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# The Bashaw Bulletin

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## What does "Supporting our School" look like?

So often you hear about parents and communities supporting their schools. It often seems to lead to a connotation of financial support. Although there are monetary ways in which a school needs support, it is certainly not the only way. Please consider which way(s) you can support our school?

**BE THERE:** Being there for your child is a critical way of supporting your school. Children are most ready and able to learn when they are clean, well-fed, loved and supported. They need and want to know that you care about them and their success. Effort is critical to reward as you push them towards their own personal best potential.

**VOLUNTEER:** We appreciate and love our volunteers! Volunteering does not have to be time in a classroom, although our teachers do appreciate that help as well. We are looking for volunteers to pop popcorn 1 time each month; volunteers for functions through the year such as dances and Santa Shop; volunteers to chaperone educational field trips; and much more! All you need to do is stop by the office with your ID and complete a volunteer application packet.

**HOMEWORK:** Parents' job is not to do homework; it is to provide the time, place and support to meet this responsibility. If homework is taking your child more than a reasonable amount of time, please talk to your child's teacher. We all realize families are busy, and there are many tasks and activities outside of school that are important for family life. Homework should NOT be taking time away from these activities. It is meant to support their learning and provide practice of what was learned.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Our staff plan field trips as educational experiences to enrich the curriculum and overall school experience. Therefore, we want ALL students to attend. When you receive permission slips for trips, please fill them out and return them ASAP. If there is a cost for the trip (or transportation to the location), please send that money in or make arrangements for payments. If there is any financial hardship that would prevent your child from attending, please reach out to us. You may call us directly, talk to the teacher or talk with any trusted staff member. Our goal is for no child to miss a field trip for financial reasons.

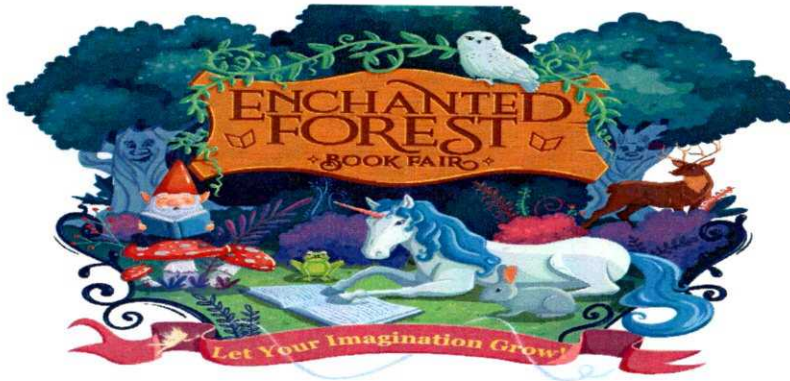
**RESOURCES:** If you have a business (or have connections to a business or organization) that can provide materials, resources or money to our school, please let us know. Money can support field trip scholarships, fund staff recognitions, buy library books, art supplies or engineering materials. Resources of businesses may contribute to our STEAM initiative or grade level units.

*Jasha Bennett*  
Principal

*Beth Marshall*  
Assistant Principal



Fall 2018 Book Fair October 12<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Media Center



Hours: 8am-8:30am & 2:30pm-3:pm  
Thursday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM- 7PM



Join the 40 parents that have opened a savings account for their child through the bank to school program. Achieva will be at our school so that students can make deposits on all these dates:

September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup> (Last Deposit Date for the Year at School).

All students get to pick from the Achieva Bank treasure box when they make a deposit on these dates. Deposit times are before school from 8:00-8:45 in the main outside hallway. Parents can access their child's account at any of the Achieva Bank locations for additional deposits and withdrawals. This is a great way to instill in your children the importance of saving for the future.

## October Important Dates

October 9<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retakes

October 11<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting 4:30pm and SAC - 5:15pm

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Student of the Month Luncheon

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Early Release

October 15<sup>th</sup> - Record Day  
No School

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Report Card Conference Night

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Early Release

October 26<sup>th</sup> - Achieva Bank @ Bashaw

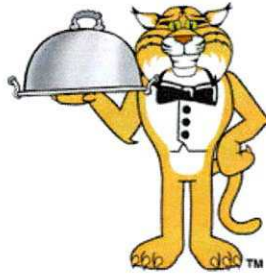


PICTURE RETAKE DAY!  
OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

## Bobcat Café News

We are off to a wonderful new year here in the Bobcat Kitchen! Our school has been added to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. It provides our students with the opportunity to taste different fresh fruits and vegetables four days a week. So far, we have sampled yellow squash, plums, snow peas, pears, just to name a few. The students seem to enjoy trying the snack and look forward to the next day's surprise. Breakfast is going great and is still free for all students. If your child has not had breakfast with us, encourage them to come straight from the car rider drop off or buses to give us a try. An adult breakfast is just \$1.60, so come join us sometime. Breakfast is served from 8:00-8:25. We are trying to keep our lunch meal charges lower this year. Connect-Ed calls are made to let you know when your child owes lunch money. You may send in cash or a check made out to Bashaw with your child's name in the memo section or pay on-line at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com). Thank you for your help with this. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 941-741-3307 Ext. 2012. Thanks and Happy Fall!!

Donna McLeod, Cafeteria Manager,  
Bashaw Elementary



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## Student Council News

The week of our first spirit week is October 22 through 26. The days go: Monday-No Uniform Day (meaning you can wear whatever you want), Tuesday-Sports Day, (you can wear whatever sport-type outfit you want) Wednesday-Career Day (dress up as what you want to be when you grow up), Thursday-Wacky Day (this day you can wear something crazy and have crazy hair) and Friday is Pajama Day. It costs \$1 for each day or \$5 for the entire week, per student.

