## Panther Print: Welcome Back Panthers

# Bryker Woods Elementary

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Dear Panther Families,

Thank you so much for a wonderful start to the year! We appreciate you joining us for Back to School Night and look forward to a great year ahead.

This month we will celebrate our school's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! BW was built in 1939 and opened with 259 students. Our school has seen many changes. BW has served as a science magnet school, K-3, K-6 and now K-5 school. It has also experienced many renovations and additions.

We will have a special assembly to honor our school's birthday as well as celebrate at our annual Family Picnic on Friday, September 20.

I wish you all a great month!

Your Proud Principal,

Kris Muehling

#### **New Arrival Procedures/Circle Drive**

We will begin a new arrival procedure for our circle drive to allow parents to safely drop off their kids in the morning. We ask that families please drive to the orange cones placed at the end of the circle drive. We will have students from our safety patrol opening car doors and greeting car riders. We ask that families quickly drop off their child, not stop in the middle of the drive or park in the circle drive. We will begin this new system on **Monday**, **September 9.** Thank for your patience as we adjust to this new system.



# **Upcoming Events**

## September 9

After School Programs Begin

## September 9

CAC-3:10

#### September 9-13

Coordinated School Health Week

#### September 10

PTA Meeting 6:30

#### September 20

Family Picnic/80<sup>th</sup> Birthday-5:30-7:00

#### September 25-27

5th Grade Outdoor School

#### September 27

Principal's Coffee

### September 30

Begin 21 Days of Kindness

## September 30-Oct 4

Student Council Elections

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## **More Important News**

#### Office Volunteers

The midday can become very busy in the office. We are looking for daily volunteers to support Ms. Hansen and Ms. Wolfe from 10:30-1:30. We would have our volunteers check-in visitors and answer phones. If you are interested an any day or a portion of the time, please reach out to Ms. Muehling-Kristina.muehling@austinsid.org. Thanks!



## **Turkey Trot**

This year we will be returning to an old BW tradition-Turkey Trot! This event will be in place of Frozen Games. It will contain the same events, just different names. We have decided to return to the November date so we do not interfere with our Winter Celebrations and the organization of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade skating event. Turkey Trot will be held on Thursday, November 21-22. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

## No Flu Shots Through AISD

I want to make everyone aware that AISD schools will not be providing flu shots to students at school this year. Healthy Schools, provided the following statement-

"Unfortunately, low turnout across the country in previous years, and lower than expected parent consents for this year's upcoming flu clinics, has made the program unsustainable. The growing cost of running flu vaccine clinics has made it impossible for Healthy Schools to continue the program in Texas this year and in the future."

#### Lost and Found

Our lost and found has a new home. It can now be found in the front hallway closet outside of the cafeteria. There is a sign on the door. Please be sure to stop by if you're missing anything.

# In the Community

#### Nicole Mueller

A huge thank you to Nicole for working diligently on updating our website. I really appreciate your collaboration with myself and AISD. Thank you!

#### Dee Donovan

Dee organized our BTSN child care and coordinated with Austin High Red Jackets to ensure our families had child care available. Thanks Dee!

#### Rebecca Stokes

Thank you, Rebecca, for organizing our Tears and Cheers as well as keeping the staff fed during Meet the Teacher and BTSN. We really appreciate you!

## **Jody Barr**

Thank you, Jody for being our marquee man! We appreciate you updating our marquee each month, especially during these HOT months!

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