

THE BALDY BULLETIN

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Principal's News

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Our Vision:

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Upcoming

MAP Testing
April 16 - May 10

Plant Sale

Kindergarten
Round Up

Field Day

Last Day of School
May 30

May is a very busy month for us at Forest Glen. We have several student events during the month. Please refer to the calendar at the end of this newsletter and reference the dates that apply for your children. Our staff will continue to work every day with students. At the same time, we will also begin planning for next year. We will begin creating class placements for the fall. This process will take us many weeks to complete as we consider academic needs, social / emotional needs, behavioral needs, student environment needs, and balance the boy / girl ratio in each classroom. In addition to class placements, we will be planning for room assignments and curriculum initiatives for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

The end of the school year is approaching very quickly. May 30 will be the last day of school. This will be a FULL DAY of school. Our field day will also take place on this day. Report cards will be available online on the last day of attendance. If your child leaves something behind, please stop in the office by June 6 to pick up those items. If you are unable to do so by June 6, please contact me to set up a special pick up time.

I hope that you will be able to join us on May 21 at 2 PM in Room 117 for our next session of Forest Glen 101. This month we will focus on Summer Reading and Math Activities. Stacey Stout, our literacy coach, and Jeanne Chmelik, our math coach, will be our speakers.

Please know that you may call us at any time if you have a comment, a suggestion, or a concern. My e-mail address is mhornacek@d41.org and my phone number is (630) 534-7350. Please let me know how my staff and I can be of assistance to you and your family.

Mary Hornacek
Principal

School Nurse's Day

May 9

Take time to stop by, congratulate and thank Jan Bruesch, school nurse, and Bonnie Hansen, health assistant, for all they do for our students, staff and community!



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL!!!!

By now, you should have received your 2012-2013 registration packet. Please make sure to fill it out right away and return it. You do not need to make any payments at this time. Just fill out the forms completely and get them back to school. **EVEN IF YOU HAVE A CHILD AT SCHOOL ALREADY THE DISTRICT DOES NOT COUNT YOU UNTIL YOUR FORM COMES IN.** This could have a huge impact on class sizes if people wait until the last minute.

Remind your friends to make sure they get it done as well!



PTA Plant Sale

The children will be able to purchase flowering plants and garden vegetables for their moms for their spring gardens on Thursday, May 10th, during school hours. The cost is \$1.00 per plant, and the children can purchase 2 plants each.

The plants will be bagged for the children to bring home. Please DO NOT send money with your child until Thursday, MAY 10th.



Kindergarten Round Up

On May 10, we host our annual Kindergarten Round Up from 6:30 - 7:30 PM for our incoming Kindergarteners and their families. You will receive information about our school and get some ideas for what you can do with your child over the summer to prepare him / her for August. You will meet our principal, the kindergarten teachers, our LLC Director, our literacy specialist, and our math specialist. You will also get information about our PTA and the wonderful programs and events that they offer for our students. You will participate in several activities that will offer you an opportunity to see our school. We hope you will be able to attend.

Projected Classroom Sections for 2012 - 2013

Our projected classroom sections for 2012 - 2013 are as follows:

Kindergarten	3 sections
Grade 1	3 sections
Grade 2	4 sections
Grade 3	4 sections
Grade 4	3 sections
Grade 5	3 sections

These section projections are based on current enrollment numbers and are in line with the district's classroom target guidelines. The target guidelines are: Kindergarten through Grade 2: 20-22; Grade 3: 23-25; Grades 4 and 5: 25-27; Grades 6 through 8: 26-28. If you know that you will not be returning to Forest Glen in the fall, please notify the office so that our enrollments can be adjusted.



Fifth Grade Parent Meeting at Hadley

Fifth Grade parents are invited to attend a parent meeting on Monday, May 7 at 6:45 PM in the Hadley Junior High Library. The meeting is intended for parents only. This meeting will be a repeat of the meeting that was offered at Hadley in January.

