

# BISSONET BULLETIN

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



## IN THIS ISSUE

- A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
- TECHNOLOGY
- FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

## NEWS

- ALL GRADE LEVELS
- SUPPLY LISTS
- BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

## SAVE THE DATE

- SEPTEMBER
- OCTOBER

## A Message from the School Principal:

*by Audrey A. Easley*

Dear Bissonet Families,

We are off to a great start to the school year. We had many families attend Open House last month. We hope you were able to get a glimpse of what it is like to spend the day as a Bissonet student. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, send a note or call the office to schedule a conference. Please check their red folders daily to see school notices and test papers that are being sent home. Our third through eighth graders also have homework planners to write their homework assignments. It is important to know what your child is doing in school.

Continued on Page 2...

## A Message from the School Principal Continued:

We had a great turnout at Airline Skate for our first Family Night of the year! The kids had a great time and parents were able to meet other families. We are looking forward to having a monthly gathering for our families. Stay tuned for more information regarding our Family Nights.

We will also bring back our Fall Fest this year. It will be on October 28th and it will take place during the school day. Be on the lookout for letters requesting donations and further information regarding Fall Fest.

Students do not have school on Friday, September 23rd. We will have parent teacher conferences from 8:00-11:00 that morning and teacher professional development in the afternoon. We look forward to meeting many of our parents for conferences on the 23rd.

Thanks for the gift of your children each day. Bissonet teachers and staff are dedicated to providing an excellent learning environment for your children. Ask them about what they are learning every day. Talk to them about their friends and make sure that they are on their best behavior when they are at school. Together, we can ensure that your children are getting an outstanding education at Bissonet. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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](mailto: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.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place over the phone this year. They will be offered during the teachers' planning periods on 9/21 and 9/22. In addition, there will be availability the morning of 9/23. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a date/time for a parent conference.

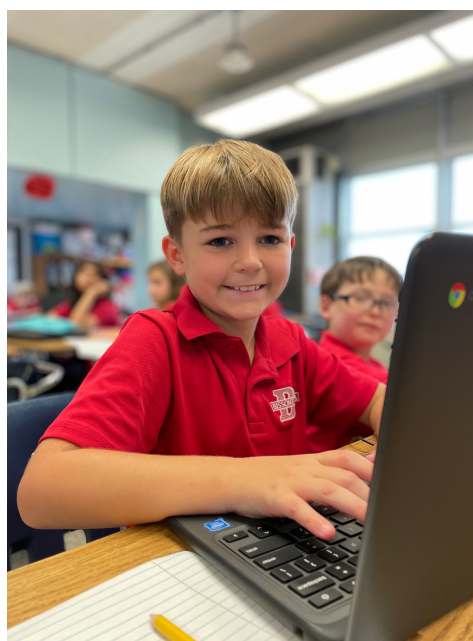
## Instructional Programs

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:

Welcome Pre-K families!! We are working hard at learning class and school routines, using helping hands, listening ears, walking feet and eagle eyes. We encourage them to "pick it and stick it", so they can work the whole time!! Please remember to send your child's red folder everyday so we can keep in touch with you regarding homework, behavior, notes from office and field trip information.

All students receive breakfast and lunch but will need a snack and water in a thermos.

Also, please send a full change of clothes in a ziplock bag with your child's name on front.

Homework will begin in September. Please complete the activities and send back to school each day.

We are looking forward to a fabulous Pre-K year!!

Thanks for all of your help and support!

Pre-K Teachers

Noticias de prekínder

¡¡Bienvenidas familias de Pre-K!! Estamos trabajando arduamente para aprender las rutinas de la clase y la escuela, usando manos amigas, oídos que escuchan, pies que caminan y ojos de águila. ¡Los animamos a "recogerlo y pegarlo", para que puedan trabajar todo el tiempo! Recuerde enviar la carpeta roja de su hijo todos los días para que podamos mantenernos en contacto con usted con respecto a la tarea, el comportamiento, las notas de la oficina y la información de la excursión.

Todos los estudiantes reciben desayuno y almuerzo, pero necesitarán un refrigerio y agua en un termo. Además, envíe una muda completa de ropa en una bolsa ziplock con el nombre de su hijo en el frente.

La tarea comenzará en septiembre. Complete las actividades y envíelas a la escuela todos los días.

¡Esperamos un fabuloso año de Pre-K!

¡Gracias por toda su ayuda y apoyo!

