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# Bernard Terrace Panthers

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to Bernard Terrace Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. I would like to personally thank our students, teachers, parents, and community partners for such a great and successful start to the 2009-2010 school year!

Our students, staff and families will continue working together to create an environment where children are intellectually challenged in ways appropriate to their individual strengths, needs, and experiences. Our goal is to teach academic standards that will produce responsible citizens, and lifelong learners who will be productive citizens. There will be high expectations in every classroom, for **ALL** students, with no excuses, and no exceptions.

This year will be packed with student activities, incentives and instructional and academic goals to promote student achievement and excellence. We believe that it is our mission to create a challenging, nurturing environment where the children love to come to school and they feel safe, secure, and successful in their roles as great achievers.

I am excited about a new school year. I look forward to working with each of you to make this year a success. As our mission statement states, 'I can, you can, we can together!'

*Mrs. Dunbar*



## Open House

We will hold our Open House on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. It will begin at 5:30 p.m.

## Checkout Policy

Please return the checkout form that was sent home last week. It is critical that you list all persons who may check out your child. If a person is not listed on the check out form, your child will not be released to the individual. **All adults must present their i.d. when checking out a student.** Request for checkouts will not be called after 2:45 p.m. Please be reminded that consistent checkouts will result in an absence, possible retention in the same grade and ultimately a referral to Child Welfare and Attendance.

## Arrival/Dismissal

Students must not arrive before 8:05 a.m. as there will be no teachers on duty. Students that arrive in a car must report to the carpool line on Hanson Street by the cafeteria. Students that arrive by bus will report to the Hatcher Street side of the school. Walkers will be crossed by a City Parish crossing guard stationed at North Boulevard/Edison and Edison/Hatcher. If you are arriving by car, please do not drop students off nor pick them up in the front of the school. This is a severe safety hazard. Students arriving late must be escorted to the office by an adult to check in and receive a tardy slip. **Because of safety, it is against policy to pick-up students in front of the school. Students that are picked up two times in the front of the school will automatically be placed in carpool. Students being dropped off too early and/or in front of the school will lose recess.**

## Web Site

Check out Bernard Terrace's website. The website will provide you with current information. You can access the website by going to <http://bernardterrace.ebrschools.org>

## Thanks Forum 35 and Barnes and Noble

Our library was 'spruced up' this summer by volunteers from Forum 35 and Barnes and Noble. We now have a computer lab within the library. Barnes and Noble also conducted a book drive for Bernard Terrace's library. Our students as well as the faculty and staff are excited about our new and improved.

## School Hours

**8:05 a.m.** – Students Arrive

**8:05 – 8:25** – Breakfast Served (Students report to breakfast or go directly to their classrooms if they are not eating breakfast)

**8:30 a.m.** – Classes begin

**3:20 p.m.** – Dismissal begins

## The Ned Show Coming Soon

Bernard Terrace will hold our first assembly of the year on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. We will start the year with a positive fun assembly. The NED Show will conduct our assembly. The NED Show promotes academic achievement and character development by teaching three critical skills that will benefit kids for a lifetime:

**Never Give Up**

**Encourage Others**

**Do Your Best**

At Bernard Terrace we pride ourselves on teaching the 'whole child'.

## Classroom Visitations by Parents

We enjoy parents being involved in their child's education and love for you to come and visit us at school. When visiting, please observe these guidelines so we will not have disruption of teaching.

If a parent wishes to observe in a classroom, please be guided by the following:

- Stop by the office first to see if it is convenient for the teacher and children to have a visitor. Please get a visitor's pass and wear it while on campus.
- DO NOT BRING SMALL PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN OR OTHER SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS WHEN YOU COME TO OBSERVE IN THE CLASSROOM OR TO WORK AS A VOLUNTEER.
- Enter the classroom quietly and be seated quietly and quickly to the rear of the room. The teacher will go on with the class as usual. Do not talk to your child or the teacher during class.

We appreciate your cooperation in our quest for educational success.

## Dates to Remember

**Aug. 18, 2009** – Open House 5:30 p.m.

**Aug. 19, 2009** – Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.

**Aug. 20, 2009** – Work Packets go home

Liberty Card Sale Begins

**Aug. 28, 2009** – Pat-on-the-Back Recess

(Smoothies will be sold \$2.50)