

# Bardmoor Bullhorn

Bardmoor Elementary is a Title I School

Welcome  
Back!



September 2016

Website: <http://www.bardmoor-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us>



## Dates to Remember



**Thursday, Sept. 1**

**TITLE 1 ANNUAL MEETING and OPEN HOUSE Starts at 5:30 in cafeteria**

**Monday, Sept. 5**

**Labor Day – No school**

**Sept 8—15 Fundraiser**

**Wednesday, Sept. 28**

**Fall Photos**

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**Pinellas County Schools' homepage**

**<http://pcsb.org/>**

A Message from Our Principal:

August 31, 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome to Bardmoor Elementary! I am excited to see new and returning faces of both students and staff. This year, our Bardmoor family continues to grow not only with new students and families; but also, we have quite a few new staff members. As always, we have the hardest working and smartest teachers working with your children.

We invite you to be a member of the Bardmoor family by joining PTA, the School Advisory Council (SAC), volunteering or supporting your child by attending family events, reading with them at home and checking agenda books. If you are interested in finding out more ways to support Bardmoor, join PTA or SAC, contact the front office at 727-547-7824. Together we can succeed!



Attendance Matters! It is important that your child is at school so they are learning and keeping up with their peers. For that case that your child is absent, there is now an icon on the Bardmoor School website that you can click and send an email letting us know why your child is absent.

If you did not pick up state testing results this summer, they will be sent home with your student.

Sincerely,

Leigh L. Brown (Owens)

Principal



Each student brought home a Day 1 folder. It is extremely important that all information be completed and returned as soon as possible. Please include as many phone numbers as possible to assist us in reaching you in case of an emergency. Also, please remember to inform us of any changes in information throughout the school year.



Below is the entire school year calendar showing the days school will be closed for students. You may want to keep this calendar handy.

### 2016-2017 Student Calendar

- Aug. 10:** All schools open.
- Sept. 5:** Labor Day holiday – No school for students.
- Oct. 11:** End of first quarter.
- Oct. 12:** No school for students.
- Nov. 21 - Nov. 25:** Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students.
- Dec. 16:** End of first semester.
- Dec. 19 - Dec. 30:** Winter holidays - No school for students.
- Jan. 2:** No school for students.
- Jan. 3:** Second semester begins.
- Jan. 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday – No school for students
- Feb. 20:** No school for students.
- Mar. 10:** End of third quarter
- Mar. 13 - Mar. 17:** Spring holidays – No school for students.
- Mar. 20:** No school for students.
- Mar. 21:** Schools reopen. Classes resume.
- Apr. 14:** No school for students.
- May 25:** Last day for all students



We will be utilizing the Badge Pass system for parent sign in this year. If you are coming to visit the school during the day, please have your identification with you so that it can be scanned. Anyone who comes to pick up your child from the office must bring an id and be on your child's office/clinic card.



This year we will continue to post community flyers on our website under peachjar.

## Newsletter

To reduce printing fees and paper usage, monthly newsletters will also be posted on our website. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINTED COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER MONTHLY, send a WRITTEN message to Mrs. Ottinger and a printed copy will be sent home with your child monthly.**

School Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Savino, School Counselor

Welcome Back!



I am so happy to be here at Bardmoor this year to help support your students, the teachers and families academically, socially and emotionally. My name is Sharon Savino and I will be your child's school counselor. I am available daily to help students, parents, and teachers.

I provide a number of different services to support students throughout the school year:

- \* Classroom guidance lessons – I will be conducting classroom guidance lessons in grades K-4 that address social emotional skills, academic success and careers.
- \* Small group counseling – Groups run about 2-3 times each school year and may include topics such as social skills, changing families, anxiety, and school success.
- \* Individual counseling – Please be aware of my respect for confidentiality in dealing with any issues that arise during the school year.
- \* Support to parents and teachers

How do I contact Mrs. Savino?

