

# BASSWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

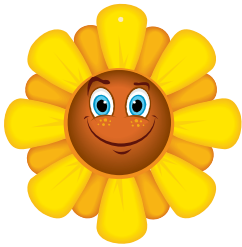
## MAY, 2009 NEWSLETTER



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[www.district279.org/elem/bw](http://www.district279.org/elem/bw)

### MAY



- 1 5:30-8:30PM BW Carnival
- 5 BW Kindergarten Orientation for next year's Kindergarten Families
- 6 1<sup>st</sup> Grade meeting with Naturalist
- 7 1<sup>st</sup> Grade meeting with Naturalist (AM only)  
8:10AM – Student Council Meeting
- 8 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra McTour to Park Brook and Zanewood Schools  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade meeting with Naturalist  
Kindergarten Cultural Celebration
- 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade meeting with Naturalist
- 14 Scholastic Book Fair  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade meeting with Naturalist
- 15 Scholastic Book Fair  
Kindergarten meeting with Naturalist  
Box Top Collection Day  
School Spirit Day – Wear red and black  
7:40AM – End of the Year Mentor Breakfast  
School Store open during the lunch hour – Group 1
- 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Baker Park (Olive)
- 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Baker Park (Flatgard/Forsyth)  
6:30PM – BW PTO Meeting (Budget)
- 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Baker Park (Harrington/Jensen)  
8:10AM – Student Council Meeting
- 22 School Store open during the lunch hour – Group 2
- 25 **NO SCHOOL** – Memorial Day
- 26 Super Kids Day – Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 9:15-10:45AM  
Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 1:30-3:00PM
- 27 Super Kids Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Forsyth, Flatgard, Harrington) and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
– 9:15-10:45AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Jensen, Olive) and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1:30-3:00PM  
10:30AM and 1:00PM – Kindergarten eating hot lunch @ BW
- 28 10:30AM – DARE Helicopter @ BW
- 29 School Spirit Day – 80's Day



**MAP/NWEA testing will be during April 27 – May 22 for Grades 2-6.**  
These are very important tests so please avoid scheduling any appointments and be sure to have your student(s) here on time and not leave early if at all possible. Students will also do better if they get a good night's rest and a good breakfast those days.

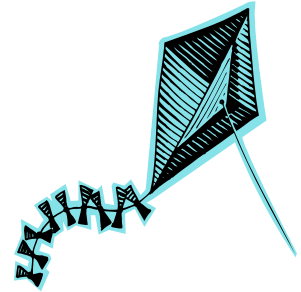
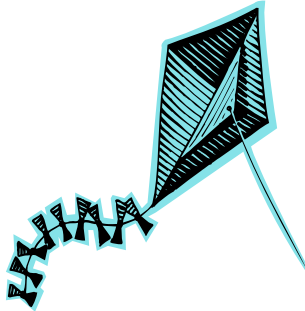
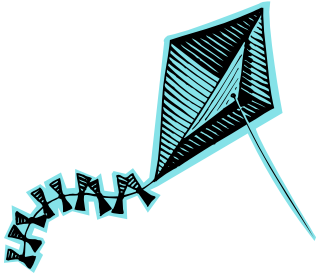


## NOTES FROM THE BASSWOOD OFFICE



### ATTENTION BASSWOOD PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- ❖ We are planning for the 2009-2010 school year. We would appreciate it if you would let us know if you are contemplating moving this summer or sending your child to a different school next fall. Please call Roxie, Basswood school secretary, at (763)494-3858, and let her know as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance!
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE: The final Box Top collection for this school year will be Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**



### OASIS 2008-09



**Osseo Area Source of Information and Support**  
Information and Support Group for Parents of Children with ADHD, ADD, LD, EODD, OCD, anxiety, autism, depression, and other learning and behavior differences.



**Weaver Lake Elementary School-Media Center  
15900 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove (763) 420-3337**

**Meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to our meeting, for a time of support and sharing with other parents.**

Share your concerns, or just listen. Get the support of others who have struggled and found solutions. This part of our meeting is facilitated by Sue Sullivan, experienced teacher and parent.

