



# The Bulldog Bulletin



Welch Elementary School

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## Important Dates

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Field Day  
PK -2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 – 11:00 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Beta Club Party 2:30–3:45 PM  
Chorus Practice 2:30 – 3:30 PM  
K Kids Officer Elections  
– 2:30 PM

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
National Teacher Day  
Chorus Practice 2:30 – 3:30 PM  
Progress Reports  
HJ Wings & Things  
Spirit Night

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
National School Nurse Day

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Chorus Practice 2:30 – 3:30 PM  
PTA Called Meeting 6:00 PM  
PTA BBQ, Books & Bingo 6:30 PM

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Muffins with Mom  
7:00 – 8:00 AM - Cafeteria  
Mother's Day Cake Decorating

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Chorus Practice 2:30 – 3:30 PM  
K Kids Officer Installation Ceremony –  
5:00 PM

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Chorus Practice 2:30 – 3:30 PM  
PK & K Program 6:30 PM

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Chorus Practice 2:30 – 3:30 PM  
Chorus Concert 6:30 PM  
Performing Arts Centre

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Family Bowling Night  
@ Junction Lanes  
Nurse Transfer of Records

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
School Council 5:00 PM

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
PTA Parent Volunteer Appreciation Day  
2:45 PM – Cafeteria

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
AR Final Celebration  
11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Memorial Day Holiday

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
CRCT Reading Re-Test 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
CRCT Math Re-Test 5<sup>th</sup>

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Last Day of School  
Report Cards

## **Bulldog Blitz**

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

See the flyer enclosed!

## **“Pawsitive” Words from the Principal:**

### **Principal Points to Ponder:**

- Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders must have a current Georgia form 3231 showing that the new immunization requirements have been met. Some students have had the necessary vaccines, but it is not documented on the required form. If you have any questions, please contact our nurse, Mrs. Kemp.
- Parents who wish to pre-register their child for the Coweta County School System After School Program for next school year may do so **May 4-8, 2009** at the elementary school which the child attends. Students that will attend Brooks Elementary may register at Arbor Springs, Canongate, Northside or Arnco-Sargent. Times for registration are 3:30 – 5:45 PM. All registrations will be conducted with the ASP Coordinator in each school's cafeteria. To enroll you must pay a \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee for each child. **ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED!**
- The Bulldog Blitz is coming! The Bulldog Blitz will be three weeks (May 4 – 22) of remediation, enrichment and acceleration in Reading and Mathematics. The Blitz will be held each morning from 8:15 AM – 10:15 AM. We are implementing this Blitz school wide! Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.
- Camp Invention will be at Welch again this summer – June 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. They flyer is attached. Please contact Mrs. Crawley if you need any further information.

*Becky Darrah*

## **Kindergarten Registration**

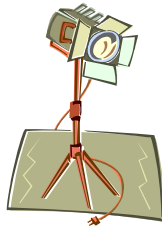
Kindergarten registration for Welch is May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Central Office; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM everyday except Thursday. Thursday hours are 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Please call for an appointment 770-254-5551.

## **Honor's Day Information**

We would love for you to come and enjoy Honor's Day with your student. Below is the schedule for the grade levels. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Tuesday	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Wednesday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Thursday	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 10:00 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
		10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
		12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
		6:30 PM	Pre-K
Friday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 10:00 AM	Kindergarten

*All programs will be at Welch in the Cafeteria during their scheduled time.*



## Spotlight on Media

by  
Jennifer Beard

### **paws for Books**

*Please donate to  
Paws for Books!*

A special thank you to PTA for helping renew Accelerated Reader, Star Reader, and Star Math for the 2009-2010 school year and for purchasing academic magazines for the students and teachers to use.

The last day to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks Accelerated Reading Goal is Friday, May 8. All books are due back to the media center by Friday, May 15. Thanks for another great year in the library!



## Counselors Corner

*Ms. Vinson & Ms. Wilson, Professional School Counselors*

Summer is almost here! We are all excited about summer vacation but please remind your children the importance of finishing the school year strong. Students are still working on valuable lessons so we need everyone's support as we finish this school year. Please keep the same routine until school finally lets out for the summer.

Although the school year is almost done, summer shouldn't mean a break from learning. It is important for children to continue to practice the skills they've learned this year. Parents can sustain or even bolster a child's skills during the summer! Here are some tips for great summer learning.

- **Set a good example-** keep a lot of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have family reading time.
- **Let the kids choose what they read-** it is the perfect time for children to find things that interest them, while learning to read for pleasure. Parents should read the same book, too, so then you can talk about it together.
- **Play grocery store math** – point out different items at the grocery store and ask them to figure out the cost (ex. 6-pack of yogurt is \$2.59 ask them how much it would cost to buy only 3).
- **Let your child order** – the next time you go to a restaurant give them a total amount and have them order their own meal. Once the order is taken you can use the menu for other math activities (ex: What is the most/least expensive item? How many items are between \$9 - \$15). This will fill the time and show them that math is used everyday.
- **Get excited over mail** – have your child write to a favorite school friend over the summer. You can also send postcards from family vacation destinations.
- **Have fun in the kitchen** – using measurements in the kitchen will help your child in math! This also teaches your child that math is everywhere. Together you can follow a recipe and make a wonderful treat.
- **A free activity** – take your child to the library regularly. It is a great place to find countless hours of entertainment. Also check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events.
- **Save memories** – encourage your child to keep a scrapbook. Tape in souvenirs of the activities (postcards, ticket stubs, photos) then have your child write the captions and read them aloud as you work on the book together.

**Have a wonderful summer!**



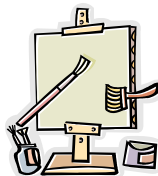
## Musically

by  
Melissa King

Thank you to all of my Chorus students for working so hard on their upcoming program. The Chorus Concert will be on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts. It will be a wonderful event, so come on out!!!

Also, the Kindergarten and Pre-K classes will be having their Grade Level Program on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Welch Cafeteria. If you love farm animals, you will love this program!

I hope to see you at both programs!



## Art with Mrs. Doolittle

WOW!! Time seems to be FLYING by! I cannot believe that this school year is almost OVER! We will continue to be very busy in art during the month of May.

Again, **please send in your CLEAN, empty 2-liter soda bottles** for a future project. Just have your student drop them off in the art room.

We need **PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS** to help in the art department! Don't worry- **no art experience is necessary!!!!** ☺ There is always art work to display, supplies to replenish, and paper to cut. Please contact me at [jennifer.doolittle@cowetaschools.net](mailto:jennifer.doolittle@cowetaschools.net) or call the school office at (770) 254-2597.

It is such a privilege and a pleasure to teach your children. What a joy it is to watch them as they grow & learn how to express their own creativity. Thank you!! Keep making GOOD CHOICES, Welch Bulldogs! ☺