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# August 2008 – Bear Tracks

## Principal's Pen

**Dear Blevins Students and Parents:**

**The start of the 2008-2009 school year is fast approaching! I hope you are enjoying your summer and are finding some quality time to spend with family and friends. As I write this letter, it is hot! I hope you are finding ways to keep cool. I am very excited about the 2008-2009 school year. This year, Blevins will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in serving the children and families of the Blevins' community. Please look for details in future newsletters that will inform you of Blevins' plans in commemorating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is an honor for me to be the principal of Blevins, and it is my continued hope, that together, we can provide meaningful learning experiences for all students that help prepare them with the tools and knowledge necessary to be active, engaged and well-informed citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. You have my commitment to work hard, be thoughtful and to listen.**

**A strong educational experience cannot occur without all invested partners working together to achieve common goals. As the school year progresses, you as parents/guardians will find opportunities to share in the responsibility of partnering with the school staff to support your child in his/her learning experiences and achievement. As we work together, I encourage you to take an active approach in supporting your child and the school staff. The goals we have set forth are important to the success of your child, and they are equally important to the success of Blevins. Together, we all want a very successful and positive learning experience for our students. Currently, Blevins is seeking parent and community volunteers to serve on both school and district committees. We have openings in the following areas: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Site Improvement Team (SIT) (SIT needs both parents and community/business representation), District Accountability Board (DAB). Please contact Michele Trujillo, Blevins Office Manager, or myself at 488-4000 if you are interested in assisting with any of these positions.**

**For community and student safety, Blevins will continue to focus on traffic flow, parking, bus drop-off/pickup and student drop-off/pickup. Enclosed in this newsletter is a flier outlining traffic flow around the building for all users. Please, Please, Please continue to use the designated student drop-off on the west side or behind Blevins. Please, Please, Please do not use the east/front cul-de-sac for student pickup or drop-off when busses are present (7:25 – 7:50 am. and 2:15 – 3:05 pm before and after school). We ask that everyone observe the guidelines set forth in the flier for the safety and security of students, staff and community users of the Blevins building site and Taft Hill Road access.**

**In this newsletter you will find all the information you will need to start the school year. Please pay particular attention to the specifics of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, schedule distribution and the first day of school activities. I encourage you to read each page carefully for all details pertaining to you and your child. We want all student and parents informed and ready to begin the year successfully! Enjoy the remaining weeks of your summer. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the upcoming school year.**

**David W. Linehan, Principal**

## Back to School Edition

August 2008

### Schedule Distribution

Schedules and important student data materials will be distributed in the following manner:

- **7th Graders** will receive schedules and locker assignments at an orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Parents should also attend this orientation. If you are unable to attend Aug. 13, pick up your schedule in the auxiliary gym between 7:20 and 7:40 am on August 18, Opening Day at Blevins. Students will be assigned their lockers and may locate them and try working their combinations on August 13.
- Student Planners will be for sale
- **8th & 9th Graders** will pick up schedules and receive locker assignments on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 8:30 am. The students will receive other important papers including Student Data Update Forms, Insurance Forms, Free and Reduced Lunch Forms, Video and Internet Non-Permission Forms. 8th/9th graders will receive lockers on Tuesday, August 12 at 8:30-10:00 am. Students may locate lockers and try their new combinations until 10:00.

\*\*\*\***Sorry, Blevins is unable to assign lockers or distribute schedules before these dates.**\*\*\*\*

### What To Expect On The First Day

Monday, August 18

**Opening Day Schedule:** School begins on Monday, August 18. **ALL CLASSES WILL MEET AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.**

**8th & 9th Graders** will report to classes at 7:50 am and attend a full day schedule through 2:40 pm. Students who have not picked up their schedules or have lost a schedule should report to the auxiliary gym #100 between 7:20 and 7:40 am.

**7th Graders** will report to the main gym by 7:50 am and attend a full day schedule through 2:40 pm.

## Blevins School Supply list

### *Supplies needed to begin school:*

- Large 3-ring binder (2") with pencil bag
- 2 pens (blue or black)
- 2 #2 pencils
- Lined loose-leaf paper

### *Supplies that will be needed throughout the school year:*

- Colored pencils
- 3x5 note cards (1 packet)
- Eraser
- Graph paper
- Notebook dividers
- Scientific calculator (for math classes)
- Glue (for art classes)
- Highlighters (for reading classes)
- A dictionary for home use is suggested by the English department
- Students **must** purchase a Blevins student planner available in the main office
- P.E. classes require that students have a complete set of gym clothes (preferably black shorts, a short sleeved white shirt, and tennis shoes) ready to wear each day

*\*Individual teachers may request other supplies.*

*\*Certain classes may charge a class fee*

Note: All textbooks issued by the school will need to be covered.

