



Welcome back to a new year of learning! It was fabulous to meet so many of you at our “Back to School” night. I am looking forward to meeting the rest of you soon. Please be sure you say “hello” when you see me out at duty or around the school.

We also have four new teachers to welcome and get to know at Bunker this year.

- Kindergarten, Ms. Taylor Berent
- 5th grade, Ms. Kaitlin Stidham.
- 6th grade, Mr. Jordan Cameron
- Special Education, Mrs. Aubree Mecham
- Title One Tutor, Mrs. Leslie Stratton
- Morning Kindergarten Aide and Lunch Duty, Mrs. Kayla Jensen

The beginning of a new school year is such an exciting time! I strongly recommend using some of that positive energy and enthusiasm to help your student learn effective strategies for school success like:

- Consistent timely bedtime - well rested students are effective students!
- Nutritious meals - good eating habits help students and families stay healthy! If you need information on our free and reduced lunch and breakfast program, please ask at school.
- After school routines: find a common place to put their backpack, books, and homework. That makes mornings a lot easier!
- Asking about school - having students talk about their day and explain what they learned reinforces all the learning that happened at school. Find a time (maybe dinner?) to ask your student about their day. Ask multiple questions to help them move beyond one word answers and keep trying. If you model by telling them about your day, they will learn to give better answers.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter! You can look forward to receiving a new one each month! You can also find useful information about our school at our website and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Morgan

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Principal

Theresa Bunker Elementary

Dates to Remember

September 14th
September 28th

Ms. Hammon's Popcorn Sales
Ms. Lindsey's Popcorn Sales

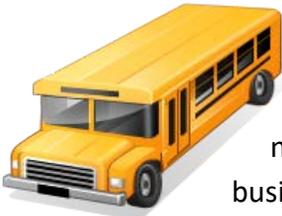
School Information

Please go to our Theresa Bunker Webpage for up to date information and like us on Facebook!

Late Start Mondays- Every Monday school will start at 8:55. Busses will run one hour later on Mondays. Tuesday thru Friday school starts at 7:55. It is imperative for students to arrive at school on time. Important classroom activities take place during the first ten minutes of school. Remember students are marked tardy five minutes after the first bell has rung. Please help your children succeed by getting them to school on time.

Popcorn Sales - Each grade will take a turn selling popcorn, usually two Fridays per month. The cost is 50 cents a bag and the proceeds go to pay for classroom materials, supplies and activities. We will need parents to help pop the popcorn, so watch for a note from your child's teacher when their class is in charge of popcorn sales.

Transportation and Safety – Please remember to use caution when dropping off and picking up children. Parents, day care providers, and transportation vans are to use the fenced parent lane that runs between the parking spaces and blacktop playground area on Bunker Lane. The bus lane at the front of the school is for school buses only! Please to not park there at any time! Please park in designated parking spots only. If you have business at the school between 7:30 am and 2:30 pm, please park in the East Parking Lot. If you require a Handicap Accessible parking space, these are located in the Northwest Parking Lot. Specific instructions for Kindergarten drop off and pickup can be obtained from Mrs. Scherck.



Unsupervised Playground - Please do not bring your children to school before 7:45 unless they will be eating breakfast (which begins at 7:30.) Also, please be prompt when picking up your student at the end of the school day. The teachers are on duty for a limited time before and after school. When the playground is unsupervised, it is unsafe for students to be at Theresa Bunker.

School Lunches – Please check the district website www.d91.k12.id.us, to check your child's lunch balance, make payments, or apply for free and reduced lunches. A new free and reduced application must be filled out each year. Applications can also be obtained online or from the office. If your child is not in class in the morning but will be here for lunch, you will need to call the school before 8:15 a.m. to order a lunch. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their students. If parents are going to be buying a school lunch, they will also need to be ordered before 8:15 a.m. Please do not send your student with lunches that need to be heated.

Text Alerts - To receive text messages about school closures and upcoming school events make sure the office has your cell phone numbers in PowerSchool and sign up for the service by texting "SUBSCRIBE" to 68453.



Webpage / Facebook page – Please check Theresa Bunker’s webpage bunker.d91.k12.id.us and follow us on Facebook for updates and important information!

Parent/Student handbooks – Back to school is a great time to review our Parent/Student handbook, which can be found at bunker.d91.k12.id.us/studenthandbook.pdf

PTO NEWS

Keep clipping those BOX TOPS for Education and sending them to school. Box tops are found on many brands including: Betty Crocker, General Mills, Green Giant, Ziploc, Avery, Kleenex, Pillsbury, Land O Lakes, Hanes, Scott, Hefty and many more. Go to www.boxtops4education.com for coupons and a complete list of products. Every Box Top counts!



Thank you to all the parents who signed up to volunteer at Back to School Night. We still need many more volunteers! We need Parents/Grandparents to assist with class parties, book fair, field day, family nights, Teacher Appreciation, and fundraising. If you would be willing to help, please contact Brinda Kersh at theresabunkerpto@gmail.com

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another school year. This year in art we are going to focus on the elements of art and how to use art to enhance other areas of learning. Last year art was on a traveling cart. This year they will come to an actual art room. In my classroom there are rules and expectations of the kids that help keep things as clean as possible. Unfortunately, accidents happen! Be aware that clothes will get dirty and hands will get stained. You are welcome to have your child bring an apron or wear clothes that can get dirty. Please instruct your child to have these items put on before they arrive at art class. I'm very excited to have another year of creating amazing art with your child! If you have any art supplies laying around your house that you would like to donate to the art program, feel free to bring it to school and I will find a use for anything. We will even take old crayola markers and send them to be recycled through the crayola company.

Thanks
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