

BISSONET BULLETIN

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



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A Message from the School Principal:

by Audrey A. Easley

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome October! Our teachers and students are enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been experiencing in south Louisiana. Several classes have even taken learning outside! It is always such a joy to see learning both in and outside of the classroom! Please continue to check red folders and planners to help assist with your child's learning.

Report Cards will be going home on October 19th. Please make sure you check your child's red folder/school bag for the report card and discuss your child's academic progress with your child. Parents/Guardians have access to current grades via the student progress center. A letter with login information was sent home in August; however, if you would like more information regarding the student progress center please contact our school office.

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A Message from the School Principal Continued:

Our Candy Sale kicked off the week of October 3rd! We are already off to a great start. Thank you to our families for participating in this school fundraiser by selling chocolate. This is a great fundraiser that supports our school and so many people love World's Finest Chocolate. I'd like to specifically thank two of our parents, Stacy Norton and Brandi Kuchler, for all of their hard work organizing this fundraiser for our school community. Please make sure you turn in money from the fundraiser to our school and if you are in need of another box- please let us know.

We are excited to bring back our annual Fall Fest for our students. This year, Fall Fest will take place during the school day on October 28th. This event is for our students and staff only. We are in need of parent/guardian volunteers to help with the stations. If you are available to help- please reach out to your child's teacher. More information regarding Fall Fest will be sent home in the upcoming weeks. Please make sure you check your child's red folder for this information. We will also post the information to our school facebook page. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you follow our facebook page for up to date information and announcements.

Our last Family Night Together event was a huge success! We are excited to announce that we will be having another family night Tuesday, October 25th at Cane's in Kenner and another event on November 15th at Chuck E. Cheese. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This is another opportunity for our families to partner with our school and participate in a school fundraiser.

We love working with your children and enjoy each minute we are with them. Please make sure your child is at school on time each day. We are noticing an increase in student tardies. Students must be on campus and in the classroom by 7:45. This means students should be walking in the front gates by 7:35 in order to grab breakfast and walk to the classrooms. We appreciate your help with this.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Audrey A. Easley
Principal

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.**

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

Parent Volunteers:

We are in need of some parent volunteers to work our Fall Fest. Fall Fest will take place **during the school day on October 28th**. This event is for the students only. The only parents on campus will be those that are working the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the volunteer interest form that is going home this week. You can also contact our school office.

Fall Fest

Students are asked to send in a store bought cake, cupcakes, Little Debbie box of treats for the Cake Walk on October 28th. Please look for that will be sent home.

Games: **students will need to purchase an unlimited game band to participate in games this year.** This can be done on school cash online or by sending in payment to school. The cost will be \$10.00. More information will be sent home. Additional items will be for cash purchase on the day of-food, refreshments, hair and face paint. Games will only be available via pre-paid game band. Bands go on sale October 17th.

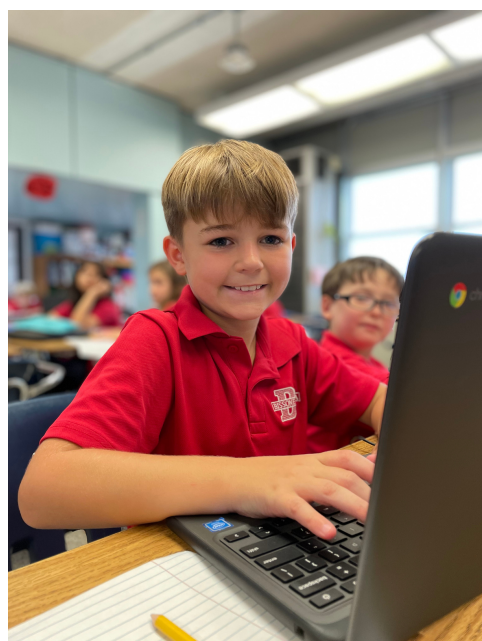
Instructional Programs

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 .

