

# Smoke Signals

## Cherokee Bend School



*Celebrate, Champion, Challenge!*



## Boosterthon Fun Run

October 7th

Thanks so much for everyone's support of Boosterthon - CBS's biggest fundraiser!

While you and your children have been soliciting pledges from family and friends around the globe, the Boosterthon team has been in our classrooms promoting Fitness, Leadership and Character.

Be sure to get your pledges in, then join us for the big event - the FUN RUN - on October 7. See you then! *More Boosterthon information on page 2 . . .*



**Committee Chairs**  
*Ann Jones & Michelle Kelly*



## Ring the Bell

*From the desk of Principal Betsy Bell*



Dear Parents,

By now, you have probably heard your child talking about Boosterthon! We are so pumped up and very excited about this incredible fundraising opportunity. I want to thank you in advance for supporting our fabulous school in so many wonderful and various ways. Whether it is serving in the lunchroom, helping in class-

rooms, planning for the next event, or being a cheerleader for our students and school, you are valued and cherished beyond measure.

Our teachers are giving it all they have to make sure that your child gets an effective, challenging, and engaging education. Our students have been working on science

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## CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

- Oct 5- Tremont Parent Meeting @ 10:45 am
- Oct 7- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Oct 10- MB School Board Meeting at CBS @ 3:30 pm
- Oct 12- Box Tops Fall Deadline
- Oct 12- Pumpkin Drop Designs Due
- Oct 12&13- Talent Show Naming Contest
- Oct 13- Coffee with Reading Coach @ 8 am and 10 am
- Oct 14- End of First Nine Weeks
- Oct 14-16- FOAC Campout 5A
- Oct 14-20- Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 17- NO SCHOOL  
Professional Development Day
- Oct 18-Nov 7- Online Book Fair
- Oct 19-21- Fall Conferences  
Dismissal @ 11:50 am  
Bruster's Ice Cream Sale
- Oct 2- Hitting Home Anti-Drug Coalition Event
- Oct 24-28th- Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 28th- MBHS Homecoming:  
2:00 dismissal
- Oct 28th- Pumpkin Drop
- Oct 31-Nov 4- Fifth Grade at Tremont

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## Name that



An exciting, new event is coming in 2012-the CBS Talent Show. To kick off this event, we want the students to name the show.

Cast your vote on Wednesday, October 12, or Thursday, October 13, at the display in the lobby. The winning name will be announced on the CBS Broadcast on Friday, October 14.

Start thinking of creative, entertaining acts. The Talent Show will highlight the variety of talent in our student body. ALL talents are accepted. Auditions will be in February, and the Talent Show will be on Friday, March 9, 2012, at the Fine Arts Center at Mountain Brook High School.

Stay tuned for more information about this fun event!

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## Boosterthon Information continued . . .



Students get pledges toward the number of laps they will run at the Boosterthon Fun Run.



All pledge money will be due on Friday, October 14.



Every student participates in the Fun Run, regardless of pledges raised, and receives a "Boosterthon All-Star" t-shirt.



Enter your pledges at [funrun.com](http://funrun.com). Each student has his/her own safe and secure Boosterthon Fun Run webpage to log in pledges and watch character videos. This year, sponsors can pay their pledges online!



All pledges are tax-deductible!



The PTO is eager to donate the money raised from Boosterthon to meet the following "epic" needs at our school:

- Our Homeroom and "Specials" teachers will receive the first distribution of funds to directly impact student learning and enhance the classroom experience.
- Money allocated for technology will ensure that our kids stay current in this 21st-century learning community.
- We anticipate committing funds to upgrade our school playground; our students seem to be most excited about this project!



### Fun Run Schedule Friday, October 7th

**8:15 - 9:15 - K & 1st**

**9:15 - 10:15 - 2nd & 3rd**

**10:15 - 11:15 - 4th, 5th & 6th**

## Red Ribbon Week

### October 24-28th

#### What is Red Ribbon Week?

For more than 20 years, Red Ribbon Week has been the time when communities encourage healthy lifestyles and teach students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. It has grown into the country's largest anti-drug endeavor and was passed by Congress in 1988. At CBS, our children are learning these messages throughout the year in subtle age-appropriate ways through a program called "Too Good For Drugs" led by our school counselor.



Join us as we celebrate this year's theme

**"Hitting Home....One School, One Goal--Drug Free!"**

It will be a fun, informative week and will be celebrated throughout Mountain Brook. Be on the lookout for more information that gets the kids involved!

