for it facilitates computation with multi-digit numbers. Fact power is also essential in solving multistep problems. We call 0-facts, 1-facts, and doubles the “easy” addition facts and there are 44 of them in all. Most children have no problem with instant recall of these facts. This leaves 56 remaining facts. Because these 56 facts include all of the turn-around facts, like  $2 + 3 = 5$  and  $3 + 2 = 5$ , there are really only 28 other facts that children need to learn. I have listed these 28 facts below in hopes that you will assist your child as much as possible in having an instant recall of these facts. Your child has been taught strategies for remembering most of these facts, such as the plus-9 shortcut and the doubles-plus-1 and doubles-plus-2 strategies. Frequent oral drills give children a chance to practice with the facts, so please do so as much as you can.

As always, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

2 +3	2+4	2+5	2+6	2+7	2+8	2+9
3+4	3+5	3+6	3+7	3+8	3+9	4+5
4+6	4+7	4+8	4+9	5+6	5+7	5+8
5+9	6+7	6+8	6+9	7+8	7+9	8+9

## SECOND GRADE:

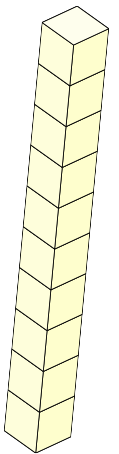
The 2nd grade students had an amazing time picking out their pumpkins at the Bissonet pumpkin patch!

### ELA

We are finishing up our domain on Greek Myths next week. We are excited to start our new Domain on the War of 1812. This domain will introduce students to an important period of history in the United States. The War of 1812 is, perhaps, best remembered as the war that gave birth to “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Students will learn why the War of 1812 is often called America’s second war of independence.

### Math

This week, we began Module 4.. Students will build their understanding of the base ten system and their prior knowledge of place value strategies presented in Module 3. Students will apply place value understanding to add and subtract multiples of 10 before counting on by tens.



### Reminders:

- Continue to sign your child's behavior chart daily
- Check red folders for important papers
- Homework is due every Friday

## ELA/SS

4TH:

In ELA, we have been reading literary and informational texts about hurricanes. Right now we are reading “I Survived Hurricane Katrina.” Some of the reading and writing skills we’ve learned about are describing characters, setting, and events, note-taking, types of sentences, expanding sentences, and single paragraph outlines. We will apply the writing skills and techniques we’ve learned to write our very first essay about hurricanes, so be on the lookout for our amazing compositions.

In social studies, we are busy learning about events leading up to the American Revolutionary War. If you ask us, we should be able to tell you all about the French and Indian War, The Stamp Act, The Townshends Acts, The Boston Massacre, The Tea Act, and The Boston Tea Party. We will finish up our unit learning about the development of the U.S. government.

We are also excited about using and learning different technology tools. Some of the tools we’ve used in ELA and social studies are Kami, Google Slides, Google Documents, and Google Forms. We will continue to learn and use more technology tools as the school year progresses.





## 5TH GRADE

We're excited to go on our first **field trip the week of November 7th to Starbase Camp** located at Jackson Barracks! Students had such a great time last year learning about robotics and aerospace! This is such a great STEM experience! **November 8th we will be off of school!**

ELA- Students are finishing up their novel, The Birchbark House. Our unit goal is why should we learn from the stories of the past? As we progress through the novel, students are understanding the relationship between Native Americans and nature and the impact European colonization had on that. As a result, students will answer our unit goal question. We will write a literary analysis about the novel at the end of the unit.

Social Studies- We have begun Unit 2, Topic 1(B) about the Columbian Exchange. Students will consider how the Columbian Exchange changed the culture and/or economy of North America, Europe, and Africa. They will be assessed with a writing prompt and multiple select assessment.

If students are absent, they should be reading their novel to catch up with the class.

Parents, please check your child's agenda and red folder for homework & any important announcements.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL:

**All middle school students who maintain good behavior will have the opportunity to attend the reward field trip. Students will enjoy a morning at Airline Skate on Friday, November 18. The cost of the field trip is \$6.00. Students can bring money for the snack bar and games.**

## 6th and 7A Math - Wellmeier

**All students should be completing Zearn lessons at home. Please check your child's red communication folder and Google Classroom for important letters and assignments.**

**The 6th graders are getting started on Module 1 Ratios and Unit Rates. In this module students will explore ratios and percentages in real life situations.**

**In 7th grade, the students will wrap up Module 1 and move to Module 4 Percent and Proportional Relationships. Students will explore real life situations including distances, measurements, and percentages.**