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:



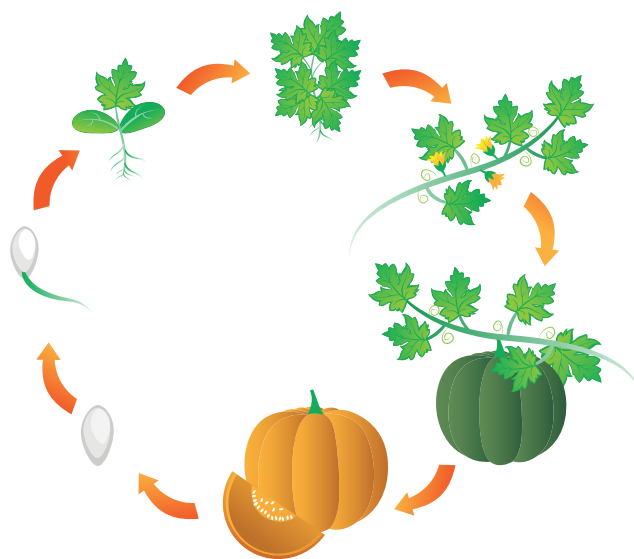
This month we will learn about how pumpkins grow and visit Mrs. Heather's Pumpkin Patch on our 1st Pre-K Field Trip!! More information will be sent home in your child's red folder each day. Permission slips and money due can be turned in online or sent to your child's teacher labeled with their name on it in folder. Parents are not able to ride the bus but can meet us at the pumpkin patch! All information will be sent home ASAP!

Please remember to send a thermos with water and a snack each day.

Please review all homework each day with your child. We are studying letters, sounds, numbers, patterns and writing strokes. These are important skills your child will need to master along with many more throughout the year.

Thanks for all of your help and support!

Pre-K



KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

This month we will learn about how pumpkins grow and visit Mrs. Heather's Pumpkin Patch on our 1st Kindergarten Field Trip!! **Permission slips and money due can be turned in online or sent to your child's teacher labeled with their name on it in folder.** Parents are not able to ride the bus but can meet us at the pumpkin patch! All information was sent home last week. Please let us know if you need another permission slip.

Please review all homework each day with your child. Going over the study sheet daily is very important. Make flashcards for your children. We are studying letters, sounds, numbers, and blending sounds to make words. These are important skills your child will need to master along with many more throughout the year.

Remember, parents and teachers are the key to a child's success!

Kindergarten

Your Kindergarten Teachers



1st Grade:

Dear Families,

The students have been working very hard at school. We would like to give you some fun ways to practice math facts and sight words at home.

Math Facts:

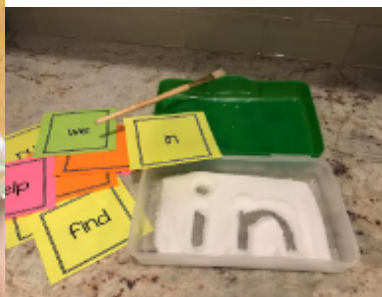
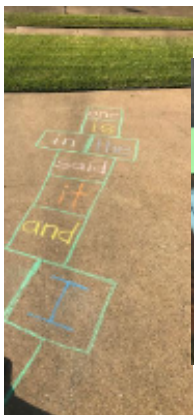
When your child knows their simple math facts by memory they can successfully solve all types of math problems. So please practice some of these fun ideas at home.

1. **Play with dice:** Toss the dice practice adding and subtracting the numbers rolled on dice.
2. **Flashlight math:** Use the flashcards and flip two cards at a time. Kids shine a flashlight on the one they know and answer that one. Don't have a flashlight? Make a math wand.
3. **Family Challenge:** Use the flash cards sent home. Give a point to that person who answered the problem correctly first. The person with the most points wins.
4. **Answer races:** Stand on one side of the room and make kids run to the other side of the room to write the answer on a long piece of roll paper on the floor or taped to the wall.
5. **Skype or Facetime with family members** and have them flash the cards and the kids say the answers.

Sight Word Fun: Use the words sent home weekly on the Homework Newsletter

1. **Whipped Cream/Shaving Cream Writing:** Spray some whipped cream or shaving cream on the counter or table. Have your child spread it out and then practice writing his sight words. Provide a flashcard or list for reference. It's all about practice, repetition, and exposure to the words. Don't worry if your child needs to look at the word list.
2. **Sand/Sugar letters:** Get a school supply box or cookie sheet with edges and fill it with play sand or granulated sugar. Have your child practice writing sight words in the sand with his or her finger. It's all about the touch! *Hint: You do not need very much sand!
3. **PlayDoh:** Flatten a piece of play doh and use a toothpick or skewer to write sight words in the PlayDoh. Kiddos can also form long snakes with the PlayDoh and then build the words with PlayDoh.
4. **Build the Word:** Build the word using magnetic letters, alphabet cereal, or with yummy items from the pantry!
5. **Hopscotch:** Grab some chalk and make a hopscotch board in your driveway. Fill in the week's sight words, and have your child hop across while practicing the words. While you are outside enjoying the weather, let your child decorate the sidewalk or driveway with all of his or her sight words.