Hadley administrators and a number of other school staff will be on hand to share some details about the transition process from 5th to 6th grade, and information about procedures and expectations at Hadley. The staff will answer questions you may have. Members of the PTA will be on hand to share information about how parents can be involved at Hadley.

This is not a mandatory meeting, but it is helpful especially if this will be your first child at Hadley. Forest Glen fifth graders will be visiting Hadley on May 22 in the morning for their informational session.

Gym Shorts and Other Fun Stuff



The lunch time volleyball program is well underway. The matches are very exciting and many of the games have been close. The fifth grade has 14 teams which includes 90 kids. The top three servers half way through the program are Alex Kernagis, Colin Baker, and Nina Crawford.

The fourth grade players have had 3 matches. They have 9 teams with 61 students playing. Since the fourth grade is in their first year of lunch volleyball, no stats are kept.

The physical education championships are winding down. The fourth grade team of Cora Hortatsos, Ava Powell, Megan Odiet, Jessica Cvangros, William Miselnicky, Greg Shannon, and Aaron Litavsky won at the fourth grade level. The fifth grade championship games will begin in early May.

Don't forget to sign up for Hoof it for Hephzibah benefitting Hephzibah Children's Association. This is an organization dedicated to providing safety and care to our community's most vulnerable children. Register online at www.signMeUp.com. For more information, visit www.HoofitForHephzibah.com.

A flyer is attached in this edition of the Baldy Bulletin as well.

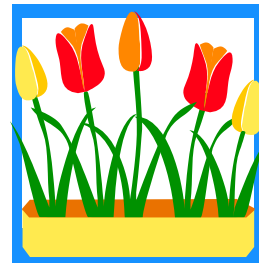
Mark Your Calendar for Field Day

Our annual Field Day is scheduled for May 30. This is the last day of school and it will be a FULL DAY of school. Please consider volunteering for this fun event.



May

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| 3 | Noon - Ambassador Meeting
7:30 PM - Orchestra Concert | 17 | 9:15 AM - PTA Thank You Breakfast
Spirit Wear Day
Noon - Ambassador Meeting
PTA Fun Lunch |
| 4 | Spirit Wear Day | 18 | Blue and White Day
2:00 PM - Eagle Assembly - Honor |
| 7 | Teacher Appreciation Week
6:30 - 8:00 PM - Chorus Rehearsal
6:45 PM - Fifth Grade Parent Meeting - Hadley Library (This is a repeat of the January parent meeting.) | 21 | 2:00 PM - FG 101- Summer Reading and Math Ideas |
| 8 | 7:00 PM - Spring Chorus Concert | 22 | Fifth Grade Trip to Hadley and Picnic at Ackerman
4:30 - 7:00 PM - Band / Orchestra
Registration - Hadley |
| 9 | School Nurse's Day | 25 | SIP Day
No ECSE and Kindergarten Attendance
10:00 AM - Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony
Noon Dismissal - Grades 1 - 5 |
| 10 | Spring MAP Testing Ends
PTA Plant Sale
6:30 PM - Kindergarten Round Up | 28 | Memorial Day - No Student Attendance |
| 11 | Staff Appreciation Luncheon | 29 | 7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting - CSO |
| 13 | Mother's Day | 30 | Last Day of School
Field Day
This is a FULL DAY OF SCHOOL |
| 14 | 7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting - CSO Board Room | | |
| 15 | 1:30 - 4:00 PM - PTA Market Day | | |
| 16 | Instrument Fittings for Third and Fourth Graders | | |



12th Annual

Hoof It for Hephzibah



5K Family Fun Run
and "Hop It" races for the kids!
Memorial Day • Monday, May 28th • 8:00 am
Newton Park, Glen Ellyn

Benefiting Hephzibah Children's Association,
an organization dedicated to providing safety
and care to our community's most vulnerable children.
Please visit www.HoofItForHephzibah.com for more information.

Register online at www.SignMeUp.com



Official chip race timing provided by Runner's Edge Race Timing.

