



Belden Street Montessori
Sherman, TX

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Welcome

Hi to all our families,

I would like to extend another welcome to all of our Belden Street families. This is the first issue of our monthly newsletter the "BELDEN STREET BUZZ". The first two weeks of school have been lots of fun. The staff and I are getting back into the groove as they say after a break over the summer. When we saw your children's faces on the first day of school we were reminded why we love to teach so much. Our families are very important to us and if you ever have questions or concerns please let me or your teachers know. Communication is very important.

August & September Birthdays

-  Kyle Isham
-  Shepherd Martin
-  Casey Morgan
-  Marley Morgan
-  Diem Casselberry
-  Cash Jones
-  Cy Garrison
-  Ciannah Garrison

"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."
Marie Montessori

Upcoming Events

Attached to the monthly newsletter will also be a monthly calendar. At the beginning of school we sent out all year calendars. I thought it might be helpful to have a monthly calendar for the refrigerator door as well. The calendar will also be posted on our web site, www.beldenstreet.org.

Labor Day

There will be no classes held on **Labor Day, Monday, September 5th.**



The All School Picnic

Every year after school starts we like to get all the Belden Street families together for one big pot luck picnic. The school provides the location (school playground) and drinks. The families bring along a quilt, a picnic basket, a covered dish or two and an appetite. We have a great time! This year the picnic is scheduled for **Friday, September 23rd, at 5:30 p.m until 7:30 p.m.** You will receive more information about the picnic when it gets closer. I hope the weather cools off some before then.

Board Buzz

The BSM Board of Trustees is made up of Staff members, Parent members and Community members. We have a meeting once a month and fund raising is always the main topic for discussion. If you have any ideas for fund raisers let us know. Belden Street is not subsidized financially by any outside group. The tuitions and fundraisers are our only source for income, so fund raising is very important.

The Staff Representatives are: **Agnes Cross, Karen Schuth, Tobin Baird and KayCee Stambaugh.**

The Parent Representatives are: **Monica Stas, Kate Boessen, and Sheila Bonner.**

The Community Representatives are: **Elena Olive, Cathy Mancill, and James Utz.**

BSM Board President: **Monica Stas**
BSM Board Vice President: **Cathy Mancill**
BSM Board Secretary: **Agnes Cross**
BSM Board Treasurer/Director: **Karen Schuth**

Thanks to our Super Parents!

Thank you to all those who have signed up to be our Super Shoppers and all those Super Parents who have donated books, diapers, wipes, a kitchen & other toys for the school. You are SUPER! If you would like to be a Super Shopper and have not signed up yet, let Ms. Karen know and she will help you get signed up with your child's teachers.



Dear Maria,

This section will be for questions and answers about children, school, works in the classroom, and whatever you or someone you know would like an answer to. Write down your questions and give them to Ms. Karen or a staff member. Here is how it might look:

Dear Maria,

Every day I ask my son, "What did you do at school today"? And every day he tells me he does the insect work. The first day I was very impressed and happy he was enjoying science. The next day I asked the same question and got the same answer. This went on for several days. My son really must love the insect work; can you tell me more about it?

Bugged out

Dear Bugged out,

It is true the children learn a lot about nature in Montessori school, but my guess is your son is working everyday on a handwriting exercise called the metal insets. Metal insets are ten flat metal squares, in each of which rests a different cut-out metal shape. Paper is cut to the exact size of the square and is available along with colored pencils. The Metal Insets help the child acquire proficiency in using a writing instrument, including lightness of touch, evenness of pressure, continuity of line, control of line, and familiarity with the curves and angles found in letters. With all the practice he is getting with the metal insets he will be ready when the time comes to write you a story about insects. Thank you.

Have a Happy Labor Day!