# August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					New Student Registration →	
10	11 -Football Meeting at 2pm	12 -8th and 9th Locker and schedule distribution 8:30-10	13 -7th Grade Orientation at 6:30pm	14	15	16
	←				→	
17	18 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Back to School Night 6:30pm (Planner and Yearbooks available for purchase 7 Fball @ Blevins 8 Fball @ Preston	27	28	29 School pictures	30
31						

## Schedule of Events

- **Aug 7-15** - New student registration (call for Appointment)
- **Aug 11**- 7th and 8th grade Football meeting 2:00 pm
- **Aug 11-12**- Football Camp 3-5pm
- **Aug 12** - 8th and 9th grade schedule and locker distribution 8:30 am
- **Aug 13** - 7th grade Student and Parent Orientation and schedule and locker distribution 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Aug 18** - First day of school!
- **Aug 26** - Back to School Night
- **Aug 29** - School pictures

# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	2 PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm	3	4	5	6
		8 Fball @ Blevins	7 Fball @ CLP		Softball @ Blevins	
7	8	9 Magazine fundraiser Kick-off Assembly	10	11	12	13
		8 Fball @ Leshar	7 Fball @ Blevins Softball @ CLP		Softball @ Blevins	
14	15 NO SCHOOL Staff Collaboration Day	16	17	18	19	20
		8 Fball @ Blevins	7 Fball @ Kinard Softball @ Kinard		Softball @ Blevins	
21	22	23 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 pm	24	25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 pm	26	27
	7 Fball @ Blevins	8 Fball @ Boltz	7 Fball Bye Softball Bye		Softball @ Lincoln	
28	29	30 8 Fball Bye				

## Schedule of Events

- **Sept 3** - No School - Labor Day
- **Sept 2** - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Sept 9** - Magazine fundraiser Kick-off
- **Sept 15** - No School - Staff Collaboration Day
- **Sept 23 & 25** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 pm

## Schedule of Events

- **Oct 7** - PTO Meeting  
6:30 pm
- **Oct 13**- EVEN Schedule Day
- **Oct 17** - No School -  
Teacher In-service day
- **Oct 23** - Picture re-  
takes
- **Oct 27**- EVEN Schedule Day
- **Oct 31**- No School  
Staff Collaboration

# October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Softball @ Blevins 7 Fball @ Lincoln	2	3 Softball @ Webber	4
5	6	7 PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm 8 Fball @ Blevins Softball Pig Tail Game	8 7 Fball @ Blevins Softball Tournament	9 8 Fball @ Wellington Softball Tournament	10 Softball Tournament	11 Community Homecoming Parade 8:00 am
12	13 EVEN SCHEDULE	14 8 Fball @ Blevins	15 7 Fball @ Webber Wrestling Starts	16	17 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service	18
	<b>Girls Basketball Tryouts</b>					
19	20	21	22	23 Picture Re-takes	24	25
26	27 EVEN SCHEDULE	28	29	30	31 No School Staff Collaboration	

## From the Counselors:

### ***Keep your student safe while surfing online***

Your student uses the Internet to do homework, chat with friends and just have fun. But do you know what else she's doing online? Since junior high students can often be moody and secretive, it can be tough to get your teen to open up and talk about what she sees and does online.

Besides, she may feel like she's old enough to handle whatever strange, scary things she encounters online. Or she may keep those things secret because she doesn't want to feel like a baby by telling you about them. Either way, it's vital that you keep tabs on her Internet use and that you know what she's doing in cyberspace. Here are some signs that your child may be at risk for online trouble:

- **She spends lots of time logged on**, particularly at night. Kids who spend a great deal of time online (especially in chat rooms) are more likely to fall victim to online

predators.

- **You discover pornography on her computer.** Predators often lure kids into sexual relationships by sending them pornography. And even if no one sent her the images, the fact that you found them tells you she's visiting inappropriate sites.
- **She shuts off the monitor** as soon as you enter the room.
- **She withdraws from the family.** Although some "pulling away" is normal for teens, a total withdrawal isn't.

To keep your child from getting into serious trouble online:

- **Talk to her** about Internet dangers.
- **Keep the family computer** in the living room or other place, not in your child's bedroom.