Have Fun LEARNING with your child,
1st Grade Teachers



SECOND GRADE:

Reading:

We are busy learning all about Ancient Greek Civilization! We are focusing on the main idea and connecting important events in history as we read. At the end of this unit, we will wrap up by sampling different foods from the civilizations we've learned about. We are also working on identifying sounds and putting them together to sound out words. Our weekly spelling words are based on the sounds we're currently learning. Please practice the homework fluency passages nightly!



Math:

The current math module is all about Place Value, Counting, and Comparison of Numbers to 1,000! All students should have a good understanding of basic addition facts up to 10. Please continue to practice the nightly fluency facts for homework. Zearn is also a great practice tool to use at home.

Reminders:

Many of our students do not have **headphones** or have broken their original headphones. It's very important that all students have headphones in order to use the programs on their chromebooks. **Please send a pair if your child does not have them.** Thank you for your support



THIRD GRADE:

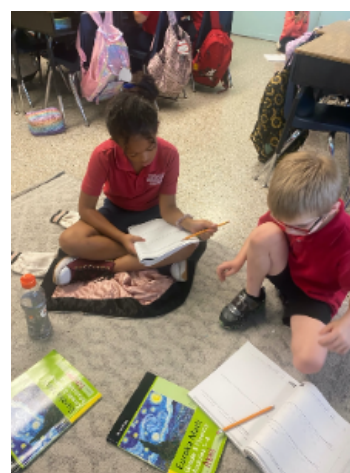
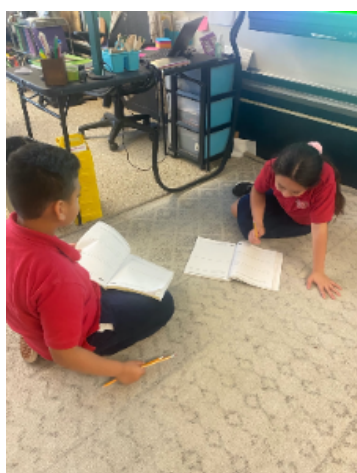
News from The Third Grade Swamp

Please check your child's planner and red folder for homework and reminders. Students should have their planner with them daily. Check your child's headphones to make sure they are working. They may need to be replaced throughout the year, as we use them daily! Pencil pouches should be brought to school each day.

Math: Students have been working hard on multiplication and division in our first module! As we move through Module 2, students will be working on time measurement and problem solving, measuring weight and liquid volume (metric units), rounding, and adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers.

We will continue to work on multiplication math facts. Students should be fluent in multiplication facts by the end of the year. Ask your child about XTRAMATH! This is a program that helps build fact fluency. Students have access through CLEVER–Mrs. Wooley's teacher page.

Check out some pictures of our third graders working with partners to solve math problems!



4TH:

We are just ending the first quarter and the kids have been learning so much!!! We ask that you check with your child and update any supplies that may need to be replenished.

