

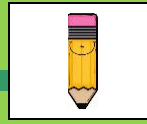


Great Expectations Focus for the Month!

Character Trait: **Integrity**

Quote of the Month:
"Learn Well. Live with Honor"
-Bixby Motto

Expectation Focus : #1: We will value one another as unique and special individuals



August 2021

Note from the Principal

Hello and Welcome Back, most wonderful East Intermediate Families!!

Wow!! We have truly enjoyed this FABULOUS first week back with you and your students!! Thank you so much for your flexibility with the "Virtual" Meet the Teacher and Cohort Days! Thanks also for your awesome participation with our School Supply Drop Off & Car Tag Pick Up events! (Though this was not our first preference for our "return to learn" plan, of course....your participation helped tremendously!) Our first days have started so smoothly and successfully because of your efforts and assistance!! Thank YOU!

Our teachers have been working hard and have been enjoying some wonderful "get to know you" time with your children and have reported, many times, that "This group of East kiddos just might be the VERY BEST we've seen!!" (I would have to say that I agree 100%!!) In addition to that, and in learning our procedures.....I would say the activity which has been most fun is listening to the students (and myself) learn my new name!! (Haha!) It's been a lot of fun!

Aside from all of the beginning of the year exercises and practices, and our attempt to return to some sort of 'normalcy' this school year...please know that your child's safety is our primary focus. We will consistently communicate any and all state, county and district updates regarding Covid-19, throughout the year. We aim to keep kiddos safe, healthy and in school! Thank you for your help and understanding with our beginning of the year Covid protocols....again, it has been an extremely smoooooth start!!!!!! Thank you!! We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Warmest Welcome Back Wishes...
Wendy Truel, Principal



Important Dates

**Week of August 23rd-27th: We will have our 1st Fire Drill this week!

**August 23rd: Grade Level Forum (4th Grade)--8:00a.m.

**August 25th: Grade Level Forum (5th Grade)--8:00a.m.

**August 26th: PTO to Provide Back to School Breakfast for Staff! (THANK YOU PTO!!!)

**August 26th: Grade Level Forum (6th Grade)--8:00a.m.

**August 26th: "Mrs. Truel's Traveling Office Thursdays" Begin!

August 27th: **Early Release Friday (School Dismissal: 2:05p.m.)



Greetings. My name is Carolyn Dickens, and I am the counselor at Bixby East Intermediate. This is my second year at Bixby, and I am super excited to be back with our BEI students. As your counselor, I am here to provide short term counseling, social/emotional lessons, academic counseling, and scheduling.

I work with many members of our staff in a team effort to ensure our students' needs are met. If a student needs assistance that requires long-term counseling, we have a Daybreak counselor available on site. More information can be found at www.daybreakfamilyservices.com

For more information on any of the counseling services at BEI, please contact me at cdickens@bixbyps.org. I look forward to a wonderful year with you and your students.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Dickens, Counselor

Other News...



As we kick off this shiny new year together....I would love to encourage you to join our **East Intermediate Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**!! Our PTO helps our school tremendously!! From providing teacher grants, student supplies, and campus-wide improvement initiatives....to working with community businesses to receive donations for teacher breakfasts, lunches and dinners...and just many overall acts of service to validate our teachers and staff...our PTO is truly the very, very best! The money raised through memberships, spirit wear sales and fundraising helps to fund each of these wonderful components which makes East Intermediate an amazing place to learn and grow!!.....Please use the link below to join!!!! We would love to have your support!

PTO: https://bixbyei-ptd_square_site/



LOCKERS: We will offer lockers on a **voluntary** basis this year. (This worked out really well for us last year! We offered lockers on a voluntary basis due to social distancing needs, and...to help alleviate the students' sore backs from the weight of the heavier backpacks. Ultimately, the students who felt comfortable selecting a locker, and the students who most needed one due to the weight of their backpack chose one. All other kiddos just took their backpacks with them to each class throughout the day, which was completely fine!....Furthermore, we will offer this option again for students this year!! Students will inform their homeroom teachers if they would like to have a locker when we return from Labor Day (Tuesday, September 7th)... In an effort to limit the back/forth decisions and inventories, we will ask that all final decisions to request a locker are made by Friday, September 10th. Thank you for your help with this!



Mrs. Truel's Traveling Office Thursdays! Next Thursday, August 26th, I will bring back our fun new initiative from last year! (Last year we had "Where in the World is Ms. Johnson Wednesdays"....This year...we will have "Mrs. Truel's Traveling Office Thursdays!") On Thursdays, I will work from a "traveling office" for a 1-2 hour period!! My "traveling office" and I will set up in an unannounced, mystery (but easily observed), location somewhere in the school building!! I am excited about this opportunity as it will allow me maintain more visibility, while simultaneously completing essential work. This experience will continue to allow me to engage on a more frequent and regular basis with staff/students (in a fun and fresh new way) and still be able to respond to pressing emails or situations which require my attention as well! Also, just to add another layer of fun....I just may have some candy on my cart! (I'm hopeful this will be a fun incentive to encourage students to stop by and see me while I'm out and about). I just want to continue to find ways to be more 'in the mix' of things and more "present" for staff members and students, again, this year!