Maestros de prekínder



# KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

Dear Families,

We are working so hard to learn all of our routines and procedures for Kindergarten. Your child is going to learn so much in Kindergarten, in order to be ready for 1st grade. That is the main reason why classroom rules and procedures need to be followed at all times. Not only for your child's education but for the safety of others. As families and teachers...together we can help your child succeed! Here are just a few reminders to help your child be prepared for school.

- Please! Please! Please! If your child is going home a different way we need to know either by a written note or a call to the office (504) 887-0470. We can not just send your child to aftercare or walkers gate just because your child tells us. Safety is our number one priority!!!
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please send a water bottle and snack everyday.
- Check your child's red folder daily (Not only is there a behavior chart in the folder but you can write on it too. With any questions or concerns you might have for that day).
- Your child should ONLY come to school in velcro shoes (shoes that have no laces). It is part of the Kindergarten Dress Code!
- Only jackets/sweatshirts can be worn in the classroom. When we have extremely cold weather, heavy winter jackets can be worn around campus. Our classrooms are kept cold so please put a sweatshirt in your child's school bag.
- Write your child's name on everything: School bag, lunch kit, water bottle (even the throw away kind), jackets, etc.
- If you have any questions or concerns/ comments about your child please send us a note. WE are in this together.
- Most importantly, have a discussion with your child about being a good friend at school. We are all at school for one goal...to learn! Let's be the best person we can be each day while learning!

We are so excited to have your child this year! Together we are going to teach your child so much and we look forward to seeing them everyday!

Love,

Your Kindergarten Teachers



# 1st Grade:

Dear Families,

We are working so hard to learn all of our routines and procedures for 1st grade. Your child is going to learn so much in 1st grade, it is a VERY important year for their future education. That is the main reason why classroom rules and procedures need to be followed at all times. Not only for your child's education but for the safety of others. We do not have time for lost learning time. With a pandemic and a hurricane over the last few years, Our students have a lot of catching up to do. That is why we need your help. As families and teachers...together we can help your child succeed!

Here are just a few reminders to help your child be prepared for school.

- Check your child's red folder daily (Not only is there a behavior chart in the folder but you can write on it too. With any questions or concerns you might have for that day).
- Please! Please! Please! If your child is going home a different way we need to know either by a written note or a call to the office (504) 887-0470. We can not just send your child to aftercare or walkers gate just because your child tells us. Safety is our number one priority!!!
- If your child doesn't know how to tie shoes please send them to school in velcro shoes (shoes that have no laces) or practice at home. Learning can not stop for untied shoes and it's a safety hazard. Plus, if students go in the bathroom with their shoes untied it's a health hazard also.
- Only red jackets/sweatshirts can be worn in the classroom. When we have extremely cold weather, heavy winter jackets can be worn around campus. Our classrooms are kept cold so please put a red jacket or sweatshirt in your child's school bag.
- Write your child's name on everything: School bag, lunch kit, water bottle (even the throw away kind), jackets, etc.
- Homework is due on Friday. The homework is an extension to what your child is learning in class so please complete a little each night. -Remind your child to get breakfast right when they get to school. If your child is tardy, breakfast might not still be served.
- Please send a water bottle and snack everyday.
- If you have any questions or concerns/ comments about your child please send us a note. WE are in this together.
- The students will be required to complete 45 minutes of i-Ready and 45 minutes of Lexia each week (Unless the program tells their teacher they need more lessons). A simple desktop or laptop with internet access would be a great Christmas gift this year.
- But most importantly, have a discussion with your child about being a good friend at school. We are all at school for one goal...to learn! Let's be the best person we can be each day while learning!

It is going to be a GREAT year! Your child is going to learn so much and we look forward to seeing them everyday!

Love,

The 1st Grade Teachers

# 1st Grade:

¡Bienvenidos a 1er grado!

Queridas familias,

Estamos trabajando muy duro para aprender todas nuestras rutinas y procedimientos para el primer grado. Su hijo va a aprender mucho en el 1er grado, es un año MUY importante para su futura educación. Esa es la razón principal por la que se deben seguir las reglas y los procedimientos del salón de clases en todo momento. No solo por la educación de su hijo, sino también por la seguridad de los demás. No tenemos tiempo para el tiempo de aprendizaje perdido. Con una pandemia y un huracán en los últimos años, nuestros estudiantes tienen mucho que hacer para ponerse al día. Por eso necesitamos tu ayuda. Como familias y maestros... ¡juntos podemos ayudar a su hijo a tener éxito! Aquí hay algunos recordatorios para ayudar a su hijo a estar preparado para la escuela.

-Revise la carpeta roja de su hijo todos los días (no solo hay una tabla de comportamiento en la carpeta, sino que también puede escribir en ella. Con cualquier pregunta o inquietud que pueda tener para ese día).