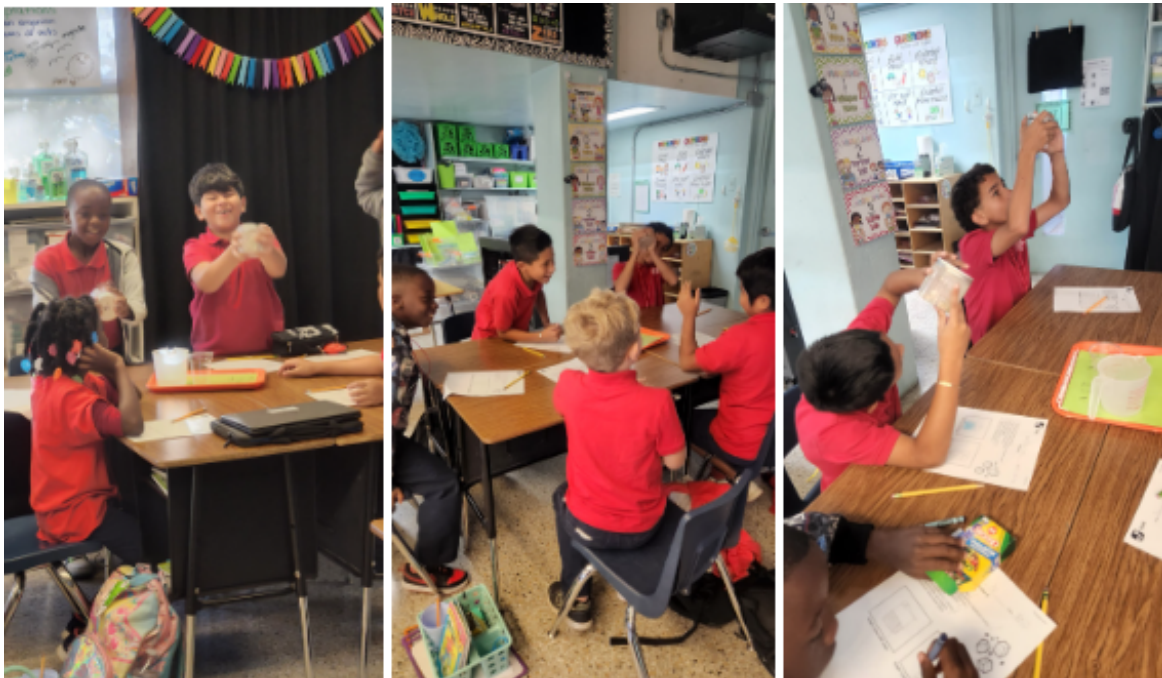
Math-

We wrapped up our first module of place value and are working on metric measurement. Soon we will be working on multiplication and division strategies. Be sure to work with your child on their facts! Flash cards and youtube videos are great ideas to help!

Science-

We have been exploring Earth and it's many changes over time. The students created models of beaches and used sugar cubes with rocks to learn about weathering and erosion. Next, we will learn about plate tectonics and fast land changes!

Check out our pics!!!!



5TH GRADE

Our wonderful 5th graders are enjoying October! They are working on their Spanish heritage projects; they are creating sketchnotes to research and communicate a person's life story. Sketchnotes is a form of visual note-taking. This type of note-taking requires higher-order thinking because students have to use a combination of listening, thinking and visualizing all at the same time. The use of these visuals will help students recall information and knowledge better than just plain words on a piece of paper.

In math, our students are learning to apply the patterns of the base ten system to mental strategies and the multiplication and division algorithms. In science, our students are exploring matter and energy flow in ecosystems. They will design a self-sustaining garden that provides food for the community.

In ELA, students have completed their benchmarks! We are closing in on Unit 1 The Birchbark House. Students have been working towards the unit goal by reading and analyzing a series of related informational texts and sources to answer the big question: Why is it important to learn from the stories of the past? They will express their understanding through a literary analysis that explains the impact Europeans had on Native American communities.

In Social Studies, students have completed a small group civilization project and an independent civilization project. In both projects, students had the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and art skills about a Native American tribe. They had a great learning experience! Soon, we will have a Socratic Seminar to answer the Unit 1 claims: What does it mean to be civilized? What does it mean to be part of a civilization?

Parents, please check your child's agenda and red folders daily for any important papers, news, and homework. Thank you :)

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Mrs. Wellmeier - MATH 6A, 6B, 7A

Students should be completing ZEARN daily. Completion of the assigned lessons will be counted as a minor test grade. Don't forget to watch the lessons in the google classroom if you are absent or if you have difficulty understanding a lesson. Classroom participation and daily effort in classwork are expected so that all students can reach their full potential.

6A and 6B are working hard on Module 4 ~ Expressions and Equations. Students are practicing writing expressions with variables and all four operations. Before long the sixth graders will know how to solve one- and two- step equations.

7A just started working on Module 3 ~ Expressions and Equations. Students will build on the foundation from sixth grade. They will learn to generate equivalent expressions and solve problems using expressions, equations, and inequalities. This module will also touch on some geometry skills.

Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academics. suzanne.wellmeier@jpschools.org



Ms. Smith - ELA 6A, 6B, and 7B

Students in 7B are currently reading Written in Bone by Sally M. Walker. This lesson focuses on forensic anthropologists exploring the human remains from Jamestown Colonist in order to learn about the past. We determine the central ideas of the text and how to gather evidence to support our claims. Students should also be reading Blood on the River by Elisa Carbone for their Daily Reading Log. (located in Google Classroom) Each week the students will submit their reading log. The completion of the Daily Logs will be counted as a minor test grade at the end of the nine weeks.

