



Dann C. Byck Elementary



Tammy Darden, Principal

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From The Principal's Pen...

Greetings Parents, Guardians, and Friends!



Hope you had a wonderful Summer Break! We are excited to see new and returning faces. This summer the staff attended institutes and school-based trainings to learn various ways to differentiate instruction and increase the rigor of your child's learning experiences. Hopefully they will come home and be able to share with you their "Smart or Learning Style".

Please join us in welcoming new members to the Byck Staff: Karen Keller (1st grade), Emilee Stumler (4th grade), Delana Hill (5th grade), Abby Terranova (3rd grade), Mary Clutts (Head Start), Justine Ginter (Head Start), Kathryn Schmidt (Pre-K), and Jeanette Davis (Bookkeeper).

This year will be our third year as a "Care For Kids" school. Students will continue to build relationships within and outside of the classroom (they should be able to share with you classroom expectations, norms, morning meetings, class check in meetings, voice levels and common area expectations). Three new editions to this initiative are monthly school-wide meetings, grade group service learning projects, and our student creed ("I Am What I Say I Am"). The last Friday of each month we will meet as a school to recognize students, staff, and volunteers, introduce or remind students of school-wide procedures, and highlight our Waldorf festivals. Please feel free to join us when you can (meetings begin at 9:00).

If you were not able to visit the "Garden/Brick Pathway" during the Ice Cream Social, you missed a treat! We are so proud of the work that the PTA has done; the students are excited to see their family names on the bricks and see their plants/vegetables grow. Please look for the monthly mailings from the PTA and support them by joining or volunteering at events or during the school day. All volunteers must complete a volunteer records check (even if you have done so before). If you have questions about the PTA please call the school and leave a message for Angela Zito, PTA President.

Once again we will have Ms. Holcomb as our School Administrative Manager. The role of a School Administrative Manager is to coordinate with the principal to maintain a positive safe learning environment for students by enforcing the school discipline plan. The SAM schedules all school events, field trips, cafeteria events, maintenance and cleaning and also monitors school attendance.

Last, because you are your child's first and most important teacher, it is our goal to always assist you in supporting his/her learning experiences at home. If you have questions about class work or homework please call us at 485-8221.

Sincerely

Tamara Darden, Principal



Counselor's Corner Brenda Bendson

Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success

Excerpt from *The Parent Institute*

Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background-one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

REMINDER:



Talent Development
Magnet
Waldorf-Inspired

**OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
6:00-7:30 pm**





Calendar of Events

Be sure to check out the calendar each week for updates and changes to our monthly calendar. There's a lot going on at Byck!

February

- 7 1st grade KY Ctr for the Arts "Freedom Opera"
- 11 KY Center for the Arts "Tuck Everlasting"
- 14 Parent Teacher Conference Day (**No School for Students**)
- 25 School Wide Check In Mtg- CARE for Kids

March

- 3 Test Taking Workshop- 2:00pm
- 4 **No School**
- 30 Discover Showcase

April

- 15 School-Wide Check In
- 18-29 KCCT Testing

May

- 2-5 Iowa Testing
- 10 Volunteer Prayer Lunch
- 13 Zoo Trip
- 19 Cougar of the Month
- 20 Spring Fling
- Check In Mtg- CARE for Kids
- 25 Fifth grade graduation
- 26 Last day of school

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September

- 6 Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 8 Boy Scout Interest Meeting—2:00pm
- 9 Boy Scout Parent Meeting- 7:00pm
Mad Science 4:00pm
- 10 Mime Time- Primary (1:00p) Intermediate (2:00p)
- 16 Open House- 6:00-7:30pm
Mad Science- 4:00pm
- 17 K/1st KY Ctr for the Arts "If you give a mouse..."
- 20-24 Grandparents Week
- 23 Mad Science 4:00pm
- 24 School Wide Check In (CARE for Kids)
- 27 Move-A-Thon
- 30 Cougar of the Month (Cafeteria- 2:45pm)
Mad Science 4:00pm

October

1 Professional Development Day (No School)

4 Gold Day (No School)

- 7 4th & 5th grade parent night
Mad Science (4:00pm)
- 8 Discover Rotation Begins
- 13 Parent-Teacher Conference (After School)
- 14 Parent-Teacher Conference (After School)
Mad Science (4:00)
- 28 Literacy Night 6:00-7:30pm
- 29 Book Character Day
Check-In Meeting (CARE for Kids)