- **Use filtering software** to prevent her from visiting sites that are inappropriate.
- **Spend time** with her online. Get to know her favorite sites.
- **Limit her** computer usage.
- **Teach her** never to give out personal information online.
- **Insist that** chat rooms (if you decide to let her enter them) be kid-friendly and are monitored regularly.

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*Source: "A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety", Federal Bureau of Investigation, [www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguidee.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguidee.htm).*

# CLINIC INFORMATION



## **Health Information** **for 2008-2009**

### **Immunizations:**

***AS PER STATE LAW: STUDENTS MUST BE COMPLIANT TO BE IN SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD REQUIRES THESE IMMUNIZATIONS PRIOR TO ATTENDING BLEVINS:***

DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	5 doses
Polio	4 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses*
*A 2 dose series is now available for children ages 11-15.	
MMRs	2 doses
Varicella	1 dose
(or disease history from health care provider, parent or guardian.)	

Please submit proof of these immunizations as soon as possible to your current school. If this is not done, your child will be excluded from school and their schedule will be withheld. You may fax immunization records or request your doctor's office to fax this information to Blevins at (970) 488-4011 Attn: Janet Diack. We appreciate your prompt attention and help.

### **Health Care Action Plans:**

Your child is unique. Please give us details about any health concerns that your child may have so we may be of assistance to your child at school. The school nurse will review any information you provide and a Health Care Plan may be developed. Health Care Action Plan forms are available in the Health Office **(and**

**must be renewed yearly).** This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and a physician. Parents/guardians may fax Health Care Action Plans to the physician to sign. Return the signed forms to Blevins for the 2008-09 school year.

- Migraines or frequent headaches
- Asthmas, especially Inhaler users
- Severe allergies, especially Epipen users
- Diabetes
- Seizures
- Any other conditions needing special attention and/or care

### **Medication at School:**

All medications (doctor prescribed or over-the-counter) given at school must be accompanied by a PSD Medication Release form for the 2008-2009 school year. This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and a physician. The medication must be provided to Blevins in the original prescription bottle accompanied by the completed PSD Medication Release form. Medication must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Students may carry their inhaler or Epipen/antihistamine for a severe allergic reaction, but a medication permission form must be completed and kept on file in the health office for the current school year.

The School Nurse and Blevins Health Tech want to meet the needs of your child to insure a safe and healthy school year. For any questions please call the Blevins Health Clinic at 488-4007. Thank you for your assistance.

Ann Hess, RN, MSN, NP, School Nurse  
Janet Diack, Health Technician



## **TAKE NOTE .....**

### **REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks inside and outside the classroom. To volunteer, you first need to register. This may be done *online* either at home, at school or from any computer with access to the internet. Go to [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) and click on Volunteers and Resources, then on Volunteers. A criminal background check is conducted for all volunteers new to PSD. If you registered as a volunteer last year, please take a minute to update your volunteer profile information. Help shape the future—VOLUNTEER!

## **Student Insurance**

Poudre School District will continue to offer student accident insurance. Insurance forms will be given to students when they receive their schedules. Parents desiring insurance through the school should complete the application forms and enclose the correct amount of money in the envelopes. These sealed envelopes need to be returned to the main office at Blevins.

Note: For additional and specific insurance information, please refer to the district insurance letter that your student will receive on the first day of school.

## **Yearbook Sales!**

Yearbooks will again be offered to students. Get yours early for a price discount! They will be available during locker and schedule distribution. Yearbooks will be offered for sale from August 13 through December 19. Cost is \$32.00 during 1st semester. 2nd semester the cost will rise to \$37.00. Students should listen to morning announcements for yearbook sales information during the month of September for more details.

Each year we lose money on our yearbooks, so we are ordering less. Some students were not able to get yearbooks at the last minute last year because we ran out. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase your Blevins yearbook!



## SPORTS INFORMATION

This year's athletic programs will get underway beginning August 11 for football, and August 18 for softball. **The 7th and 8th grade program** will consist of girl's softball, boy's football, boy's wrestling, girl's basketball, boy's basketball, girl's volleyball, girl's and boy's track, club tennis, and club golf. **REMINDER: All 9th grade students must participate at the high school level.**

A 7th/8th grade football meeting for athletes and coaches is scheduled for 2 pm on Monday, August 11. The 7th/8th grade softball athletes will meet on the first day of school at 3:00 pm.

The softball teams will consist of a varsity team and Junior Varsity teams. If a student does not have his/her physical as of the first day of practice, but will be participating, they should watch the practice that day.

