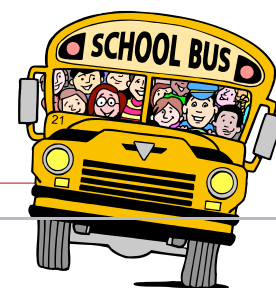


# BPE Monthly



## Welcome!

We're so glad that your family will be a part of our 8<sup>th</sup> year partnering with parents to educate children! During the 2011-12 school year, Bette Perot will be home to 700+ students served by 33 grade level teachers as well as a group of wonderful fine arts, PE, and specialist instructional faculty and staff. Bette Perot is an exceptional place because of the people who make it home...the kids, the parents, and the staff.

Our staff is ready to face the challenges and celebrate the successes of the year. They are a passionate group of people driven to serve and support our students. A commitment to continuous improvement, use of research-based instructional strategies, and engaging delivery of an aligned curriculum are the foundation for our students' achievements.

Parental involvement is integral to the success of our students. Working with your child at home, joining him/her for lunch or special events at school, volunteering with your child's teacher or through PTA...there are so many opportunities for involvement. Dads can sign up to be our campus Watch D.O.G. for the day. Everyone is invited to support one or many of the PTA coordinated events, activities, and initiatives that make our campus special. Feel free to sign up to assist your child's teacher, the librarian, or one of our co-cur teachers. They would welcome your help. Do as much or as little as you like...it's up to you. Just know that we strive to ensure that all our parents feel welcome and appreciated as we partner in the education of your child.

Keeping our families informed is important to us. As a campus, we have embraced paperless communication in our effort to keep information easily accessible. Teacher, campus, and PTA communication will be sent via email and/or posted to our [website](#). Another great source of information is the [Bette Perot PTA](#) website. Make sure we have a current email address on file...we don't want you to miss a single, wonderful thing!

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**Support  
BPE ...join  
PTA.**

## Need to Know...

- \* If you need to make a change to your child's mode of transportation at the end of the day, we ask that you **notify us no later than 2:40** in the afternoon. Our office is a very busy place. Notifications after 2:40 are difficult to ensure that your child will receive the message. We greatly appreciate your help!
- \* **The Zoo is Coming to Bette Perot!** Don't miss the PTA General Assembly meeting on September 20th at 6:30 when the Fort Worth Zoo will be bringing the animals to us.
- \* **Spirit Wear**...Order your Bette Perot Spirit Wear through the PTA. Kids and staff proudly wear our Bette Perot spirit wear on Fridays. Join the fun!
- \* We're celebrating our 4th grade teachers the week of September 19-23. During this week of appreciation, let's shower our teachers with kind words and thoughtful gestures.
- \* The CEIC election has concluded. New parent members will be Michele Hernandez, Catherine Haslett, Jacquelyn Pickel, and Christa Whitmire. Thank you to all who expressed interest in serving on the committee. We appreciate your devotion to our continuous improvement journey.



## Celebrations

- \* Watch D.O.G. Kick-off was a HUGE success! Thank you dads for supporting BPE!
- \* Our Parents at Lunch (PAL) program has been a tremendous support for our campus. Having an additional set of eyes, ears, and hands to help our kids during lunch is a huge need for us. We are grateful to those who jumped in right away this year, but we could certainly use more help.



# Best Practices for Parents...

Parents often ask how they can help their children at home which is music to our ears. It is proven that kids reach their greatest potential when we, parents and schools, partner in their education. The following are some suggestions regarding ways to provide math support from Best Practice: Today's Standards for Teaching & Learning in America's Schools.

- \* Seize every opportunity to involve your children in talking and thinking about the meaningful math they encounter each day.
- \* You can figure out answers *together*. For instance, "How many days until my birthday?" is an opportunity to look at the calendar together. "How long before soccer practice?" promotes their ability to compute elapsed time.
- \* Encourage your child to look for patterns in the world around them—in floor tiles and wallpaper; in paintings and sculpture; in coins, paper money, and change.
- \* Encourage your child to measure heights, weights, objects, ingredients in recipes, and so forth.
- \* Send a clear message through words and actions that math is all around us, is a vital part of our lives, and is understandable with some effort.

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One of our greatest challenges is overcoming the "I'm not good at math" mindset. Please always encourage your child that (s)he is good at math...even if they have to work harder at it. It took Edison over 10,000 tries to make the light bulb but no one ever says he wasn't good at it.



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# Upcoming Events



September 12	Wear Red, White, and Blue
September 13	New Student Breakfast in library, 7:30 Fire Drill, 8:45 Third grade cast only rehearsal on stage in Café, 3:00
September 14	CEIC Meeting, 3:30
September 15	DEIC, 4:15 KISD Board Meeting, 6:00
September 19-23	Fourth Grade Teacher Appreciation Week
September 20	PTA General Assembly...The Zoo is Coming! 6:30
September 21	Walk/bike Wednesday Kicks-Off
September 22	Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. V at Keller High Double Dave's Dining Out on Rufe Snow in Keller
September 23	Green Patrol Meeting, 3:00
September 28	Walk/bike Wednesday

Bette Perot Elementary - where each child, family, and staff member experiences the joys of learning, self-discovery, success, and acceptance.