



Blevins Middle School Newsletter

Hello Blevins Community!

The fall season is upon us and as the outside temperature changes, the leaves begin to turn and fall to the ground. The Blevins school community is busy. Student athletes are “wrapping up” their respective softball, tennis and football seasons and other clubs (i.e. Science Olympiad, FOR, and SLT) are organizing and planning for the year. We are in the middle of our annual magazine fundraiser. In addition to all of the student directed activities, the Blevins staff is involved in professional development.

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend Back to School Night and/or Parent Teacher Conferences. We appreciate the parents who were able to find the time in their busy schedule to come and share positive comments and kudos with the Blevins staff and administration. If you were unable to attend and need to see a teacher, please give them a call or e-mail.

In order to keep up with grades, parents can access Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV), which is a web-based grade reporting system. Letters describing PIV have been distributed. If you have not received yours and are not familiar with PIV, please give Student Services a call at 488-4008. In addition, Blevins distributed mid-quarter grade reports to students on September 16th. If you did not see the mid-quarter report, please ask your student(s) about them. You should also be seeing 1st quarter report cards on or about October 28th. Finally, I encourage you to communicate with your student’s teachers by e-mail, phone or by appointment whenever necessary. Contact information is available on the Blevins Website.

Remember that you can order magazines at any time throughout the year by logging onto the QSP website at QSP.com, our school code is 1087283.

Respectfully,

David W. Linehan

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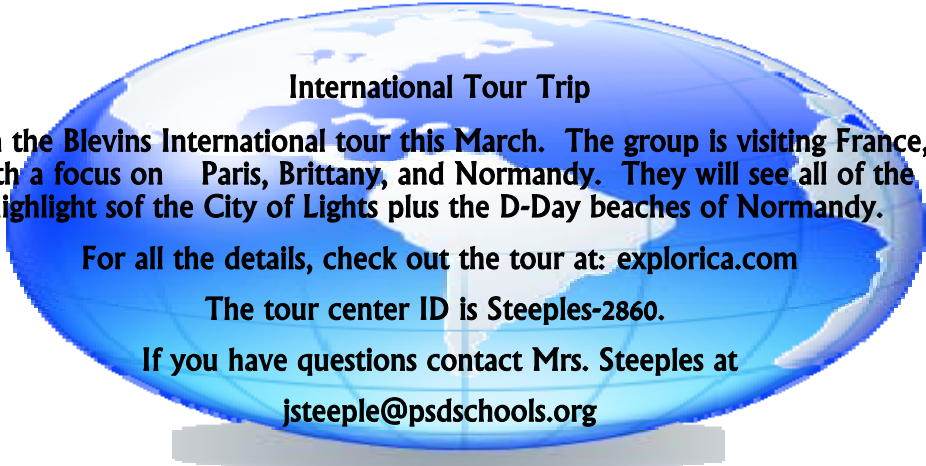
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For all the details, check out the tour at: explorica.com

The tour center ID is Steeples-2860.

If you have questions contact Mrs. Steeples at

jsteeples@psdschools.org

GREEN RIVER RAFTING TRIP

AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Mr. Schachet will be hosting an informational meeting for those interested in a 5day raft trip down the Green River through Desolation Canyon in May. The meeting will take place on Thursday October 27th from 7pm-8:30pm. Any 7th or 8th grade student that is interested in taking the adventure of a lifetime should attend with their parents.

Please email Mr. Schachet at tschache@psdschools.org with any questions. Only 20 spots are available for this trip!



*Congratulations to the following students for being
recognized as the
September Blevins Students of the Month!*

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Manar Filemban	Jacob Leija	Melody Brunswig
Chase Howard	Gabby Perez	Araceli Santistevan
Dani Young	Ellaina Vernon	Tristan Witty



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FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

PSD IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DATE:

NOVEMBER 1, 2011

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011 students who do not have an up-to-date Certificate of Immunization on file cannot attend school until a completed immunization record is received. A Notice of Exclusion will be sent at least 14 days prior to the exclusion date to those individuals not yet compliant.

Contact Blevins Health Office at 488-4007 if you have any questions regarding your child's immunizations.

When to Keep Your Child Home From School

Poudre School District recommends that parents keep children home if they have:

- **A temperature over 100 degrees (students must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school)**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Ear pain**
- **Eye drainage, redness, or itching**
- **Sore throat**
- **Swollen glands**
- **A significant cough**

Remember we do not have a full time nurse on site every day. Please do not send your child to school to be "diagnosed".

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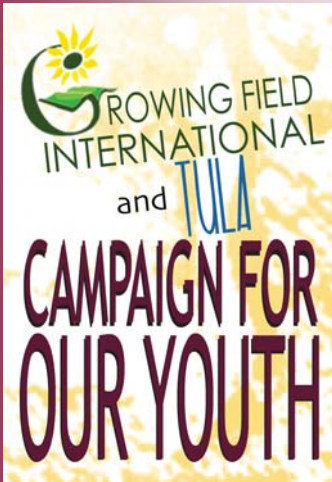
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October 2011

