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## Bruneau Elementary School News

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### Letter from the desk of the Principal

Greetings Parents, Friends, and Supporters:

The 2009-2010 School Year is once again upon us! As with all yearly kickoffs, the first few weeks have much in store as we get underway with many learning events and experiences. Welcome back everyone!

In keeping you up to date with what's going on in our school community, I urge you to browse over this and every monthly newsletter and see what's on tap, as well as what is to come as the school year gets underway. As always, your support is very much appreciated by all at the schools, and your presence is very much welcomed at any time. Please do not hesitate to stop by any time at your convenience to volunteer, give suggestions, or just observe our daily routines and happenings.

I hope to see everyone at Back to School Night Open House events on September 3rd at Bruneau and September 8 at Grand View! In addition, please have a look at our facilities throughout the district during our district-wide Community Open House event on September 16th! Have a wonderful month and school year!

Sincerely,

Gerald Chouinard  
Principal

Bruneau Elementary  
Students of the Month!  
Thanks to all our Sponsors!  
The Cowboys Pastime  
The Fishing Hole  
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## Garden News



**Thanks to all the parents,  
students and staff that  
helped out with our garden**

**during the summer, we are starting to  
get lots of pumpkins, watermelon,  
cantaloupes, tomatoes, beets, carrots,  
green beans, corn. We are all  
Surprised at how well it did during the  
summer. **THANK YOU!!****

September 24, 2009

Lions Club will be here to do eye testing on students K thru 3 grade if anyone wants their child tested that is not in these classes please let the office know by September 24th.

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Picture Day

September

2, 2009 9 am

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Back to School Night

September 3, 2009 6:00 to 7:30 PM

**Free Baked Potato Bar and Ice Cream Bar**

**Potatoes and toppings out of our Garden**

**Please come and meet the new staff members and teachers and visit your child's classroom**

EXERCISE!! EXERCISE!! BRING YOUR TENNIS SHOES TO SCHOOL!



This year we are starting the year off with a focus on improving health issues in our school. We have received a three year healthy schools grant and have been working on school improvement plans to help better the health and lifestyle of students and staff. Teachers have been attending trainings and working hard to make changes for the better



of everyone! One of the changes we are making is the amount of aerobic exercise our staff and students receive throughout the year. We are planning on having an aerobic activity EVERY school day and ask that children come to school with a pair of tennis shoes everyday. They can change back into other shoes if wanted. AN IDEA...If they have an old pair of tennis shoes, they can bring them and keep them at school so that there is always a pair here for them to use.

Students will start every morning with an aerobic activity and will have a short run during every afternoon recess. It has been proven that not only is thirty minutes of exercise great for the body but it is also great for the brain. It has been shown that aerobic exercise increases blood flow to the brain, which helps improve memory and learning. We encourage families to get out and do activities with their children to promote healthy lifestyles and look forward to sharing more of our new healthy lifestyle changes with you as the year goes on. If you would like to join in helping work with our healthy school grant changes you can join our team. We invite all parents and community members to join in and share ideas, so please let me, Amber Pearson or Jay Dene Aquiso know and we will get you more information on our healthy schools grant. We Thank You for supporting our efforts in creating healthy staff and students!

## Classroom News

### WELCOME TO BRUNEAU ELEMENTARY

My name is Rita Gillespie and I am the teacher for the preschool and pre-kindergarten classes this school year. I have been working with the 2nd thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for the past 3 years and I am very excited to be working with these younger students in this new position. I am committed to making sure that they learn the basics for the solid foundation needed to be successful in kindergarten and early primary school years. On the following pages I have included some information that is important to you as a parent of a preschool or pre-K student.

**SCHOOL SCHEDULE** – The first day of Pre-K (4 year olds) is Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Pre-K classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The first day of Preschool (3 year olds) is Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Preschool classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Start time for both classes is 8:30 a.m. If you have not yet enrolled your 3 and 4 yr. olds, please do so as soon as possible. Those students enrolled will have breakfast and lunch available to them. Breakfast is free to enrolled students and lunch is \$1.50 a day. Let Mrs. Aquino know if your child will be having school breakfast and/or lunch. Breakfast is served around 8:45 and lunch will be at 12:05. Please be aware that lunch recess precedes lunchtime this year and if you do not want your child on the playground with the older students during recess, you may pick them up at 11:30. However, they will not be served lunch if picked up early. Your preschool/pre-K child must be picked up by 12:30 as I have other duties starting at that time and will be unavailable to watch your child after that time. Also, please check-in at the office each day you are picking up your child. If someone other than yourself picks up your child, the school needs to have a written note or a phone call from you or we cannot release the child. They too must check-in at the office.

### Ms. Wampler K/1

Welcome back to school! The first week we worked on decorating our classroom. We made apple people for our bulletin board and paper plate fish to hang above our desks. We even got to go work in the garden. In Kindergarten we will be learning our alphabet letters and sounds as well as our numbers 1-10. In first grade we will be working on sounding out words, reading, and addition.

## Classroom News Continued . . .

### 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade news

I am excited to be working with your students this year. My name is Jacqueline Martinko. I'm from Great Falls, Montana and Graduated from the University of Idaho in May. Go Vandals!!

I will send home graded work, a grade report, and weekly newsletters in a folder on Wednesdays (with the exception of this week). There will be a sheet in the folder for you to sign when you've received this. If you have any questions on anything in the folder, feel free to write a note and place it in the folder. The students will bring this back to school on Thursdays. Students will bring home a planner nightly for you to sign off when they have finished their homework. Students will read each night for at least 20 minutes either in English or Spanish or they may work on sight words. A math assignment will also be homework each night. If you are unavailable to sign off on homework, a sibling may do so.

### **Mrs. Karren 4-5-6 Grade News**

Fall projects & studies for 4/5/6

- \* garden
- \* weather
- \* Native Americans
- \* multiplication & division facts

Expectations for 4/5/6

- \* 30 minutes of math homework
- \* 30 minutes of silent reading
- \* student planner signed daily

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