Phone: Email: Feel free to stop by 727-547-7824 savinos@pcsb.org or make an appointment!

Classroom Guidance

Lessons this month will focus on responsibility. I will be going into classes to teach students about how they can do their best and take ownership of their words and actions.

More resources about responsibility:

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (ages 7 and up) Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Saturday by Judith Viorst (ages 4 and up) Rules by Cynthia Lord (ages 9 and up) The Emperor's Egg: Read and Wonder by Martin Jenkins (ages 5 and up) The Pigsty by Mark Teague (ages 4 and up) The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey (ages 5 and up)



Regular Attendance is Essential to your Child's Academic Success!

We all want our kids to be successful. Getting your child to school every day on time is one of the most important things that you can do to help them be successful. The expectation of the Pinellas County School District is that your child is at school on time every day and remain in school all day. Bell to bell. Regular attendance not only helps your child to be successful, but it is the law. See Florida Statute 1003.26 and the Student Code of Conduct page 33-36. Bardmoor acknowledges and rewards students who achieve perfect attendance each month. On the rare occasion that your child is sick, parents/guardians MUST excuse their absence. You can report your child's absence through our on-line reporting system on the Bardmoor website. Parents can also excuse an absence on class DOJO or by sending a note to the teacher.

\* Examples of absences that will be excused include: illness/injury to the student, communicable disease, religious holiday, or death in immediate family

\* Examples of absences that will be unexcused include: family trips or vacations, non-compliance for immunization, flat tires, shopping trips, oversleeping, or heavy traffic

\* If a student is absent 10% or more of days, excused or unexcused, they will be referred to the school's attendance team and monitored for the duration of the year. Chronic and habitual absences, tardies, or early releases will be referred to the State Attorney's office for a Truancy petition.

\* A parent/guardian can only excuse a maximum of 5 days in a reporting period. Otherwise a medical note will be required. Notes must be turned in within 48 hours of the absence; doctor's notes turned in after the 48 hour period will not be accepted.

\* If your child arrives after the bell, they will be considered tardy. Parents must walk their child into the office if their child arrives at school past the bell to sign them in with a reason as to why they are late. Please also note that every 3 tardy or early release days is equal to one absence. Tardies also disrupt the entire classroom learning and send a message to your child about the importance of school and being on time.

\* Early releases should be kept to a maximum of less than 5 all year, unless you have administrative approval with documented necessary reasons. Students will NOT be released 30 minutes before the bell unless previous administrative approval has been granted.

\* If your child is missing school due to anxiety, lack of appropriate clothing, or other related issues, please contact the school and we will provide necessary supports.

\* Every effort should be made to make dentist/doctor/therapy appointments after school hours. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Joanne Mercier, School Social Worker or Leigh Brown, Principal at 547-7824.

## Title I

Bardmoor is thankful to once again qualify as a Title I School . This year our budget will be used for :

- Title I staff (1 Instructional Coach , 1 Reading Coach and 2 hourly teachers to support students within the building)
- Title I has expanded the resources for Connect for Success, the take home computer initiative (more information will be sent home in the near future.
- At Open House we will be sharing our budget and projected expenses and activities.
- If you have any questions, you can contact the front office at 547-7824 or email Jan Ottinger at [ottingerj@pcsb.org](mailto:ottingerj@pcsb.org) .



From your PTA:

For those of you that have already joined our PTA, we thank you!! If you have not joined, we encourage you to do so.

Check out our website at [www.bardmoor.my-pta.org](http://www.bardmoor.my-pta.org)

See you at the OPEN HOUSE meeting on September 1st.



## A Big Bardmoor Thank You!



We are overwhelmed with the Back to School donations from the following individuals and companies.

