

BASSWOOD FAMILY NEWSALERT

September 9, 2009

Tidbits of information as we begin a new school year!

The school year is off to a fantastic start! We opened with an enrollment of 998 students, with over 80 new students starting at Basswood. We are looking forward to the 2009-10 school year to be a very successful and rewarding experience for all our Basswood students!

Open House last week was a huge success with classroom teachers reporting almost a 100% turn out. **OUTSTANDING!**

The first **Basswood PTO Meeting** for this school year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd, beginning at 6:30PM. This is a great way to get acquainted with Basswood staff and other Basswood parents, and be involved in your child's education. Hope to see you there!

Basswood main telephone number is (763)494-3858 and is available 24 hours a day. Students, who are going to be late or absent from school for any reason, must be reported. Please use the above number and use extension 1 for reporting absences. If we do not hear from you, we will have to call you to verify the absence. Press 0 if you want to speak to someone in our office.

The school day begins at 8:50AM. If you are dropping off your child, please do not drop them off before 8:40AM, because there will be no adult supervision. See the attached handout for drop off procedures. After the first day of school, students should walk to classes on their own. This develops confidence and their self-esteem. It also allows classroom teachers to focus on your children as they arrive at school. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please call them to schedule a time. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL visitors, including our volunteers, must check in the main office before proceeding beyond that point. You will need to sign in and receive a visitor's pass to be in the building. Volunteers will sign in at the main office and then go to the Volunteer Coordinator's office to pick up their volunteer badge. The safety of our students is our top priority, so we ask for your full cooperation in this matter. Thank you!

If you had a **non-custodial file** last year and want to continue receiving school information, please call Joann Cross at Basswood at (763)494-3858 to set this up. If you are a new non-custodial parent who wishes to receive school information (report cards, newsletters, conference dates, etc.) call Joann.

Students who may have **legal custody issues or a legal restraining order** in force that school personnel should be aware of, please contact the school office. All issues are held strictly confidential.



Today the Brown Wednesday Envelopes are coming home via your child, as they will every Wednesday.

IN YOUR WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE THERE ARE a number of items and some that need your immediate attention. They are:

- Basswood Parent Checklist – **Please return to your child’s classroom teacher by tomorrow, Thursday, September 10th, indicating that you have read and discussed the policies addressed on this checklist.**
- Basswood Student Expectations Handbook
- Basswood Behavior Expectations
- ISD 279 H1N1 Information and Guidelines
- Basswood PTO Student Directory Information Form
- September Lunch Menu
- Basswood Newsalert
- Bus/Bike/Pedestrian Guidelines for Students
- Student Assurance Coverage Opportunity. This opportunity is dealt directly with the insurance agency, not Basswood Elementary and is optional.
- 2009-2010 District Elementary Parent Handbook
- Weather and Emergency School Closing Information (Save and Post)
- 2009-2010 Basswood Volunteer Handbook and application form
- OMGBA '09-10 Season Registration Information
- Basswood Chorus Information and sign up form (all 5th and 6th grade students)
- Cub Scout Orientation Flyer
- Presidential Speech to Students Letter

Please take the time to go through all this information. We know that it is a lot, but we feel it is very important that you are aware of procedures and policies at Basswood for this coming school year, so that we can have a safe and productive year.

Thank you for your immediate attention to the items that need your attention. If you have any questions, please call the school office and we will direct your call to the appropriate person.

Some Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendar!

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| September 15, Tuesday: | 6PM – 5 th Grade Parent Night
(Donovan-Connoy, Bowman, Anderson) |
| September 17, Thursday: | All School BBQ
6-6:45PM – 1 st Grade Parent Night |
| September 21, Monday: | 6:30PM – TAG Parent Night |
| September 22, Tuesday: | 3:30-4:30PM – 1 st Grade Planning Meeting
6:30-7:30PM – 3 rd Grade Parent Night |
| September 23, Wednesday: | 6:30PM – BW PTO General Meeting |
| September 24, Thursday: | 6-7:00PM – 4 th Grade Parent Night |
| September 25, Friday: | FUN RUN |
| October 2-23: | Sally Foster Fundraiser |



Have a great school year!!!