Pre-Race Registration and Packet Pickup:

Thursday May 24, 9:30-11 am, 5-6:30pm
Sunday May 27, 12-2pm at
HealthTrack Sports and Wellness
875 Roosevelt Rd., Glen Ellyn

Race Day Registration at Newton Park:

7:00am-Registration begins
8:00am-5k Fun Run/Walk
9:30-"Hop It" Kid Races, 50 yard dash
and 1/4 mile mini-run

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SHORT NOTES

Teacher appreciation

Your youngster can make a practical gift to thank her teacher for a great year. She might arrange a “bouquet” of pens and dry-erase markers in a pretty mug. Or let her personalize a canvas bag with an iron-on patch (a book patch if the teacher likes to read, a boat if she enjoys sailing).

Library visits

Pick a time to visit the library regularly over the summer (say, every Saturday morning). Have your child sign up for the library’s summer reading program—that can motivate him to read new books each week. *Idea:* Let him take a friend along, and give them time to explore the shelves and read together.

Alternatives for time-out

A quiet-time basket can help your child calm down. Have her fill a basket with activities like a coloring book and crayons, books, and a small Lego set. Instead of giving her a time-out when she’s getting rowdy or isn’t listening, ask her to sit down with her basket and choose an activity.

Worth quoting

“Life is an echo. What you send out comes back.” *Chinese proverb*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do elephants wear sunglasses?

A: So no one will recognize them.



Young entrepreneurs

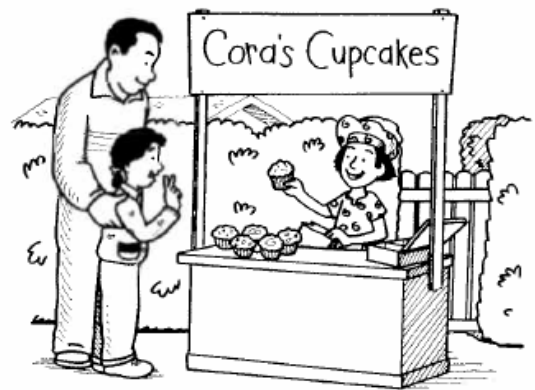
Whether your child is ordering an ice cream cone or setting up her own lemonade stand, summer is full of opportunities to see economics in action. Here are fun ways she can learn about buying and selling and supply and demand—while she practices writing and math.

Look around

Your youngster can see how businesses operate when you visit them with her. Try to stop by a small, family-owned place (ice cream shop, pizza parlor). Ask questions as you check out. Your child might discover how many scoops of ice cream or slices of pizza they sell each day, and how they make sure they have just the right amount of food to sell.

Write a business plan

Have your youngster brainstorm businesses she might like to start. She could think about what she enjoys, such as making jewelry or baking cupcakes. Then, she can write out a plan, including



what supplies she would need (cake mix, cupcake liners), who her customers would be (neighbors, relatives), and how she would sell her product (sidewalk stand).

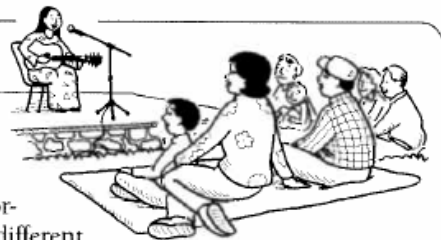
Buy and sell

Your child can work on math skills by deciding how many products to sell and how much to charge for each item. Say she plans to make 20 friendship bracelets and she spends \$5 on embroidery floss. She’ll need to charge 25 cents per bracelet just to cover the cost of supplies ($\$5.00 \div 20 = .25$). Point out that she’ll probably want to charge more than that to cover her time and to profit from her business. ♥

Special summer times

Would you like your family to spend more time together outdoors this summer? Try these ideas:

