



Bernd Elementary Leadership Academy, Where Rigor Is Routine!



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ACADEMIC PARENT-TEACHER TEAMS

Mark your calendar for **Monday, September 18, 2023**, for our first **Academic Parent Teacher Leadership Academy** meeting for the year. The event will **begin at 5:00 p.m.** and **conclude around 6:30 p.m.** It is an **EXPECTATION** you attend, and it's important you are here from the beginning.

The goal of our Academic Parent Teacher Leadership Academy is to engage the family to strengthen teacher-family relationships by focusing on student academic growth and achievement.

At this meeting, you will be introduced to an identified area of weakness for your child, taught a lesson surrounding that weakness, provided with activities or tasks to complete at home with your child, and instructed on how to use the activity to support growth in the identified area of weakness. See you there.

KICKBALL GAME FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED

It's time to invite our students to have some fun while helping to raise additional funds that will be used to recognize our students for making positive behavioral choices.

Our kickball game is slated for September 22, 2023, during each grade-level's Specials time. To play in the game, students will pay \$3.00. To only watch, students will pay \$2.00. Snacks will be sold, as well. If you, as a parent, would like to play with the grade-level your child is associated, bring your \$3.00, and join us during your child's grade-level's Specials time on September 22, 2023.

Again, the funds raised will be used to recognize our students for making positive behavioral choices.

THE LEADER IN ME - THE READER IN ME

Because we KNOW the power of literacy for our students, we have goals, initiatives, rewards, and expectations related to Reading at Bernd. However, it can't just happen at Bernd. If your student will improve his/her Lexile, he/she must have your support at home. That's why we require our students, your child(ren), to read at least 20 minutes nightly **AT HOME!**

Are you ensuring this is occurring? Get involved; set aside 20 minutes each night to read with your child(ren); ask your child(ren) about his/her Lexile – each student should know it; hold conversations with your readers about what they're reading; expect summaries to be written!

THE LEADER IN ME – 4DX

As leaders, we live and breathe the 4 Disciplines of Execution. Your child should know these 4 Disciplines. Go ahead – ask him/her!

Discipline #1 – Focus on the Wildly Important

Discipline #2 – Act on the Lead Measures

Discipline #3 – Keep a Compelling Scoreboard

Discipline #4 – Create a Cadence of Accountability

Each leader, K-5, has a leadership notebook that is outlined with the 4 Disciplines. They have Reading and Math W.I.G.s; they have action steps for both Reading and Math; they have a compelling scoreboard where they monitor their goals and action steps; and they have weekly meetings with their teacher to discuss goals, progress, and next steps. Live by it!

DON'T BE LATE; YOU'LL MISS SOMETHING GREAT!

Please be reminded the **TARDY BELL** rings @ 8:20 a.m. Students arriving at 8:20 a.m. are tardy and begin their day behind. Also, students leaving at any point during the day are considered tardy.

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#wearebernd

#raiderpride

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 01: (2:15) PBIS Event #1 – Water Day

September 04: Labor Day No School

September 05: Professional Learning Day (No Students)

September 08-14: Book Fair

September 08: Raider Rally

September 13: Jay's Hats for Hope \$1

September 13: Mandatory 5th Grade Parent Meeting for Washington D.C. Field Trip

September 15: Progress Report #1 Posted to Parent Portal

September 18: (5:00-6:30) Academic Parent Teacher Leadership Academy

September 22: (During Specials) Kickball Game Fundraiser

September 29: (2:15) Synergy Squads