Every athletic participant **MUST** have a physical examination by a physician and insurance to try-out, practice, and compete in a sport. The yellow physical form must be **ON FILE** in the office before he/she is eligible to compete. A student may not engage in any practice session until this procedure is completed. The yellow physical forms are valid for a year from the examination date. It is advisable to arrange physicals well in advance of the sport in which your child is interested in. Students must be out for a sport within 5 school days of the beginning practice date. Please turn physical forms into Ms. Garcia in the attendance office starting August 11, 2008.

**Please note: YELLOW ATHLETIC PHYSICAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR OFFICE.** They will not be available in the physician's offices.

**Beginning in 2008-2009, the athletic fees will be:**

- 7th & 8th grade - \$60/sport**
- 9th - 12th grade - \$85/sport**
- Family Maximum - \$250/family**

**ATTENTION 9TH GRADE ATHLETES:**

9th Grade athletes participate in athletics at the high school level. Interested students may contact the Athletic Director at RMHS (416-7006) or PHS (416-6000) with questions or concerns. Students participating at the high school level must have a completed physical form on file with the high school athletic office and also provide their own transportation. Any prospective athletic trainer or member of the football, girl's gymnastics, cheerleading, golf, boy's tennis, boy's soccer, girl's and boy's cross country, volleyball or softball teams should be prepared to start practice.

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

**No schedule changes will be made before the beginning of school. Please attend all classes listed on your schedule. Classes that were selected on pre-registration forms last spring will not be changed.**


### SCHOOL BUSES

If you live more than 1 1/2 miles from school, your student is eligible for school transportation. We will have four buses serving the Blevins area. Parents can access the PSD BUS SCHEDULE listing bus stops and times for each school in several ways:

- On the PSD web site, [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) by Aug. 8 (front page star says Bus Schedule will lead you to the online resource called "Bus Stop" that provides detailed information on bus stops, distances from school, and maps.
- Printed in local newspapers (Fort Collins Coloradoan and Fort Collins Forum in early August).


For further information, please call the Transportation Office at 490-3232.





### School Pictures

Mark your calendars for this important day  
**Friday, Aug. 29.**





# ATTENDANCE PHONE #488-4088



Please note the attendance phone number is different from the main office. This line is open **24 hours each day**. Please do not leave a message on the machine that picks up on the regular school telephone number. Please be prepared with your student's ID number. In order to provide maximum service to you as a parent, and to our teaching staff, we would request that when your student is absent from school you call the attendance number **before** 8:00 am. **Please call each day your child is absent unless his/her absences are prearranged.** The responsibility for excusing an absence lies with the parents. The responsibility for accepting the excuse lies with the administration. Homework requests need to be received before 8:30 am in order to be processed that day - **please call the attendance secretary at 488-4006 to make a homework request.**

When planning to excuse your student during the day for medical or dental appointments, a written note from a parent needs to be directed to the attendance office, or a parent needs to come in and sign your child out. The student should take the note to the **attendance office (not to the teacher)** before 7:50 am to get a pass out of class. All students **TARDY** to school need to report to their 1st or 2nd period class before 8:00 am. After that time, students need to report to the attendance office. The expectation is that students will be on time to all classes. We also request that every effort be made by parents to schedule vacations or out of town trips during those times when school is NOT in session.

*One of the school goals is to attain a 95% attendance rate. We will actively pursue achieving this goal. Please understand our aggressive work to have all students in school and on time.*

## Procedure for Use of Drug Detection Dogs

We will enlist the use of drug detection dogs on a random basis to go through the hallways, classrooms and locker rooms to uncover any possible drug possession. Students and staff have been informed that this will occur during the school day throughout the year, when deemed necessary, but they will not be told of the specific days of the searches.

Legal issues you need to be aware of include:

If a dog sniff indicates the presence of drugs in a student locker or other confined space on the school premises, reasonable suspicion is established for an immediate further search of the space. When feasible, a videotape record of the search should be made. The student may be present at the option of the principal.

**The intent of this process is not to embarrass individuals, but to assure parents and the community that their school is free from drugs.**

**We are in need of PTO Board, SIT, and DAB Committee members this year. If you are interested in serving Blevins in this capacity, please call the Main Office at 488-4000.**

## Back-To-School Night

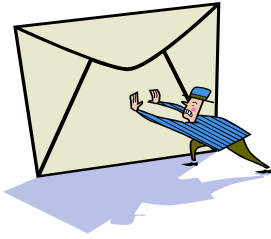
We hope parents will plan to attend the Back-To-School Night that will be held **Tuesday, August 26, 2008** beginning at 6:30 pm in the main gym. We believe that you will benefit from visiting your child's classes, meeting teachers, and learning about the programs available at Blevins. Because of the space available, we request that parents leave their students at home. Parent Conferences will be at a later date, and we would encourage you to bring your child at that time.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches are served on a daily basis. The cost of a lunch for the 2008-2009 school year will be \$2.00. Other a la carte items are served at various prices. A free/reduced lunch program is available for students who qualify. Reduced lunch cost is 40¢.

