



# State Bridge Crossing Elementary

## *Bobcat Tales*

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Mr. Martin, Principal

Dr. Dixon, Assistant Principal

September 3, 2009

### From the Principal

#### Early Release

*Our first early release day is Wednesday, September 16, 2009. The early release forms were sent home on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. This will help us ensure that all children go home the proper way on our first early release day, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal begins 3 hours early, so students should arrive at their destinations 3 hours before the usual time. Dismissal begins at 11:15am.*

#### LSAC News

*Congratulations to **Amanda Jones** who was elected to serve on our Local School Advisory Council for a two year term. We will have a run-off between **Betsy Kramer** and **Patty Lynn Webb** to fill our last position. The run-off will take place **TONIGHT** at the front desk during our Storybook Extravaganza. Absentee voting will be on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at the front office.*

*I hope to see everyone at our "Storybook Extravaganza" tonight at 6:30pm. Several SBCE staff members will be reading their favorite books to our students. The Media Center Book Fair will be open in the Media Center from 6:00 to 8:00pm.*

*Mr. Martin*

### From the Assistant Principal

#### Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills are norm-referenced tests. Georgia law mandates that a nationally norm-referenced test, such as the ITBS, be administered annually to students in grades three and five. The purpose of a norm-referenced test is to obtain information about the performance of Georgia's students and compare it with that of students in a national sample. The results are used for evaluation, decision-making, and instructional improvement. The testing window for the fall administration of the ITBS is September 21-September 25. The testing block is 8:15-10:45 a.m. During the week of testing, parent volunteers (readers, etc.) cannot be utilized in the building until the testing **all call** has been announced. (Exception: Parents stuffing VIP packets may work in the front atrium). Please make sure that your child is prepared and on time.

#### Book Fair - Reading Can Take You

Anywhere... Travel to our Book Fair September 3<sup>rd</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm daily. Book flyer for the fair also in this week's VIPs.

#### Book Fair Needs Volunteers

Book Fair Help is needed---it's quick---it's simple---it's on the internet. Please visit this link and sign up today for volunteer opportunities for the Media Center Book Fair which is coming Sept. 3-10.

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/91-62433744840>

#### September Dates to Remember

- 3-10 - Book Fair
- 3 - Storybook Extravaganza 6:30 - 7:30pm (Book fair will be open from 6:00 - 8:00pm)
- 7 - Labor Day (No School)
- 8 - PTA Board Meeting 11am
- 8 - Stevi B's Night
- 11 - Patriotic Day (wear red/white/blue)
- 15 - Ashley Widener Community Mtg. 11am Ocee Elementary
- 15 - Shane's Night
- 16 - Early Release Day (dismiss at 11:15)
- 17-20 - Tanner Family Portraits
- 21-25 - ITBS Testing (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 25 - PTA Family Movie Night



## **SBCE Spirit Night @ Stevi B's**

Thank you to our Business Partner, Stevi B's, for donating pizzas for our staff training this past Tuesday. We appreciate their continuing support for our school and look forward to attending **SBCE SPIRIT NIGHT**, Tuesday, Sept. 8th (Publix plaza at 141 and State Bridge Rd)! Come join us for dinner!

## **Advertise Your Business in our School Directory**

The State Bridge Crossing Elementary PTA is in the process of producing our school directory and would like to include your business in the advertising section of the directory. The directory will be distributed to approximately 400 families at State Bridge Crossing. This is a great way to let others know about your business and show support for our school, at the same time. The ads are reasonably priced and the fee will help our PTA provide programs that enrich the learning of our children. Download the directory ad form from the PTA website at [www.sbcepta.com](http://www.sbcepta.com) and follow the directions. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Rommer at [atstephanie@rommer.com](mailto:atstephanie@rommer.com).

### **\*\*\*New AR program coming soon\*\*\***

#### **"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars".**

We need energetic and artistic volunteers to help create the AR wall by the library! A new AR program is being introduced this month, and we need some HELP!!! We want to launch the program by 9/15 and there is much work to be done! Please contact Jennifer Mallie at [jennifermallie@mac.com](mailto:jennifermallie@mac.com) or 770-242-5738 to be a part of this great program.

### **T - Shirt Design Contest!!!**

Calling all creative students! We are going to have a t-shirt design contest for our new AR program. Use your imagination and artistic ability and design a t-shirt. Only one color, please. All designs must be turned in on 8 1/2x11 paper. The deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>! Each accelerated reader participant who reaches the moon by March 15 will receive a t-shirt! Please contact Jennifer Mallie at [jennifermallie@mac.com](mailto:jennifermallie@mac.com) or 770-242-5738.

### **Publix Cash for Schools**

If 500 of SBCE's families spent \$1000 per month on groceries at Publix, we could earn up to \$3,300 PER MONTH for OUR SCHOOL!!

Incredible! Remember to use your PUBLIX card, and shop at PUBLIX whenever possible.

Thanks, PTA

## **Reflections kicks off**

### **Theme: Beauty Is....**

This is a contest sponsored by the national PTA. It offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Participating in reflections is a great way to explore and learn about various art forms. There are six different categories: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, film and choreography. Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. Those who participate will have a special reception, receive awards and be listed in the school paper. Select works will advance to state and national levels. After Labor Day, entry forms will be on the Reflections display table located in the front lobby. Be sure to get a copy of the rules for each type of entry. If you want to work on an entry now, forms are available online. Any questions you can find out more at <http://www.georgiapta.org/resources-student-reflections.html> <http://www.pta.org/2033.htm>

You can contact Allison Taylor: [allisontay@mindspring.com](mailto:allisontay@mindspring.com) 770-640-5133. All Reflections entries need to be turned in the first week of October.



## **Science Force Volunteers Needed**

Science Force is a wonderful opportunity to interact with students and help them with Science. The science projects are completely planned. All you have to do is show up and help the students. To signup & schedule for science force you can go online at [www.mysignup.com/scienceforce](http://www.mysignup.com/scienceforce). The first lab will be for kindergarten and second grade beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>. The lab will be called "Night Sky". If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Carolyn Jones at 770-475-8435.



## **Family Portrait Event**

11x14 Family Portrait ONLY \$20!

A \$65 value (includes sitting fee). Don't miss this great chance to get a memorable shot of your family! Spots are almost gone, see SBCEPTA.com for details or contact Karen Dapolite, [kdapolite@yahoo.com](mailto:kdapolite@yahoo.com) to book your appointment.

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