

# Bell Tower School Newsletter

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Principal

## Welcome to BTS!



### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Orientation Night Sept. 8 6 pm
- ◆ Grandparents' Day TBA

### Child Release Guidelines

Only authorized persons may pick up students

An authorized person must be 18 years old or older and have a valid I.D. card.

His or her name must be written on the emergency information form or prior to the child being released. Parents must notify the school and authorize the adult picking up their child with a written permission statement.

You may add or delete names from the list by coming into the office and requesting your child's personal file.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

Welcome to the new school year 2008-09!

Our goal is to help students to foster academic excellence, cultivate creativity, and develop social skills. We are very excited to see how our students' will blossom as they progress through each program.

We are looking forward to a fabulous incoming year of working together to enrich your little ones' development.

Please familiarize yourself with the monthly calendar on the front bulletin board and the white board next to the entrance door area. They highlight the upcoming events

Also, the teachers will be sending you home monthly calendars that emphasize the week's activities and include a monthly curriculum guide, students' birthdays, and other interesting classroom activities.

Let's keep the communication open and have a great school year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Adriana Spik

### Orientation Night

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 6 pm to 8 pm BTS will have an Orientation Night for all parents.

Children and close family members are invited to share refreshments and greet new friends, teachers, other parents, and administrators. This is a social event to get to know the members of the BTS' community.

Teachers, parents, children will work on an activity together. Be prepared to cut, glue, color, and paste! It will be a lot of fun!

### Assessments

During the months of September and October the Pre K and Kindergarten classes will be tested on letter, numeral, and shape recognition. The results will serve as a baseline for the teacher to work with for each of their students.

### Extra clothes

Extra clothes set must be at school by Sept. 9th. Even the most "experienced" potty trained child has accidents sometimes. Be prepared for the emergency and replace it when used the following day. Clothes need not be school uniforms, but they **MUST NOT** be shared

### Grandparents' Day!

We send a warm invitation to all the grandparents of Bell Tower Trilingual School students to come for our Grandparents' Day Celebration. The children will serenade those who attend. Tea and cookies will be served. We will be sending a form for you to RSVP by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

### REMINDERS

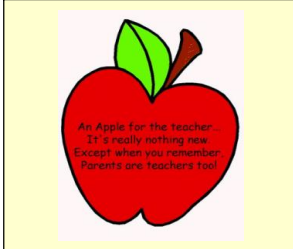
Breakfast is served from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. There is no supervisor on duty at the breakfast table after 8:00 am.

The playground is closed when there is no staff member on duty. It is closed specifically from 5:00 pm to 8:30 am and from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

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**“Starting school for the first time can be a highly stressful experience for children. Whether your child is entering full time preschool or a part time program, proper preparation will ensure a smooth transition.”**

A. S.

## Bring Your Smile to Preschool

Bring your smiles, everyone!  
Hop on down for some preschool fun.

Singing, dancing, playing too; lots of fun for me and you.  
Running and jumping in the sun, exercise is so much fun.

Bring your smiles everyone, hop on down for some preschool fun.



## Saying Good-bye ...

### THE GOOD-BYE ROUTINE

Saying Good-Bye can be one of the most difficult things for your child. They cling to you, cry, scream or cause a mini riot.

The trick to an effective Goodbye is to follow some simple steps. Always say Goodbye. Do not prolong the Goodbye. Never slip out without saying Goodbye.

Tell your child exactly what time they will be picked up and follow through on the timing. If you think you might be late, tell them about that possibility. Give your child a kiss, a hug or a wave when leaving.

After a few days you may discover that your child's crying upon your leaving only lasts a few minutes. Children get used to the process very quickly.

However, a consistent routine is the key to your success.

Be patient and you will see the results in no time.



## THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE VISITING US...

Alhambra's Police Department will be visiting us during this month.

They will come to talk about important topics such as safety, calling 911, talking to strangers, street signs, and many other essential practices for the children's lives.

Date and time will be announced soon.



## UNIFORMS

Uniforms are available in the office. It is mandatory to wear the everyday uniform to school daily, and dress uniforms (with school logo) for special events. Please, stop by the office if you have any questions.

## Parent's Handbook

Please read and get familiar with our handbook. There you will find very useful information to guide you through the year. Remember to sign and return the last page of the handbook. Keep it handy for further reference.

## Shh! We are sleeping!

*Naptime hours are from 12 pm to 2 pm. If you are planning on picking up your child during these hours, please, notify the office in advance.*

*Resting is a very important activity of the day to recover energy, so please be respectful of the other children when they are asleep.*

*Enter the room quietly and leave quickly. Thanks!*

## Roly Polys ?



What are Roly Polys? Are they bugs? No... Roly Polys are the bedding for the children's cots!

They are comfortable, light, warm, and easy to carry and take home on Fridays to be washed. Everything is included: quilted back, soft blanket, and a pillow in beautiful navy blue and red.

Remember to bring them back on Monday!

(For sale in the office)