We will have Point-of-Sale the first day of school and **all students must know their Student ID number.** Parents are encouraged to pre-pay for meals for an extended period of time. Please put student's first and last name on the memo line.

**Lunches will be served on the first day of school!**



# S.O.S.

**"SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS!"** Please think of **BLEVINS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** when those early renewal notices start to arrive in the mail. We are pleased to announce that our magazine renewal drive will be starting **SEPTEMBER 9th**. In conjunction with Great American Opportunities, we will be offering you a wide selections of wholesome magazines for renewal or new subscription.

Our school earns a 40% profit on all listed magazines, so if there are subscriptions you would like to order or renew soon, it would mean a lot if you would please subscribe through Blevins. **YOUR SPECIAL EFFORT CAN MAKE A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN OUR PROFIT.**

We hope that you will view this program favorably. It discourages door-to-door solicitation, asking that only family and friends participate. We are not asking you do purchase something additional, just to use Blevins as your purchasing conduit when you order or renew a magazine that you will be purchasing anyway. You might start mentioning to your family and friends that we will be doing the renewal drive and that you would appreciate their help by placing their orders through you rather than through the publishers.

Annually, thousands of magazine dollars leave our community through magazine clearing houses and money sent directly to publishers. Our school would appreciate your support to earn part of these funds.

You can also get an early start on our annual magazine sale by logging onto **QSP.com**. Account # 425007994.

All orders will count towards are sale.



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<b>Oakleaf, Judy</b>	4041	joakleaf
<b>Overton, Rick</b>	4048	roverton
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<b>Stone, Brad</b>	4010	bstone
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<b>White, Wendy</b>	4058	wendyw
<b>Wilson, Karah</b>	4034	karahw
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<b>Blevins Attendance Line</b>	4088	

**email addresses. Thank you.**

## **STUDENT BACK PACKS (Pack2School 2008)**

Once again, the Education and Life Training Center's "Pack 2 School 2008" campaign is providing backpacks for our students in poverty – in Fort Collins, one in five children under the age of 18 lives in poverty. Our community's childhood poverty rate is 19.2%, one point higher than the national average.

**SPREAD THE WORD!** See details below – about the distribution Aug. 7, 8, and 9 to give out backpacks to qualifying families (\$5), until the supply is gone, and about how you can contribute to the cause.

### **ELTC Announces Dates for Pack2School 2008**

**FORT COLLINS, CO – Nonprofit Education & Life Training Center has announced the dates for distribution of backpacks and school supplies for Pack2School 2008. This year the program, marking its 38<sup>th</sup> year, will make the school supplies available on Thursday through Saturday, August 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM or until items are exhausted.** Program organizers this year chose to hold the last day of the event on a Saturday, in order to accommodate the schedules of those working during the week.

**The Pack2School Program provides grade-appropriate brand new school supplies and backpacks to Larimer County low-income youth in grades K-9.** Originally began as a service to its students, the program formerly called Back to School caught on quickly and has expanded over the years to include disadvantaged youth throughout Larimer County. **Last year Pack2School served 654 kids.** This year, a much greater need is anticipated due to increasingly difficult economic circumstances throughout the county.

**The event continues to be held at 401 Linden Street in Old Town Fort Collins. Families must bring proof of income and just \$5.00 per student in order to participate in the program and receive a new backpack and grade-appropriate supplies valued at over \$55.** Participants this year can enjoy the presence of a variety of other community resources including representatives from Poudre Fire Authority and other nonprofit agencies.

**Donors can sponsor a child for \$50 although contributions in any amount are needed and welcome.** A current listing of in-kind donations being solicited can be found on ELTC's website at [www.eltcenter.org](http://www.eltcenter.org). Contributions to ELTC are eligible for nonprofit tax benefits and those meeting certain criteria may have additional benefit of enterprise zone tax credits.

*At Education & Life Training Center we envision a community where all are empowered to succeed through education. Our mission is to successfully mentor, train, and add to the skill sets of individuals needing to financially and / or personally transition upward in a way that is relevant, meaningful and immediately useful to their livelihood. ELTC offers work skills and life skills training, as well as literacy coursework, to our community.*