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	S
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2	3 SAC Meeting 3:30 VS @ Blevins	4 8FBall @ Blevins Cross Country @ Spring Canyon	5 7Ball @ CLP VS @ Boltz	6 VS @ Leshar	7 School Dance 7-9pm	8
9	10 VS @ Blevins Cross Country @ CLP	11 PTO Mtg. 6:30 8FBall @ Boltz	12 7Fball @ Blevins	13 Choir/Orch Concert 7:00pm	14	15
16	17 Girls Basketball Tryouts Begins	18 8th FBall @ Preston Band Concert 7:00pm	19 7th FBall @ Blevins	20 Picture Retakes 7:30am End of 1st Quarter Chili Supper 5:30	21 No School	22
23	24 Wrestling Begins	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Student Of the Month Lunch					

Schedule of Events

- **Oct 3** - SAC Meeting 3:30pm
- **Oct 7** - School Dance 7-9pm \$5.00
- **Oct 11** - PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- **Oct 13** - Choir/Orchestra Concert 7:00pm
- **Oct 17** - Girls Basketball Tryouts begin after school
- **Oct 18** - Band Concert 7:00pm
- **Oct 20** - Picture Retakes 7:30am/End of 1st Quarter/Chili Supper 5:30pm
- **Oct 21** - NO SCHOOL
- **Oct. 24** - Wrestling begins after school

Bruin Sports Information: Now that football, softball and tennis seasons are wrapping up, it is time to get ready for girls basketball, wrestling and boys basketball. Girls basketball tryouts begin on October 17th for 7th and 8th grade. Practices are Mon-Fri from 2:45-5:00. The first day of practice for wrestling is October 24th. Boys basketball tryouts begin December 19th.

Remember, in order to play a student must have a physical form on file at Blevins. (Contact coaches if your child is interested in playing but doesn't have a physical.) The dates for all games and matches are on the Blevins website.

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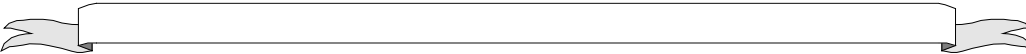
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Attention 8th Grade Parents.
Your child is amazing. Purchase your 8th Grade Recognition Add now, "Straight from the heart and into the yearbook". Make sure to send them off to high school with the special recognition they deserve. Don't miss this last opportunity to show your child how proud you are. Space will be sold first come, first serve. Placing your ad is quick and simple! Plus, purchase before October 25th and get a discount! We will be mailing flyers home soon or you can visit www.theyearbookcompany.com to get more information or to place your order.



YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

We have an amazing year ahead of us at Blevins Middle School and our yearbook will capture all the big events of the school year. Don't let your student miss out on our yearbook designed by our students, for our students. Order the yearbook and capture the memories.

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- * Starting January 9th for \$37

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TEEN READ WEEK

Teen Read Week is October 16-22. Blevins will be celebrating with several fun events:

- ◆ We'll be having a bookmark contest at Blevins. The top three winners will receive great prizes!
- ◆ Prizes will also be given to students found in the "random act of reading" during that week.

We will be doing a survey to discover Blevins favorite books! The survey will be open for students to vote during October 5th through Oct. 14th.

Check the Blevins website for the link to vote

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Blevins Middle School

Chili Supper

Thursday October 20th
5:30pm-7:30pm @

Blevins Middle School

Food and Fun!

\$5 Per Plate or \$15 Per Family

All The Money Raised From The Event Will Be Used To Improve The Blevins Weight Room For Student And Athletic Use.

We Still Need:

Items for Auction – Contact Mr. Schachet
tschache@psdschools.org 488-4031

Cakes for Cake Walk – Contact Ms. Polenz
apolenz@psdschools.org 488-4049

This is a great event, come out and support Blevins Students and Athletics on October 20th.




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From the District:

Parents - attend "PSD 101" conference Oct. 3

PSD's parent District Advisory Board invites parents, community members and staff to a free "PSD 101" conference to learn how the district operates and how to make an impact in the decision-making process. The free conference will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3, at Blevins Middle School, 2101 S. Taft Hill Rd. No pre-registration is required. Spanish interpreters will be available.

PSD experts will conduct presentations and answer questions during informational breakout sessions on science, literacy, academies, safety, transitions and the calendar. Informational tables and computer help accessing your student's information will also be available. For more information, contact Cathy Kipp at kipp_family@comcast.net or John Lynne at akpilot@msn.com.

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER OR ROAD CONDITIONS

If schools are closed due to inclement weather and/or questionable road conditions, parents should tune in to local radio and television stations, or go online to PSD's website at www.psdschools.org to find out about school closures the morning of the day in question.

PROCEDURES FOR USING DRUG DETECTION DOGS


In order to promote a drug free school community, Poudre School District may initiate the random use of drug dogs on school premises during the school day. Drug dogs may be taken to all areas of the school premises, including student lockers, classrooms, locker rooms, and parking lots.

If you have any questions or concerns, please notify your school administrator.

Update phone numbers and parent contact information

It is vital for parents to keep phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contact information updated throughout the school year. **Provide your email for emergency notifications and communication via email**, sign up @ www.psdschools.org "Email Alert Sign Up"

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DISNEY'S MULAN JR.

Travel back to the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China with this action-packed stage adaptation of the 1998 film, *Disney's Mulan*.

The Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor! *Disney's Mulan Jr.* is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and a fighting spirit. The score includes favorites like "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You" as well as new songs that tell the story of Mulan's journey.

December 8 and 9 at 7:00 PM in the Blevins Auditoria. Tickets will be: \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (ages 3+) and PSD students. Children under 3 are free.

Tickets will go on Sale November 1st!

Contact Brian Floyd at 488-4029 for more information.



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