

# Buccaneer Bulletin

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## New Website

We are excited to debut the first Bloomington PTA website! Here you can e-mail the PTA President with ideas and concerns, get the newsletter on-line each month, e-mail the PTA Secretary for Board Member Info, and keep up-to-date about important news and events going on at our school. The website is in its beginning stages, but we are excited to bring you one more avenue of communication! Our address is: [bloomingtonpta.com](http://bloomingtonpta.com). You will also be able to find a copy of this newsletter online at this site!



## Buccaneer Bazaar

Enjoy an evening of fun with the whole family! The Buccaneer Bazaar will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the bazaar at 6:00 p.m. The Buccaneer Bazaar allows students to run a "business" to earn Buccaneer Bucks. (Bucks are given out by teachers to reward students for good behavior, handing in assignments on time, homework completion, following directions, etc.) The Bazaar is held regularly throughout the year, with the first being held in the evening to allow parents to participate. Students wishing to have a booth must pay for a "license" with Buccaneer bucks and fill out an application describing their business. More information will be forthcoming. Keep in mind while you plan your booths that there can be no live animals sold, and that crafts and games are preferred over selling lots of sugary snacks. We look forward to seeing you there!

## PTA Fundraiser

It's time for the popular Sally Foster Fundraiser! We're raising money to continue all the programs PTA sponsors and raise enough to upgrade the sound system in the Gym and Stage. Our school earns 50% profit on all premium gift wrap, unique gift items, kitchen solutions and gourmet chocolates so good they've been served at the White House. Out-of-town family and friends can support your child's fundraising efforts, too. Just go to the Seller's Section at [SallyFoster.com](http://SallyFoster.com) to sign up for the e-mail program using our school number #462373. Your child has received a Sally Foster catalog, order form, and e-mail info for the online store. Order by Sept. 14.

Thank You for your support!

## Calendar

9/1—Fundraiser Begins

9/5—Pizza Night

9/14—Roundup Parade, 4:30

9/14—Fundraiser Ends

9/27—Buccaneer Bazaar and dinner, 5:30

9/28—Volunteer Tea

## PTA Board Meetings:

PTA Board Meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month from 2:15 to 3:15 pm in the gym. All PTA members and parents are welcome to attend.

**Donations:**

Bloomington PTA will gladly accept cash donations to support our fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your assistance with all of the programs PTA sponsors!

**Dixie Roundup Parade**

The Dixie Roundup Parade will be Sept. 14th. We will meet at 4:30 at the West Elementary Park. The parade starts at 5:00. Students, parents and teachers are invited to walk with our school.

**Drawing****Winners:**

Congratulations to Wendy Parker and Hayden Schmidt who each won a \$25.00 gas card in the Early Bird PTA Membership Drawing! Special thanks to Overland Petroleum/DATS Trucking for the gas card donations!

**Box Tops**

We hope that you have been collecting lots of box tops over the summer. These General Mills box tops bring in 10 cents each in funds for our school. You can start bringing in your box tops to your teacher as soon as possible. We will have another contest to see which class collects the most box tops. The deadline to bring in box tops to your class will be October 25, 2007. Make sure that you tell everyone in your family to collect box tops for you. If you have any questions regarding box tops, please call Lisa @ 628-6032. Thanks for your support!

**Garage Sale**

It's that time of year again! Time to clean out your closets, garages, toys, etc. The booster club is having our 2nd annual garage sale at Bloomington Elementary. Last year's sale was a big hit and we appreciate everyone that helped and donated in any way. We are planning on having this year's sale at the end of October. We will be earning money for our school and would appreciate any donations or help. We will have more information coming as time gets closer. Please contact Sharlie Carnahan @986-9782 with any questions.

**Thanks!**

Mrs. Scott's Third Grade Class would like to thank Isabelle Fleischer for our fabulous S.T.A.R. binders. She donated the materials and her time to make them. We are so excited to become "Students Taking Awesome Responsibility".

**Spotlight on Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Staff Developer**

As the new Staff Developer Grades 3-5, I will be working closely with the entire staff, community, and principal to ensure that all of our students have the best educational experience possible at Bloomington Elementary School. I'm excited about this new job and all that I will learn as I grow professionally.

Last year I moved to St. George from Northeastern California where I lived for 29 years. (Have you ever heard of a small town called Janesville, near Susanville in Lassen County?) The warm weather and family have brought me to this incredibly beautiful area. This is my 13th year in education, with experience teaching grades 2-6. Before obtaining my teaching credential, I worked 7 years as a library media technician in a K-8 elementary school. Three years after beginning to teach I went on to complete a Master's Degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in literacy from the University of Nevada, Reno. My husband and I have two children, a 29-year-old daughter who resides in Reno, and a 23-year-old son who's enlistment was just up in the U.S. Marine Corp after three years in Iraq. We have also provided a home to many foster children in past years. I have a great love for children and a strong desire to help each child reach his or her highest potential. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with all of Bloomington's parents and children this school year.