-¡Por favor! ¡Por favor! ¡Por favor! Si su hijo se va a casa de una manera diferente, debemos saberlo inmediatamente una nota escrita o llamando a la oficina (504) 887-0470. No podemos simplemente enviar a su hijo al cuidado posterior o a la puerta de los caminantes solo porque su hijo nos lo dice. ¡¡¡La seguridad es nuestra prioridad número uno!!!

-Si su hijo no sabe cómo atarse los zapatos, envíelo a la escuela con zapatos de velcro (zapatos que no tienen cordones) o practique en casa. El aprendizaje no puede detenerse por los zapatos desatados y es un peligro para la seguridad. Además, si los estudiantes van al baño con los zapatos desatados, también es un peligro para la salud.

-Solo se pueden usar chaquetas/sudaderas rojas en el salón de clases. Cuando tenemos un clima extremadamente frío, se pueden usar chaquetas gruesas de invierno en el campus. Nuestras aulas se mantienen frías, así que ponga una chaqueta o sudadera roja en la mochila escolar de su hijo.

-Escriba el nombre de su hijo en todo: mochila escolar, kit de almuerzo, botella de agua (incluso las de usar y tirar), chaquetas, etc.

- La tarea se entrega el viernes. La tarea es una extensión de lo que su hijo está aprendiendo en clase, así que complete un poco cada noche.

-Recuérdale a su hijo que desayune bien cuando llegue a la escuela. Si su hijo llega tarde, es posible que aún no se sirva el desayuno.

-Envíe una botella de agua y un refrigerio todos los días.

- Si tiene alguna pregunta, inquietud o comentario sobre su hijo, envíenos una nota. Estamos en esto juntos.

-Los estudiantes deberán completar 45 minutos de i-Ready y 45 minutos de Lexia cada semana (a menos que el programa le diga a su maestro que necesitan más lecciones). Una simple computadora de escritorio o portátil con acceso a Internet sería un gran regalo de Navidad este año.

-Pero lo más importante, hable con su hijo sobre cómo ser un buen amigo en la escuela. Todos estamos en la escuela con un objetivo... ¡aprender! ¡Seamos la mejor persona que podamos ser cada día mientras aprendemos!

¡Va a ser un gran año! ¡Su hijo va a aprender mucho y esperamos verlo todos los días!

Amor,

1st Grade Teachers

## SECOND GRADE:

Welcome to 2nd grade! We have had a great start to the new school year. We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. We believe that communication is key to your child's success. I encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time. The best way to contact us would be by email.

Mrs. Peters- Dana.peters@jpschools.org

Mrs. Leingang Katie.leingang@jpschools.org

We have loved getting to know your child. We have been going over routines and procedures. At this time, you should be familiar with the yellow folder. This will be your child's behavior folder for the year. Please check your child's behavior folder nightly, this folder will let you know how he/she is doing each day. We encourage you to put your initials on each day which will tell us that you have seen your child's behavior for that day. Every Friday there will be a reward for students that have had a perfect week.

This year, we have PE first so please try and get to school on time. Students that arrive late will not have time to eat their breakfast in class.

Homework is due on Friday each week. Your child will have a math fluency page and a reading passage each week. Students should be timed (1 minute) for their math fluency and should be reading the same passage each night to gain fluency. We will be pulling your child in small groups on Friday to see if they can read the passage fluently.

Reminders:

- Check Red Folders daily for important papers
- If you have not done so already, please send in your child's supply fee (\$25).
- Many of our students still do not have headphones. Please send headphones with your child to keep at school. We use computers each week and it is very hard for everyone to focus when multiple computers have their volume up.

We are looking forward to having an amazing school year with you and your child!

Love,  
The 2nd Grade Teachers

## THIRD GRADE:

Welcome to Third Grade! Students are adjusting to switching classes and we are practicing routines and procedures. There are a lot of new things to learn, but students are transitioning well and doing a fabulous job! Third graders should be taking their red folder, planner and pencil pouch home every day. Please make sure this comes back to school daily, as we will be using it in every class.

Headphones/Earbuds: It is very important that your child brings headphones/earbuds to school. We will be using computers daily in class.

Math News: This year we will be learning multiplication and division, as well as continuing to practice adding and subtracting. In the next few weeks, we will begin working on multiplication fact fluency. It would be beneficial to have flashcards at home to practice as we learn new facts!