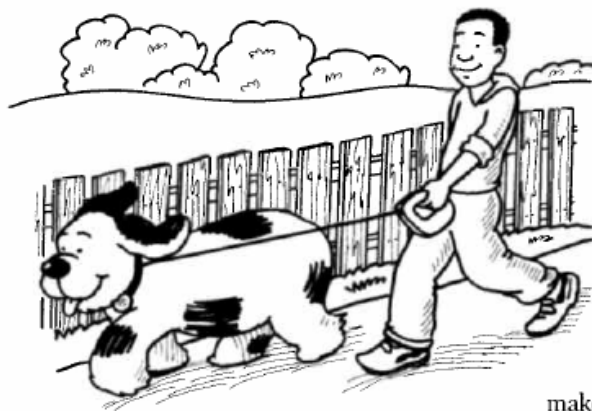
- Attend a summer concert series. Check your local newspaper or town website to find out when and where performances are held. Your family can sample different kinds of music, such as bluegrass, jazz, and big band.
- Camp out in your backyard. Pitch a tent, and take out sleeping bags or pillows and blankets. You might play cards and eat snacks by flashlight. Then, ask everyone to listen quietly to nighttime sounds. Each person can tell what he hears (frogs croaking, crickets chirping). ♥



Smooth sailing

Although summer days can be more relaxed than school days, your youngster's vacation will go more smoothly if he knows what to expect. Consider these tips for following a routine:

- Keep your child in the habit of doing chores. Suggest that he take care of them first thing in the morning. He might water the plants, walk the dog, and take out the trash.



- Make sure your youngster has daily opportunities to exercise. Try signing him up for swimming lessons at your neighborhood pool, and go often so he can practice. Find another family, and plan to take a walk after dinner a couple nights a week.

- If your youngster has a later summer bedtime, try to make sure he still gets 9–11 hours of sleep each night. Then, about two weeks before school starts, move back his bedtime and wake-up time a little each day. That will make it easier for him to fall asleep and get up on time once school begins.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Tease your brain

Brain teasers are fun for children, and they're a great way to build logical-thinking skills. Challenge your youngster with puzzles like these:

1. Ask your child to arrange 12 pennies in a square, with 4 coins per side (the corners are shared). Can she rearrange them so each side has 5 pennies? 6 pennies? (*Hint:* Some coins must be stacked, and corners will still be shared.) Then, let her name a different number of pennies and have you make squares.



2. Put four playing cards facedown on a table. Challenge your child to get all four cards facing up. The catch? On each turn, he must flip over exactly three cards at a time. With each flip, he should leave the cards as they land—faceup or facedown. What is the fewest number of turns he needs to get all four cards faceup? (*Answer:* four.)♥

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To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Q & A

Keeping children safe

Q: My daughter spends a lot of time outdoors and at friends' houses during the summer. How can I make sure she stays safe?

A: The beginning of summer is a good time to review safety rules with your daughter. Talk about the importance of wearing a helmet every time she rides a bike or scooter. Then, help her check her helmet regularly to be sure it still fits. You might keep it in a box in your hall closet along with other outdoor gear (sunscreen, water bottles) so she'll remember all those things when she goes out to play.

Also, make sure your child is supervised outside. Consider starting a "neighborhood watch"—a different adult can watch a group of children each day while other parents make dinner or run errands.

Finally, explain to your child that your family's rules apply even when she's with friends. For instance, she must wear her seatbelt in other families' cars and never play in the street.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

A science table

My son Aidan loves learning new things in school, and he's actually a little disappointed when the year ends. Last year I asked him to tell me his favorite thing about the year, and he said the science table. He explained that the teacher had a special table where she kept items they were studying, such as magnets or plants.

I suggested that we make a science table at home. Aidan liked the idea, so we put a

small table in a corner of the kitchen, and he gathered tools like a magnifying glass, compass, and ruler.

Then, when we were outside, he looked for things for his table, such as rocks, leaves, and pinecones. We added a notebook, pencil, and crayons so he could draw pictures and diagrams. Now that summer is almost here again, we're going to pull out his science table. I wonder what he'll collect this year!♥

