April/May, 2018

Dear Bulldog Families,

This year has flown by! It is difficult to imagine that in just a few short weeks we will end our inaugural year at Bexley Elementary! Your support has made this year of growth and discovery memorable for all of us but, most importantly, your children!

Currently, our Bulldogs in grades 3, 4, and 5 are taking their FSA Spring Assessments. During this time, we are asking that their be no visitors to campus for volunteering or lunches. This enables us to maintain a quiet campus and test security. We are anxious to see our results since our campus welcomed so many different students from so many different school sites!

We recently received our enrollment projections for 2018-19. The District is estimating 800 students for Bexley next year ! We started this year just slightly under 600. That growth will bring additional teachers and support staff to our campus to welcome our new families.

Our PTO Executive Board has been busy planning our first Spring Carnival! Please plan to join us on April 27th from 5:30-7:30 in our back field for all the fun! Wrist bands will allow you to play all the games and participate in all the activities -no tickets! Your only added expense would be if you wanted to indulge in one of our food trucks or try your luck with a chance to win one of our team baskets! All profits go directly to our classroom and school resources.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to you for trusting us to care for and teach your children. I understand that our school may be very different from your previous one and change is difficult. As we move into next year, I look forward to continuing our mission of ...

Believe. Engage. Succeed.

Every Bulldog. Every Day.

Mrs. Wolin

Bexley Elementary Canine Headlines



Remind your Bulldog to follow our Positive Behavior Intervention System

(PBIS)

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

We are proud to announce that Bexley Elementary has met the criteria to receive the

Golden School Award

This award is given to schools that have a volunteer coordinator that is designated for recruitment, placement, training and supervision of school volunteers, and the total number of hours of volunteer service equals twice the number of students enrolled in the school.

FSA Testing Schedule

April 23-24	Math	Gr. 4
April 25-26	Math	Gr. 5
April 30-May 1	Math	Gr. 3
April 30-May 1	Science	Gr. 5

Grade level supply lists will be made available electronically through teacherlist.com by June 1. A link will be posted for your convenience. This APP can be added to your phone for easy access and you can purchase directly from Amazon or Target with the touch of a button



Please remember to complete your volunteer application for 2018-19 beginning July 1, 2018. This approval is required for access to classroom activities, field trips, and volunteering opportunities. Avoid the rush at the beginning of the year and complete it over the summer! The link can be found on our school and district websites. Incoming Kindergarten families should plan to attend our K Bulldog Orientation on April 30 at 6:30 pm. In addition, please mark your calendars for our Kindergarten Camp on August 1, 2018 !

All incoming 5th graders should attend our Bulldog Leadership Camp on July 26th, 2018 from 1:00-4:00. This special event reserve for our oldest Bulldogs will be filled with fun activities designed to bring out their personal best!

> Elementary Orientation Day will be held on August 9th, 2018. This will be an opportunity for current and new students to meet their teachers

We would like you to invite you to become a substitute teacher at Bexley Elementary! Substitute teaching allows you the flexibility to choose which schools and grade levels you are assigned, what days of the week you choose to work, and the ability to end your work day along with your child. Please call 727-774-2000 for more information.

Hiker/Biker/Car Riders

Bexley was built as a community school, with boundaries that allowed for fewer bus riders and more students walking or riding their bikes to school. It mirrors the vision of Newland Communities that promotes an active lifestyle with hiking and biking trails.

Recently I met with the school district's Safety Officer to discuss proactive approaches to the increased pedestrian traffic in 2018-19 and the eventual openings of Tower Rd. and Ballantrae Boulevard. I am advocating for additional crossing guards and considering staggered dismissal times for Intermediate and Primary students in 2018-19. The district is working with County officials for additional signage and the monitoring of drivers that are in violation of parking and school zone speeds. Part of the solution lies with the families within the community. It is important that you follow safety rules by only parking in legally identified spaces, staying out of the bike lanes, traveling at posted speeds, and promoting the use of cross walks with your children.

If we all work together, we can continue to grow while maintaining the safety of all of our students. Concerns or comments re: crosswalks can be forwarded to Mike Bunk, Traffic Operations, Engineering Services Pasco County.