



# Basin Elementary News

*Educating Today's Children for Tomorrow's World*



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## Upcoming Events



- **August 27th** - Back to School Night
- **September 5th** - Labor Day, No School
- **September 9th** - PTA Meeting
- **September 20th** - Teacher Inservice, No School

### Back to School Night

Back to School Night is scheduled for the evening of August 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is a district-wide event. We will have a professional magician for entertainment for the students while parents have time with the teachers. Cross-country will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner fundraiser beginning at 5:00 in the cafeteria. Please see the flier for more information.

### Important Paperwork

All students will have a packet of paperwork that we will need to have filled out and returned. Students that have recently registered, will only have a few items. Additionally, we will be emailing a link to our Student Handbook. If families wish to have a printed hard copy, we will send one home. Please look for the following information:

#### All Students

- Communication, Medical and Photo Usage Updates
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application
- Field Trip Permission

#### Additional for Returning Students

- Emergency Card

### Parent/Guardian Communication

We are striving to increase communication between home and school. One of our strategies that we started using was the brief update in each Tuesday Folder. Previously, teachers would

mark an appropriate comment and/or leave a personalized note for you each week. Starting in September, students will be making the comment and teachers will indicate below if they agree or disagree. If necessary, a teacher follow up comment will be included for clarification. We believe that by having students make the comments, they will become more reflective on their own learning, engagement and overall behavior. We are asking that parents comment back on the corresponding line or initial. We are expecting that students return the folder on Wednesday.

### Morning Drop-off Times

All students may be dropped off in the cafeteria for breakfast beginning at 7:55 a.m. **We ask that parents do not drop students off prior to that time as we do not have supervision until then.** All kindergarten through sixth grade students will go directly to the cafeteria in the mornings rather than coming into the elementary building. Teachers will meet students in the cafeteria at 8:10. On Thursday mornings, we have our weekly staff meeting and the ELEMENTARY doors will be locked until 7:55.

### Character Education ~7 Healthy Habits

This year during Character Ed we will continue to incorporate ideas from Stephen Covey's book, *The Leader In Me* as an introduction to personal leadership and making positive choices. The students will be working on the 7 Habits of Happy Kids as well as our school wide goal to have every student develop an increased ability to show self control.

Turn Over

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These are the 7 Habits that will be taught this school year:

- Habit 1 - Be Proactive: You're in charge
- Habit 2 - Begin With The End in Mind: Have a plan
- Habit 3 - Put First Things First: Work first, then play
- Habit 4 - Think Win-Win: Everyone can win
- Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood: Listen before you talk
- Habit 6 - Synergize: Together is better
- Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw: Balance feels best

*"Self-Control is knowing you can, but deciding you won't." ~Anonymous*