November

2 Election Day (No School)

8 Gold Day (No School)

- 10 Vision Screening
- 11 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 18 Picture Day
- 19 School-Wide Mtg (CARE for Kids)
- 24-26 THANKSGIVING BREAK (No School)**
- 30 Cougar of the Month (Cafeteria- 2:45p)

December

- 3 Discover
- 20-31 Winter Break**

January

- 7 Juggling Up the Ladder
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)**
- 21 Begin 2nd Discover
- 27 Cougar of the Month (Cafeteria- 2:45p)
- 28 School-Wide Check In- CARE for Kids

Come out
YOU ARE
INVITED.....



OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2010
6:00-7:30PM

Witness some daily activities and routines your child participates in during the school day.

Come meet with your child's teacher and visit numerous information booths

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!



Special Rose Ceremony
 Tuesday, September 7th, 2010
 A Welcome to the Kindergarten Classes
 Held in the James Bond Gymnasium

Kentucky High Attendance Day

Kentucky High Attendance Day
Thursday,
September 16th, 2010



Coming Soon...

Upcoming SBDM Meeting
Thursday, September 9th
4:00 pm
Front Office

Recent Additions to the Byck Staff

Mary Clutts– Head Start Teacher

Jeanette Davis– Bookkeeper

Justine Ginter– Head Start Teacher

Delana Hill– 5th Grade Teacher

Karen Keller– 1st Grade Teacher

Katie Schmidt- Pre-K Teacher

Emilee Stumler– 4th Grade Teacher

Abby Terranova– 2nd Grade Teacher



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MOVE-A-THON

September 27th, 2010

Dance, Skip, Jump and Run for Byck!!

**Help us Fund our Discover Classes
 And
 Magnet Programs**

Transportation Information



Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year! We are glad you are here.

Adult supervision for students at Byck will begin at **8:25 am**. Please do not drop students off before this time.

Dismissal is at 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please be at the appropriate dismissal area to receive your child.

Car Riders

Students that are car riders will be dismissed from the car rider loop (please enter Eddy Street from 22nd and line up in the loop).

Walkers

Students that are walkers will be dismissed on Cedar Street (the exit closest to 24th street).

Bus Riders

Bus riders will be escorted out to buses by staff members.

If you arrive early to pick up your child please wait at the appropriate dismissal location.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office 485-8221.

Thank you,
Tamara Darden, Principal

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Equal Opportunity Policies

Equal Employment Opportunity Employees/Applicants

The Jefferson County Public School District shall not discriminate in recruitment or employment on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital or parental status, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, religion, or political opinion or affiliation. The District shall promote equal opportunities through a vigorous affirmative action program as an integral part of personnel policy and practice in the employment, development, advancement, and treatment of employees of the Jefferson County Public Schools.

In the Event of Questions

Employees or applicants, report to immediate superior, appropriate personnel administrator, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate enforcement agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Equal Educational Opportunity Students/Parents or Guardians

No student shall be denied equal educational opportunity for any reason by the Jefferson County Board of Education because of his or her age, color, disability, parental status, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or veteran status.

Harassment/Discrimination of any type is not permitted. A student has the right to attend school free from harassment and should not be subjected to discrimination for any reason. Schools will strive to ensure that these rights are protected and that appropriate consequences are provided to offenders.

In the Event of Questions

Students and parents/guardians, report to principal, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate government agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Noncompliance with the above policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Discrimination Grievance Procedure

The Jefferson County Public Schools Discrimination Grievance Procedure is available at local schools, on the Jefferson County Public Schools Web site at www.jcpsky.net, or in the Compliance and Investigations Office, C. B. Young Jr. Service Center, 3001 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY 40209. Contact Cheryl Walker, Compliance and Investigations director, at 485-3341, or call or write one of the following enforcement agencies:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Place, Suite 268
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 582-6082
www.eeoc.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights
Wanamaker Building, Suite 515
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 656-8541
www.ed.gov

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights
The Heyburn Building, Suite 700
332 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 595-4024
<http://kchr.ky.gov>

Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission
410 West Chestnut Street, Suite 300A
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 574-3631
www.louisvilleky.gov/HumanRelations



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