**I am blessed to teach your children. Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break.**

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



**Good Behavior  
Field Trip - 11/18!**



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

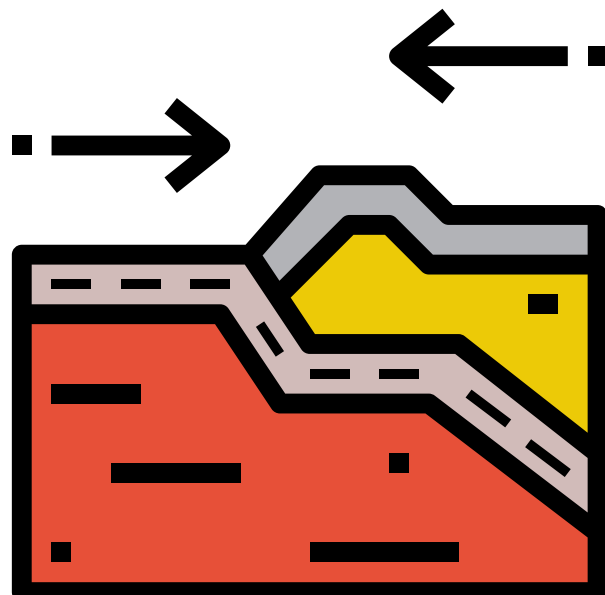
## Middle School Science:

Sixth grade students are currently studying “Potential Energy” and will begin their last physical science bundle, “Waves and their Applications,” before the Thanksgiving break. Seventh grade students have completed studying the “Water Cycle” and will begin their next scope, “Predicting Weather,” on 2 November 2022. Eighth grade students have completed “Geologic History of Earth” and will begin their next scope, “Plate Tectonics,” also on 2 November 2022. Our sixth grade students will complete their study of physical science before the end of the calendar year while our seventh grade students will complete their earth science scopes around 9 January 2023. Eighth grade students will complete studying their first earth science bundle and start their second earth science bundle before the end of this calendar year.

If it is within your child’s control, I ask that they come prepared with charged Chromebooks, especially if they are in the sixth grade. My classroom is a little crowded with limited space and electrical outlets for students to use their chargers. Also, students should spend at least 15 minutes daily reviewing their picture vocabulary and concept review game in STEMscopes to thoroughly understand the key terms and concepts to be learned for the particular scope they are studying.

As always, I look forward to helping your child learn science and become a better global citizen. Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s academic progress.  
[allison.marshall@jpschools.org](mailto:allison.marshall@jpschools.org)

Sincerely,  
Mr. Marshal



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Students continue the Mileage Plus Program. Their laps are recorded every Monday and many students have earned their first reward!

Life Skills lessons continue weekly for 6th-8th grade students.

## Reminders:

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

## Sports/Activities:

Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole

Practice run is Nov 10, 2022 2:30-4:00. We are looking for volunteers to assist along the race course in the neighborhood.

Celebratory 5k run will be held on Saturday, Nov 19, 2022 for 9am at Lafreniere Park. Registration for the run is open to anyone to join in the fun! General registration can be completed at [www.gotrnlola.org/5k](http://www.gotrnlola.org/5k)

Congratulations to the soccer players who finished a successful season! We are proud of you!



### ***Girls- 6-0 record District Champions!***

Naomy Cruz    Suseth Reyes  
Jasmhine Espines    Kayla Murphy  
Leila Deek



### ***Boys Soccer***

Dominic Morales Marcos Caseo    Caleb Morris    Pierce Garner    Arlen Barreca

Congratulations to the students who were selected for the Basketball team:

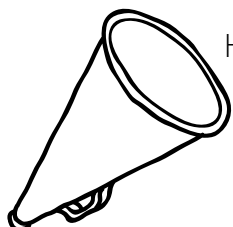
***Amari Brown***  
***Tyler Bovia***  
***Leila Deeks***



Congratulations to the students who were selected for the cheer and dance teams:

### **Cheer Team**

Haiti Henderson    Cooper Isabella    Michael    Kayla Hooker    Kyra Lea  
Taraji Duplessis    Tanillia Brisco



### **Dance Team**

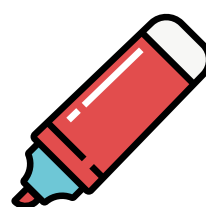
Alondra Kliebert    Ayleen Ortiz  
Heidy Hernandez    Raynei Dodd



## 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.](#)



NOVEMBER

November 8th: No School

November 15: Family Night:  
Chuck-E-Cheese

November 16: Santa Pictures

Girls on the Run Race:  
November 19th

November 21-25: Thanksgiving  
Break

November 29: Book Fair Begins

November 30: STEM Night

DECEMBER

December 6th: Book Fair Ends

December 12th: Secret Santa  
Shop Opens

December 15th: Winter Play  
(night)

December 19th - January 2nd:  
Winter Holiday- No School

January 3rd: Staff PD/Records  
Day- No School for Students

January 4th: Students return

## Contact Information:

(504) 887 - 0470 - School Office

(504) 887 - 5693 - School Fax

(504) 365 - 5304 - Student Technology Help Desk

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