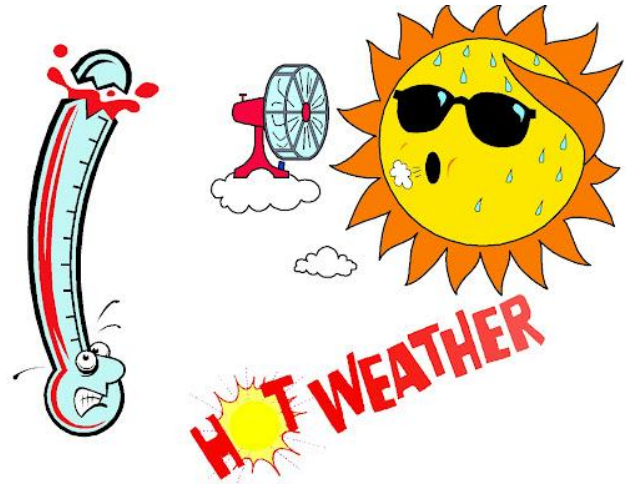

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Dear Parents:

I really try to have a cheerful outlook on things but when I saw the forecast for this week, I was not too excited. The average high for Indianapolis in August is supposedly 82 degrees. As we run out of summer this year, we definitely hope not to run out of Puron! I suppose I'll be complaining when it is -5 degrees in January, too. That's how it is in Indiana.

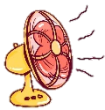


We are off to a great start for our 2025-26 school year! The teachers have been stressing procedures as that is key to having an orderly environment where students feel secure and are learning well. The heat doesn't seem to bother them as much, either!

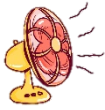
Here are some hot events on our BTCS calendar:



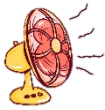
Monday, August 25-Thursday, August 28: All students in kindergarten through sixth grade will be given a baseline assessment. K5-2nd will have MAP Growth and 3-6 will take IXL assessments. These tests give both teachers and parents helpful data to begin the year. Attendance is important during this timeframe.



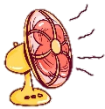
Tuesday, August 26 is the big kick-off for our monthly Mileage Club challenges! The theme is Back to Basics. The 1st-6th graders are supposed to dress like a storybook character or something that reminds them of a favorite book. Our goal for this run will be two miles, which is easily achievable by everyone. Everyone will receive a dog tag and chain to attach their earned tokens to their backpack. All students in these grades participate – until 3:30 for non-Mileage Club kids and until 4:10 for those signed up for Mileage Club. **(Please let their teacher know if they are going home at 3:30!)** Remember, Mileage Club is only on Tuesdays this year. I hope by keeping it to one day per week, Mileage Club will be more of a special activity and that they will try their hardest to achieve mileage throughout the year.



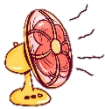
Monday, September 1: There is **no school** on Labor Day!



Thursday, September 4: The students participating in Mileage Club are encouraged to seek sponsorship from relatives and family friends. We will have a pizza party at lunchtime for all students who have a total of \$2.00 or more in donation pledges. Our donation goal is to purchase a mascot outfit for the Warriors! For a respite from the heat out by the south playground, we will soon be getting a fabric shade canopy and picnic table with monies given in donations the past two years.



Tuesday, September 9 is Picture Day at BTCS! All students will have their photo taken. I hope that you saw the new photo collages in the hall the night of the Open House!



Friday, September 12 is our first Professional Development Day of the year at which time the teachers and staff receive training on various subjects. **Dismissal for the students will be at 2:15** with after care available for a fee.



A BTCS swag store can be accessed on the school website under the Parent Page tab. The store includes items such as P.E. shirts (yellow), long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece jackets and more. BTCS P.E. shirts are required for first through sixth graders. Students will be marked "out of uniform" after Labor Day if they do not have a P.E. outfit as outlined in the Dress Code.

This week includes the beginning classes of chapel, music, choir, art, taekwondo and P.E. Piano lessons will begin next week. Since forty-some of our students take piano, we are excited to announce an additional teacher who will give some lessons on Wednesdays.

Stay cool, everyone!

Mrs. Newton

