

# Bulldog Bulletin

## Welcome!

There are many things parents can do this week to help their children feel successful in school:

- Read and **fill out the forms** your child brings home.
- **Make time** between sports, TV, and video games **for homework.**
- **Talk** about school. Help your child know you're excited, too!
- **Ask us questions.** If you have any questions about buses, money, homework, or anything else, please contact the school. We want to answer your questions now, not later.
- Allow your child to **ride the bus.** This is a great place to make friends and gain independence. It also prevents traffic jams. Our school was simply not built to accommodate so many cars at dismissal time.
- **Attend our PTO meetings in September.** You will have many questions answered that evening.

## Open Houses

Our Open Houses in September are designed for parents to hear information about their child's school year. We strongly recommend that parents find childcare for their children that evening so that they can fully attend to the presentations. However, it is most important to us that parents attend. Please feel free to bring your children with you if you cannot make other arrangements on those evenings.

## Specials Schedule for grades K-4

August 31 – A Day  
September 1 – B Day  
September 2 – C Day  
September 3 - D Day  
September 4 – E Day

## School Calendar

**September 7** – Labor Day; Schools closed

**September 8** – PTO Meeting and Open House for grades 3-5

**September 10** – PTO Meeting and Open House for grades PK-2

**September 18** – Fair Day; Schools closed

## School Locator

Bus route information may be found online at [www.ccboe.com/schoollocator](http://www.ccboe.com/schoollocator). Children are assigned to buses based on their home address. If your child will be riding the bus to or from another location, parents must complete a School Bus Change Request, which can be found on the School Locator website. Requests must be approved by the Department of Transportation.

## 2009-2010 Meal Prices

**Breakfast - \$1.15**

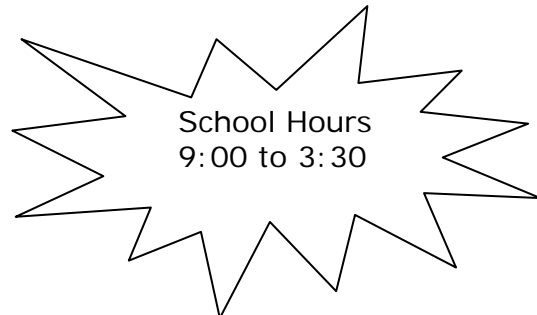
(Reduced-Price Breakfast - \$.30)

**Lunch - \$2.05**

(Reduced-Price Lunch - \$.40)

**Milk - \$.50**

School Hours  
9:00 to 3:30



## **Café PrePay**

Great news related to our breakfast and lunch program! You can pay on your child's breakfast and lunch account on-line from your home or office computer.

Here are some things to know:

- 1) Access the site [www.cafeprepay.com](http://www.cafeprepay.com) (or call at 1-800-643-2762, ext. 22).
- 2) It will ask for your first and last name and your email address.
- 3) Once you've entered the above information, the program will email you a password.
- 4) Read the computer prompts carefully.
- 5) You will need to know your child's cafeteria ID number. (Your child may know this 6-digit number or you may call the school office for the number.) The computer will ask you to enter their ID number, their last name and grade. The grades are as follows:
  - 5 (5<sup>th</sup>)
  - 4 (4<sup>th</sup>)
  - 3 (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - 2 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - 1 (1<sup>st</sup>)
  - 0 (Grades Pre-k and K)
- 6) You can add money with Visa, MasterCard or Discover. A charge is added to your card for use. Credit card deposits are credited automatically.

- 7) You can pay by a check. There is a charge. It could take up to a week for the money to be added to the account.
- 8) You can check your child's balance on the same site.

If you have any questions, give the school a call.

## **Student Dismissal**

Mitchell students are dismissed to the bus, day care van, or car that we have identified for the student. If a child is picked up by a day care provider, neighbor, friend, or relative who is not a custodial parent, our school requires written notice by a parent. We also ask the adults be prepared to show photo identification.

Each morning our teachers and office staff collect and review the dismissal changes for the day. We record the changes, call and ask questions, if necessary, and alert dismissal staff and bus drivers of the changes. Please make dismissal arrangements early enough to send the school a note in writing.

Additionally, please alert the office of all dismissal changes. Children may not ride a different bus or go to a different bus stop unless it has been approved by the school. Although we may ask children what bus they usually ride or which day care they attend, we do not take our direction from them.

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