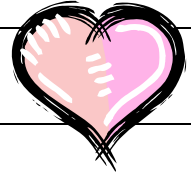
**Tuesday 7-9:00 p.m.**

**5/12/09-Bullying and Its Effect on Students**-Bullying is recognized as a major cause of violence and can impair the physical and mental health of children. Most often the attention falls on the bully and the victim, but research is now showing that the bystanders, both adult and children, have the potential to have the most impact on addressing the situation. This workshop identifies how bystanders are affected by the incident, their roles, and strategies for adults and children to move from bystander to action. **Donna McDonald, LSW**, is a Licensed Social Worker with over 15 years experience in children/family mental health and is the Violence Prevention Coordinator for Anoka County Community Health

**Questions:** Contact: Michele Vance (651-631-3219) [michelevance@hotmail.com](mailto:michelevance@hotmail.com); Shannon Ross (763-315-7664) [rosss@district279.org](mailto:rosss@district279.org); or Sue Sullivan (763-494-3240)

**CHILDCARE:** contact Michele Vance 651-631-3219 ([michelevance@hotmail.com](mailto:michelevance@hotmail.com)) or Weaver Lake Elementary 763-420-3337 prior to the meeting. OASIS is sponsored by Weaver Lake Elem. School, ISD 279 Dept. of Special Education, The 279 Foundation, District 279 Community Education and supported by volunteer parent and professional facilitation. These programs are open to all parents, caregivers, and staff.

**News from the Volunteer Coordinator - Jane Williams**  
**Direct Line: 315-6419**



**Please plan to join us at 10:30 this Thursday, April 30, for our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. This is an important day at Basswood, when we recognize the tremendous contributions volunteers have made to our community over the past months. No RSVP is necessary – just meet us in the media center!**

The Basswood Carnival will be this Friday, May 1, from 5:30 to 8:30. Please contact Jan Meimaridis, chairperson, at 763-416-0477, if you are available to help. The carnival is our biggest PTO social event of the year, and requires MANY volunteers.

The year has gone so fast. We will start our Art Adventure presentations on May 4. Thank you to all of our presenters who have trained and prepared for this month long commitment. Soon I will be looking for Super Kids Day volunteers, so please watch for those forms coming home in Wednesday envelopes.

Before we know it, we will be preparing for the start of school in the fall. Please let me know if you would be available and interested in helping at school in August – there are many tasks that need to get started before the students return; I know how busy everyone is at this time with children at home, so please know how much your help is appreciated!

**FROM THE KITCHEN- Pauline Nygard, Cook Manager**

May 1<sup>st</sup> Kitchen Choice  
Menu will be:  
**Hot Dog on a Bun**  
**Waffle Fries**  
**Green Beans**  
**Veggie Sticks**  
**Fruit Choices/Milk Choices**

May 26<sup>th</sup> menu will be:  
**Sloppy Joe on a Bun**  
**Bag of Baked Chips**  
**Mixed Vegetables**  
**Veggie Sticks**  
**Fruit Choices/Milk Choices**  
**Alternate: Chicken Patty**

May 28<sup>th</sup> menu will be:  
**Popcorn Chicken**  
**Dipping Sauces**  
**Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**  
**California Vegetables**  
**Veggie Sticks**  
**Fruit Choices /Milk Choices**  
**Alternate: Turkey Sandwich**



May 18<sup>th</sup> Brunch for Lunch  
will be:  
**Waffles and Syrup**  
**Scrambled Eggs**  
**Potato Patty**  
**Veggie Sticks**  
**Fruit Choices/Milk Choices**

May 27<sup>th</sup> menu will be:  
**Unbreaded Chicken Breast on a Bun**  
**Wedge Cut Fries**  
**Green Beans**  
**Veggie Sticks**  
**Fruit Choices /Milk Choices**  
**Alternate: Cheese Pizza**

May 29<sup>th</sup> menu will be:  
**California Burger on a Bun**  
**Lettuce and Tomato Fixings**  
**Twister Fries**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Veggie Sticks**  
**Fruit Choices /Milk Choices**  
**Alternate: Yogurt and Cheese**

In order for students to end the school year with a positive or a no balance account, the last day to charge a lunch or beverage is May 29. You will be getting a letter in the May 20 Wednesday envelope with more information. The June menu will be all kitchen choice days, and you will receive a menu in the May 27 Wednesday envelope. There will also be no alternates or seconds the last week of school (June 1 – 5), along with no charging lunches or beverages. Please feel free to call our cashier, Donna Wood, at 763-315-6417 if you need a balance update on your student's account or have any other questions. Her hours are 9:45-2:00-please leave a message with your return phone number if you need to, and she will return your call. You may also email her at [woodd@district279.org](mailto:woodd@district279.org). Thanks!