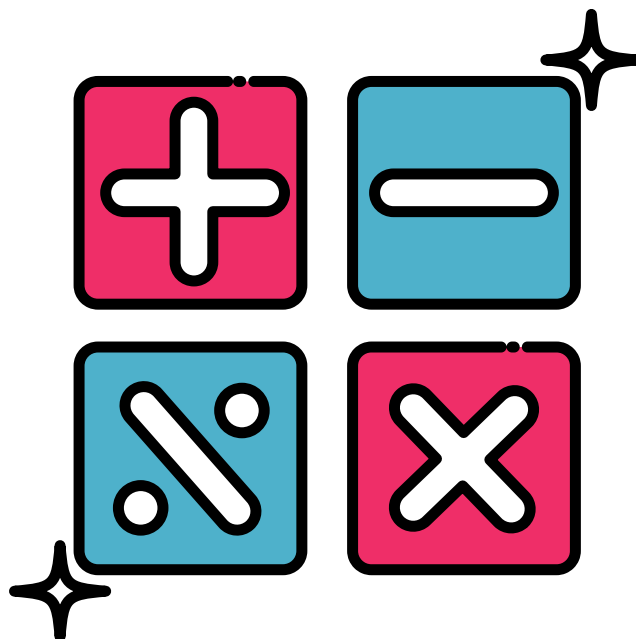
If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to us. We want to make this year an exciting year full of fun and learning!

ELA-Mrs. Lambert [jennifer.lambert@jpschools.org](mailto:jennifer.lambert@jpschools.org)

MATH-Mrs. Wooley [katie.wooley@jpschools.org](mailto:katie.wooley@jpschools.org)

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES-Ms. Soler [olivia.soler@jpschools.org](mailto:olivia.soler@jpschools.org)

ELA/MATH-Mrs. Thompson [chesley.thompson@jpschools.org](mailto:chesley.thompson@jpschools.org)



## 4TH:

Welcome to fourth grade!!! We are so excited to have you! If your child is still in need of supplies, feel free to reach out to us! Students also received red folders for all important papers, money, notes, etc. Be sure these are checked daily!

Science: This year, we will cover 4 topics, Organism Structure and Behavior, Changes to Earth's surface and resources, Energy, and Waves.

Math: we will continue learning multiplication & division, place value, fractions, area, perimeter and so much more.

ELA: We have been busy reading informational texts about hurricanes. So far, we have learned the difference between a sentence and fragment, and we are writing complete sentences about our knowledge on hurricanes. We will apply our new learning when we write our culminating writing activity at the end of our Unit 1, Hurricanes.

Social Studies: We are learning about map skills. Ask us to locate and label the seven continents, five oceans, hemispheres, equator, and poles on a blank map, and we probably could. All of the skills and content that we are learning about in our first geography topic, The Many, Many Maps of the United States, will prepare us for our next five social studies units.

We look forward to growing your child's learning and having a fun-filled year!! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

kelly.ricciardi@jpschools.org angela.griffin@jpschools.org  
christie.penot@jpschools.org elisa.guitierrez@jpschools.org  
patricia.haley@jpschools.org



# 5TH GRADE

**elaisa.vanegas@jpschools.org (English Language Arts & Social Studies)**  
**stephanie.quintini@jpschools.org (Math & Science)**  
**patricia.haley@jpschools.org (English Language Arts)**  
**christie.penot@jpschools.org (Math)**  
**elisa.gutierrez@jpschools.org (ESL)**

**We are excited for a brand new year with our 5th graders! Our beginning of the year goal for students is to understand and implement school-wide and classroom expectations and procedures. In addition, we expect students to be ready and active learners!**

**ELA: We are starting Unit 1 The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich. This is a wonderful book that teaches students why it is important to learn stories from the past through a lens on a Native American community. Students will also read informational texts and watch videos that will broaden their knowledge upon this question.**

**Social Studies: Students will learn to answer the claim: What is a civilization? They will learn the characteristics of a civilization and consider how the development of indigenous tribes of America display these characteristics.**

**Math: Students are learning place value and multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10.**

**Science: Students are learning about energy transfer within ecosystems.**

**\*In addition, please see our Google classrooms, your child's agenda and red folder for any important information on school work, homework, and any updates.**

**Thank you and together we can assure academic success for all! :)**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL:

**Mrs. Wellmeier (6th and 7A Math) & Mrs. Schmidt (7B Math)**

**Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and fun. Our goal this year is to grow academically and mature socially. Middle school can be challenging at times, but if we all work together, we can do great things!**