## Spotlight on Mrs. Heki, our Principal

Hello! My name is Mrs. Heki (hay/key). My husband Keith and I have two beautiful little girls. Taylor is 10, and Tanner is almost 8. (Both attend Bloomington Elementary.) We have a wide assortment of other members in the "Heki Family", which consist of two dogs, two guinea pigs, two goldfish in a bowl, a horse named Grey Eagle, and three cats. As the students of Bloomington Elementary soon learn CATS are my favorite animals, and my office is stuffed with plenty of them for all to enjoy when they pay me a visit.

I have been teaching for the past 18 years, with the majority of my classroom time being in various elementary schools throughout Las Vegas. For four years I worked for the Washington County School District as an ESL Specialist. I have spent many hours planning with and training teachers to work with students who do not speak English. I went back to the classroom and taught third grade in Enterprise the year before I became the Principal of Bloomington Elementary. Being a principal has given me the opportunity to get to know many students and their families. I enjoy this very much, and look forward to meeting many more "friends" as we continue on this educational adventure together.

## Spotlight on Mrs. Pickering, Staff Developer

As a new Staff Developer for this school, I will be working with Grades K-2. In the morning I will be working with First Graders teaching Reading Recovery, also I will be teaching the extended-day Kindergarten students.

This summer I moved from Enterprise, Utah where I lived for 27 years. I wanted to live in a warmer climate, and also be closer to my husband's work and shopping. This is my 13<sup>th</sup> year in education— teaching Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades until I became a Staff Developer. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year being a Staff Developer and teaching Reading Recovery. Before obtaining my teaching credential, I worked as a teacher's aid. I also taught dancing for 7 years.

My husband and I have 4 children, a 26-year-old son who is completing his education at SUU, a 24-year-old son who is also completing his education at SUU, a 21-year-old son who is working for SunRoc and an 18-year-old daughter who just started at SUU.

I love teaching Reading Recovery to the 1<sup>st</sup> graders, as it is the highlight of my day. I am enjoying getting to know the great staff that is here at Bloomington Elementary. I am excited that I will have the opportunity to work with all of Bloomington's parents and children this school year.

## Volunteer Tea

The volunteer Tea will be held Friday, Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

## PTA

### Memberships

**A huge Thank You to all who joined PTA in August! We are half way to our goal of 200 memberships. Our membership drive will continue through October. Membership papers are available in the front office. Remember, PTA works hard to bring your children wonderful programs like classroom volunteers and coordinators, school T-shirts, this school newsletter, vision screening, Reflections, Science Fair, year-books, safety week and much, much more. When PTA gets involved, children benefit! Join PTA!**

### Batteries for \$

If you have any old or bad batteries for cars, trucks, generators, ATV's, etc., send them to Interstate Batteries and help our school earn credit. Interstate Batteries is at 615 N 1300 E in St. George, 435-673-6736. Just tell them you are donating to Bloomington Elementary school!

## Bloomington PTA Board 2007-2008

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Easter Egg Hunt	Sarah Kerr		

### Positions still needed:

**KONY Coins for Kids—December    Food Drive—November**  
**Kindergarten Registration    President Elect    Family Life**

If you would be willing to help in one of these capacities or any other, please call Roma Goldhardt at 634-9364.

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### Newsletter Submissions

The newsletter will be printed the first of each month.

Please submit any newsletter information by the 25th of the month preceding. Put the subject as "PTA Newsletter" and send to:

[newsletter@bloomingtonpta.com](mailto:newsletter@bloomingtonpta.com)

### Recycling

Remember to keep recycling your grocery bags and aluminum cans. Our school earns much needed money when you bring cans and bags to the receptacles inside the front doors of the school. It all adds up! Thanks for your support!

### 2 Fat Guys Pizza Night

As a school fund raiser, Bloomington Elementary will be partnering up with 2 Fat Guys Pizza for a Pizza Night. On Sept. 4, Brett Bleazzard, owner, will be conducting assemblies at 2:30 and 3:00 to inform students of the details. (This is optional, but we hear he will be tossing some pizza dough!) A fundraising flyer will go home to parents this day also informing them. The next day, Wednesday, Sept. 5 will be Bloomington's Pizza night. Watch for stickers which might be worn home as reminders. The school will receive 20% of the sales when Bloomington's name is mentioned and the classroom who has the most sales will win a pizza party. Every first Wednesday of the month will be Pizza Night for Bloomington Elementary. Monthly Flyers will be sent home as reminders.