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A Message from the Principal

We hope everyone enjoys the Holiday Season and are looking forward to 2012 and all the wonderful things to come. If we can assist in any way, please call the office or stop by and meet with our staff or me. We wish you and your family the best for the New Year.

The week of November 16-20th the Christina School District and Bayard Middle School scheduled parent conferences. We invited all our parents to join us at the school as our students shared their portfolios with their parents and guardians. If you were unable to schedule a meeting during the conference dates, please contact your child's guidance counselor to schedule a convenient date and time to visit with us to discuss your child. Teachers will be available during the meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Congratulations to ALL (157) our students that made the 1st marking period HONOR ROLL. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to excellence. We look forward to seeing more names on the 2nd marking period honor roll.

Our PTA works hard to make sure our staff and students are provided with funds to assist needy families, support for

school sponsored activities and end of the year events. We encourage ALL parents/families to join the PTA and support school-wide activities. Thank you PTA members for your commitment and support.

We ask parents to continue to speak with their children about Bayard's zero tolerance policy regarding fighting, tardy, absenteeism, and dress code violations. Any student, who is suspended for fighting can be charged with disorderly conduct. We want ALL our students to be safe during the school day and while traveling to and from school. By enforcing the zero tolerance for fighting, we have noticed a significant decrease in fighting, and a major increase in students advising staff members when there is a disagreement or verbal altercation. We are not interested in arresting students, but must insist that ALL students refrain from physical and verbal abuse/altercations. Our goal is ensure staff, parents and students that Bayard Middle School is a safe and educationally engaging school. Your support and cooperation is appreciated. Please review our dress code policy for a clear explanation of what can not be worn during the school day. Students are NOT allowed to wear any item of clothing with a hood or boots during school hours. Clothing with a hood or boots must be removed and placed in the students lockers.

Beginning in December 2011 and continuing throughout the school year parents, community leaders, and perspective students are welcome to stop by the school between the hours of 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM to tour our building and classrooms. We will begin tours every hour on the hour. Example: 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM, and 1:00PM. You do not need an appointment and you will be provided an opportunity to visit any classroom or tour the entire building. A member of the administrative staff will be available to answer any questions relating to Bayard Middle School.

"If you treat children as they are,
They will remain as they are.
If you treat children for what they could be,
They will become what they can be." -2000 Argus
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Have a great holiday break and New Year.

Mr. Patton

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New Faces

You may have seen a new teacher roaming the Bayard hallways starting on October 31st. Her name is Ms. Shana Doran, and she is the new 7th grade English Language Arts teacher. Ms. Doran comes to us from Dover Central Middle School. Here are a few things you might want to know about Ms. Doran: She grew up in Delaware.

1. She moved to Florida and taught down there for 3 years.
2. She coaches Volleyball.
3. Her favorite colors are blue and black.
4. She's a huge fan of candy.

Now, if you see her in the hallways, you can stop her and say hello.

Library Links

Library Books & Overdues

At Bayard, we encourage students to take out Library books for pleasure reading or to help with school assignments. The loan period is one week, then the book(s) must be returned to the Library for use by other students.

Parents and guardians already know that our Library books belong not to one person alone, but to the whole community of students. When books are not returned by the "Due Date" (stamped inside the back cover), they are "overdue"; and other students are deprived of their use.

If overdue books later turn up "lost", there are consequences: 1) your child's final grade report may be delayed, and (2) the parent or guardian will be held financially responsible for the cost of the book(s).

Libraries teach children the value of sharing, and responsibility for the care of community property. You can help in two ways:

1. Encourage your child to use the Library often, and
2. Make sure they return their Library book(s) by

the "Due Date".

Thank you!

The Library

Spotlight on Teachers

At Bayard we pride ourselves on having outstanding teachers. Teachers that go above and beyond the call of duty will be highlighted in every newsletter.

Ms. Evelyn Ruffin-Burris is our first featured outstanding teacher. She teaches 8th grade English Language Arts and heads the schools Meet the Challenge Department. In addition to maintaining those tasks she also directs afterschool aerobics enrichment and is a member of AVID. Ms. Ruffin-Burris has been described by her colleagues as being a super teacher because she continuously puts the needs of her students first.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2011

December 5 (Mon) DCAS Testing

- Winter Online Test Window Opens

Reading and Mathematics: Grades 3-10

December 22 (Thu) PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED – Professional Development

- Paraprofessionals Off

December 23-30 (Fri-Fri) PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Winter Holiday