**This month we are spending time learning the rules, routines, and expectations of middle school.**

**Here are a few important tips to make this year successful:**

- **Always do your best ... complete homework, participate in class, show your work and use your strategies, and always stay organized**
- **Be kind and respectful to everyone. We are a family.**
- **Follow the simple rules...wear the correct uniform and sweatshirt and do no chew gum**
- **Be on time for school everyday. Only stay home if you are really sick.**
- **Be prepared... charged chromebook with charger in bag, headphones, books and supplies should be brought daily**

**6th: We are currently working in Module 2 - Arithmetic Operations Including Division of Fraction. This module reviews what was learned in 5th grade with fractions and decimals including all operations. Please continue to practice basic multiplication and division facts if all facts have not been mastered.**

**7th: We are currently working in Module 2 - Rational Numbers. This module builds upon the foundation from 6th grade math where integers and rational numbers were first explored. In 7th grade, students build on their understanding of rational numbers to add, subtract, multiply and divide signed numbers.**

**We cannot express enough the importance of ZEARN. This math program mimics what is taught daily in class. 6th and 7th grade students MUST complete assigned lessons weekly. This will count as a grade.**

**The Google Classroom includes all vital information including the daily agenda, learning targets, assignments, and links to lesson videos.**

**Do not hesitate to email us with any questions.**

**[suzanne.wellmeier@jpschools.org](mailto:suzanne.wellmeier@jpschools.org) [stephanie.schmidt@jpschools.org](mailto:stephanie.schmidt@jpschools.org)**

**Happy learning,**

**Mrs. Wellmeier & Mrs. Schmidt**

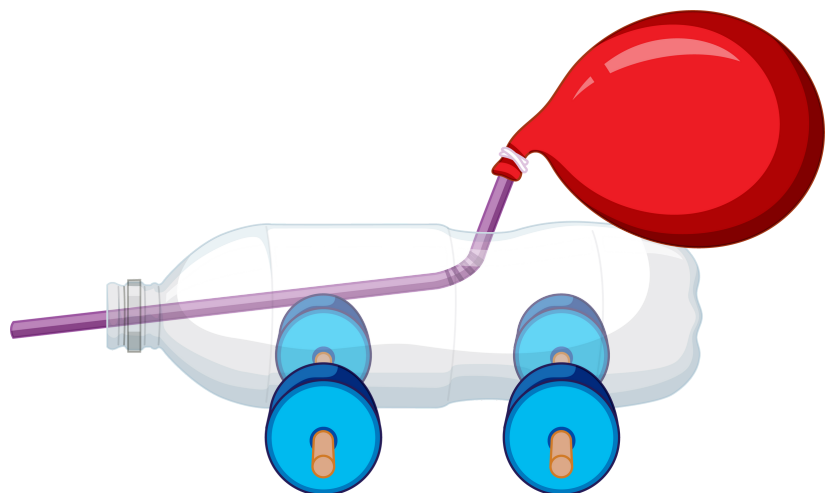
# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

## Middle School Science:

Our middle school science students completed their diagnostic tests and are now entering their respective scopes for their grade levels. All middle school science grade levels will be taught three major bundles of science in the following order: physical science, earth and space science, and life science. However, during the school year, sixth grade students will spend more time on physical science, seventh grade students will spend more time on life science, and eighth grade students will spend more time on earth and space science.

Sixth grade students began their first of three physical science bundles, Forces and Motion, and will work on this bundle for the next 26 class days. Seventh grade students began their first of two physical science bundles, chemical reactions, and will work on this bundle for the next 21 class days. And eighth grade students began their only physical science bundle, structure and properties of matter, and will work on this bundle for the next 31 days. All three grades will apply what they learn in their physical science bundles as a foundation to help students predict how our lives are affected by an ever changing world. It will be my pleasure to help your child become an engaged global citizen.

Allison Marshall

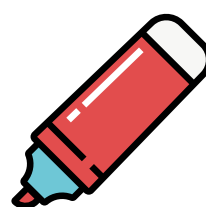




## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### 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.](#)



# SEPTEMBER

September 16th: 7th & 8th Grade  
Dance

September 21 - 22: Virtual  
Parent/Teacher Conferences-  
please arrange a meeting with  
your child's teacher

September 23: No School for  
Students

# OCTOBER

October 7th - 10th: Fall Break

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

November 8th: No School

## Contact Information:



(504) 887 - 0470 - School Office  
(504) 887 - 5693 - School Fax  
(504) 365 - 5304 - Student Technology Help Desk  
[facebook.com/bissonetbeavers](https://facebook.com/bissonetbeavers)  
[www.bissonet.jpschools.org](http://www.bissonet.jpschools.org)