6A and 6B are working on reading literary and informational text about the role of Failure in Success. They are learning that in order to be successful you must work hard, learn from your mistakes and persevere. This is a great lesson for all of us! Unit One will end in just a few short weeks. We will then begin reading our first novel, HATCHET.

Parents, I am asking that you please sign your child's Planner daily. This is a great resource to keep communication between school and home. It also helps with staying on task and up to date with assignments as well as assessment dates. Should your child be absent, please check Google Classroom for missed assignments. Missed assessments will need to be scheduled by the student within three days of the student's return to school.

Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academics. susan.smith@jpschools.org I will respond to emails during my breaks or after school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Middle School Science:

Our Middle School Science students have completed their first benchmark exams as the first nine weeks ends on Thursday, 6 October 2022.

Our sixth grade students will begin studying their next scope, “Kinetic Energy,” on Tuesday, 11 October 2022, while our seventh and eighth grade students will begin learning their next scopes “Energy Transfer and Temperature,” and “Thermal Energy Transfer” on Monday, 3 October 2022. While all three grade levels are currently studying physical science scopes, seventh and eighth grade students will begin studying earth science scopes after 17 October 2022. Sixth grade students will continue to study physical science scopes for the remainder of this calendar year.

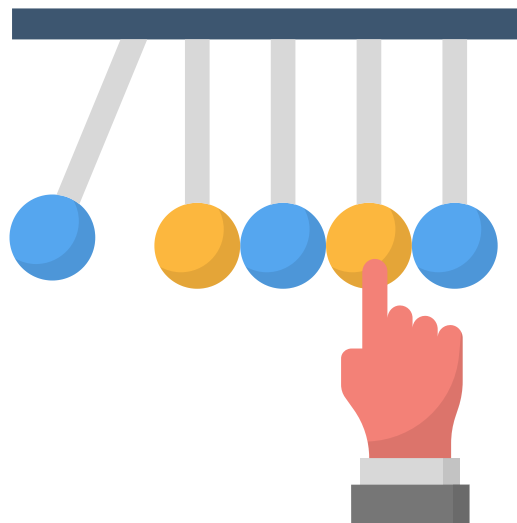
If it is within your child’s control, I ask that they come prepared with charged Chromebooks, especially if they are in the sixth grade. My classroom is a little crowded with limited space and electrical outlets for students to use their chargers. Also, students should spend at least 15 minutes daily 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

Sincerely,

Mr. Marshall



PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Students started the Mileage Plus Program. Every Monday, they will participate in a timed run to promote cardiovascular fitness and endurance.

Ballroom dancing is being taught weekly to a select group of 6th grade students. They will represent Bissonet at the annual competition held in April. Students will learn Waltz, Tango, Salsa, and Swing dances throughout the year.

Life Skills lessons will begin next week for 6th-8th grade students.

Reminders:

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

Sports/Activities:

Basketball tryouts will be held the week of October 3rd. Information will be given to students during PE class.

*****Any student who participates in any sport program is required to have a COMPLETED physical packet form in order to participate.*****

**Girls on the Run meet every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-4:00.
Heart and Sole meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-4:00.**

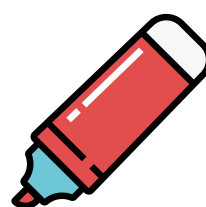
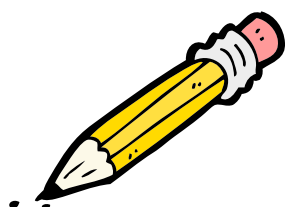




SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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.](#)



OCTOBER

October 7th - 10th: Fall Break

October 17th: Unlimited Fall
Fest Game Bands go on sale

October 25th: Cane's Family
Night

October 28th: Fall Fest (During
the School Day/Students Only)

NOVEMBER

November 8th: No School

November 15: Family Night:
Chuck-E-Cheese

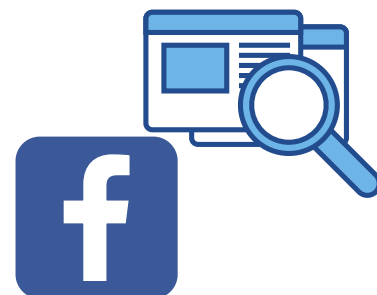
November 21-25: Thanksgiving
Break

November 29: Book Fair

*please consider donating a cake, cupcakes,
dessert item for the cake walk.

*unlimited game band must be purchased
prior to playing games on field day

Contact Information:



(504) 887 - 0470 - School Office

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