Reverend Sharon Dorr from St. Matthias Lutheran Church

Christy Jones and Ben Feller State Farm

Margaret Post & Roberta Bayles

Jolie from The Courtney at Bay Pines Luxury Apartments

Aldersgate Church

Multiple families that provided extra supplies to individual classrooms



## Wellness Guidelines

Pinellas County Schools observe the Wellness Guidelines that align to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The Guidelines are in your child's agenda\first day packet. It is important for families to remember that cakes, cupcakes and candy are no longer allowed in classrooms for birthdays.

Schools can have two events each year in which low nutritional foods can be given. These events will be before Winter Break and before Summer Break. Individual classrooms will provide specific requests for these events.

Please speak to the classroom teacher before bringing in items.

## Safety

Assuring your child's safety is of key concern at Bardmoor. You can help by following these guidelines:

### Bus Transportation

1. Families should have been notified of the bus route for students. If you have any questions, call Transportation at 587-2020.
2. Bus riders are expected to follow Pinellas County Schools' guidelines while at the stop and on the bus. Repeated misbehavior can result in disciplinary actions.
3. Bus riders will be offered breakfast upon arrival.
4. Please contact office, in advance, if your child will not be riding the bus.



### Portulaca Entrance as a Car drop off/pick up zone

1. As a convenience, we are utilizing the Portulaca parking area as a WALK UP pick up zone. Adults MUST park their vehicle in a designated spot and walk over to the sidewalk to pick up/drop off student. Do not leave car running. Children MAY NOT walk alone through the parking lot.
2. There is no smoking, even in your vehicle, on school grounds.

Pets may not be brought to the student pick up area

### \*Bike riders:

1. Bike riders should wear a helmet and walk bike on school grounds. They should secure bike in bike compound with a lock. Bike riders must be in cafeteria by 8:15 to receive breakfast.



### \*Walkers

1. Walkers should cross at crossing guard. Walkers must be in cafeteria by 8:15 to receive breakfast
2. Please have a plan for how your walker/bike rider will get home in inclement weather.



## Magnolia Car Circle

**\*\*Do not block driveways, park on neighbors' grass or u-turn in their driveways. Obey officer's directives and do not block intersections or rest at intersection.**

Thank you for your patience as we get routines in place for the new school year. Parking is limited on the Magnolia side if at all possible, please use the car line for drop off and pick up. Our students are being asked to be at Level 0 (silent) as they are waiting at the car circle. Parents wishing to enter the building should park in the parking lots up near the front office. The car circle is NOT a parent entrance.

1. Staff is on duty starting at 8:05 am. Breakfast access closes at 8:15. After this time, students are unable to get breakfast. 1st bell rings at 8:20. All students should be in class at 8:35. **Car circle doors will be CLOSED at 8:33 After that time the back doors are locked and you must drive around and your student will be marked TARDY. 3 tardies=1 absence**
2. Please drive slowly when entering the car circle and yield to anyone using the crosswalk. Students MUST be escorted to and from parking spaces.
3. Do not drop your child off until you have reached the numbered area. **(Do not drop off at the fence line or before crosswalk.)** Pull as far forward as you can to drop off students.
4. Use crosswalks to cross to/from parked cars.
5. Clearly place your child's name and grade level in driver's side window. Slips will be provided.
6. When announced, proceed to your assigned number, do not stop and have your child move back to your car. We will adjust loading area as we see necessary.
7. Please load and unload from passenger side of vehicle. Do not pull around loading cars.
8. There is no smoking, even in your vehicle, on school grounds.

Keep our  
Kids safe!!



9. Pets may not be brought to the student pick up area.



## It is almost time for our **BOOKANEER Scholastic Book Fair!**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be



**Book Fair dates:** September 1 to 9

**Shopping hours:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \*Open Late September 1 for our OPEN HOUSE!

**Special activities:** Open for Open House, themed dress up days for students, lots of raffles with great prizes!

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:



Set the example. Let children see you read.



Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace

with changing tastes and reading skills.



**Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books**

**to read.**

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](https://www.scholastic.com/fair). Our online Fair is available from August 26th to September 15th.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.