## Media Center News Jennifer Perusse, LMS

### End of the Year Media Center Timelines

The last week for regularly scheduled classes will be May 18-22. The last day to checkout materials will be Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All books are due back on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Hennepin County Library has some great programs this summer. Stop in or check them out online at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org). Kids Jr. Book Club is a great opportunity for students in grades 1-3 to read and discuss a variety of books. Reader's Theater is for grades 4-6 and they have a Games On! Class for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. It's a great community resource.

Notes from  
MaryBeth Patton, RNC  
Direct Line: 315-7670



**Health services forms available on ISD 279 website:** Did you know that you can access and print off forms for school from the convenience of your home? Well, you can! To access this information go to: [www.district279.org](http://www.district279.org) -> click on **departments -> student services -> health services -> health service specialist -> forms** (or other health area option of interest)

This is a list of some forms that are currently available:

- Medication consent
- Self Administration consent
- Sports Qualifying exam
- Asthma survey
- Pupil immunization record

**Allergies:** If you haven't already done so, please notify the Health Office at (763) 315-7670 if your child suffers from a severe reaction to insect bites, bee stings, foods or other allergens. **Children that carry Epi-Pens for this potential health risk at home should have one available at school.** Medication consent forms for these medications or any others (prescription or over-the-counter) can be obtained from the health office or from the district's website. **A physician's order and parent consent must be on file to administer ANY medications during the school day.**

**Soon-to-be 4<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Any current 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student who may be scheduled for a well-check yet this school year should stop by the health office and pick up a physical form to be completed by their physician or turn in a copy of the health exam form your physician uses. **It is recommended that you have an updated physical on file at school for your child.** For those who will be having well-checks over the summer, I will be sending home physical forms with the end of year report cards.

**Current 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Your time at Basswood is drawing to a close and junior high is on the horizon! Remember to bring in any updated immunization records and physical forms to me before the end of this school year. Any information completed after June 4, 2009 should be sent to Maple Grove Junior High.

**Sending home medications at the end of the year:** I will be sending home all medications kept in my health office with the appropriate students on the last day of school. If you **DO NOT** want your child's medication sent home with them, please let me know. **New medication orders** will be needed if any medications are to be given during the school day for the 2009-2010 school year. I will send blank medication consent form home with your child at the end of May so new orders can be obtained over the summer months. *(This form can also be downloaded from the district website if additional copies are needed.)*

## May 2009 TAG & Enrichment News

Marji Olson

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### Week(s) of:

- May 4-8
- May 11-15
- May 18-22
- May 25-29

### ExCEL Information

Seminar #4 Session 3  
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Seminar #4 Session 5  
Seminar #4 Session 6

### Acronyms and abbreviations:

**TAG** = Talented and Gifted

**ExCEL** = Extended Curriculum for Elementary Learners

**CML** = Continental Math League

### ExCEL Seminars:

**Grade 2:** Experimenting with Physics: Students will learn what adhesion and cohesion are while experimenting with bubbles.

**Grade 3:** Problem Solving Strategies: Students will learn the Productive Thinking Skills, along with SCAMPER, to increase creative thinking.

**Grade 4:** Inventing: Students will learn the process involved in inventing something new. They will design an original invention.

**Grade 5:** In One Day: Students will collect and graph data regarding a research question.

**Grade 6:** Mock Trial: Students will learn the roles in a court room and participate in a trial.

### Year of Transition:

As the Talented and Gifted Strategic Planning Committee completes their work from the program implementation scheduled for 2009-2010 school year, programmatic plans will be shared. The new department mission statement communicates alignment with the District 279 mission and gifted education research:

*The mission of the Osseo Area Schools' Talented and Gifted services is to recognize and appropriately serve the academic, social and emotional needs of its gifted/talented students so that they may grow and learn, achieve their dreams, contribute to community and engage in a lifetime of learning. Gifted/talented students, found in all the diverse cultures of our community, are those children and youth who demonstrate high performance or show the potential for high performance relative to others of their age, experience or environment.*

Watch for additional information to be released.

For more information about TAG Program Services, please access our web site:

<http://www.district279.org/services/TalentedGifted/>



## Mark your calendar:

### JUNE CALENDAR

- 2 9:00-1:30PM – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to MG Community Center  
10:30-12:00 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Picnic
- 3 AM Kindergarten Picnic – 10-11AM  
PM Kindergarten Picnic – 1:15-2:15PM
- 4 **Last Day of school for PM Kindergarten (Regular Day)**  
12:00-2:00PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Picnic
- 5 **Last Day of school for AM Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 (Dismiss at 12:50PM)**  
School Spirit Day – Wear red and black  
10:00-11:15AM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Celebration