**Committee Chair**

**Kimberly Long**

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## Volunteer Hall of Fame

From the desk of PTO President Amy Roberts





Let's celebrate our children, our faculty, our community . . . our education!  
Chief thanks to:


### Boosterthon

 Ann Jones and Michelle Kelly for planning and organizing our EPIC Adventure with Boosterthon. We appreciate all your efforts in overseeing our BIGGEST fundraiser and can't wait for the day of the Fun Run!


 All Boosterthon committee members and parent volunteers for waving in car-pool, providing snacks for community volunteers, assisting with the Fun Run, and more! We are so grateful for your support!


 Amy Scofield for creating the stunning display in the lunchroom reminding our kids to Encourage, Play, Invite, and Celebrate! And also, for helping with decorations throughout the school by creating the class leader board and designing foyer decorations and banners. We love your creativity!


 Tricia Pugh for decorating the school display case with fun CBS memorabilia and Boosterthon prizes.

 Mary Margaret Hendry and the Birmingham Belles for a fabulous day of painting and decorating to celebrate our Boosterthon kickoff.


### Fundraising


 Emily Amberson for coordinating and communicating our very successful Zaxby's School Spirit Night.

 Casual Friday and Harvest Dinner Party hosts for their hospitality in creating two wonderful events while raising money for CBS! What a weekend at the Bend!


 Kimm Eckhoff and Isabelle Zitella for organizing our Box Tops campaign.


### Just for Our Kids!


 Kimberly Long for serving on our community Anti-Drug Coalition Board and for preparing for an awesome Red Ribbon Week!

 Beverly Ward for conducting an orientation and training session for our Helping Hands volunteers in the lunchroom.


### Communications

 Mae Mae Kracke for completing and distributing our student directory. We love the front cover design!


 Kristy Harrison for featuring our Safety Patrol in the recent news article, "Have a nice day. It's a great day to be a Cherokee Chief!"


 Frances Watts for keeping CBS in the news by highlighting our precious children and fantastic school!

### Curriculum Enhancement

 Kimm Eckhoff and Amy Littleton and their committee for their assistance with our Fall Book Fair to support our Library.

### General Support

 Ann Jones for organizing our overflowing PTO storage closet!

 Jennifer Ware and Nova Kay Biggs for assisting our teachers with school pictures.



## Come support your Chiefs at the FUN RUN THIS FRIDAY.



## RUN, CHIEFS, RUN!



## Who's Celebrating? September Birthdays

Oct 6th - Susan McCall, Reading Coach

Oct 8th - Melinda Curtis, 2nd Grade

Oct 8th - Rick Hedrick, FOAC

Oct 8th - Robin Kendrick, Kindergarten

Oct 14th - Daniel Ferguson, 4th Grade

Oct 20th - Sharon Garrett, Math Coach



## Librarians' Corner

*From the CBS Library Media Center, Beth Shea & Kathy Hoskins*

October is another busy month for the Cherokee Bend Library Media Center!

Our students are continuing to READ, READ, READ and are using Destiny's WebPath Express to search for information on a variety of topics being studied in the classroom. Remember to access the Library Research Links from our LMC webpage if help is needed.

The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is a fabulous research tool, and if your student needs help with homework, do not forget the Homework Alabama site for free online tutoring. These are just a couple of the resources available for our students!

You can find this information by visiting:  
<http://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us/cms/Library+Research+Links/4140.html>

### TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND! October 14th - 20th

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to CBS! Look in your child's backpack for information concerning shopping, Book Fair hours, and a special event--a Cornucopia of Books! New this year is our Online Book Fair which will be available October 18th - November 7th. We are looking forward to the Book Fair, and remember that all funds raised go to purchasing new books for our CBS library collection.



## Pumpkin Drop

4th-6th grade students are invited to participate in this year's Pumpkin Drop, competing to design a pumpkin holder to protect a pumpkin dropped from the top of the school to the ground below!

- Stop by Mrs. Abbott's room to pick up a registration packet.
- Students will complete a design proposal, either working alone or in groups, with minimal help from adults.
- Designs must be submitted to the office by October 12th.
- From the submitted designs, 25 will be chosen to compete in the pumpkin drop on October 28th.
- More details available in eNews.

## Counselor's Corner

*From the desk of Shannon Colquitt, School Counselor*

Red Ribbon Week (RRW), October 24th-28th, is a week to raise awareness about the importance of being drug free. All of the events planned for RRW are to reinforce the importance of making positive, healthy choices, including being drug free.

In preparing for this nationally celebrated event, begin talking with your children about the purpose of RRW. What dreams do they have for their future? We want CBS students to understand that the positive, healthy choices they commit to today will help them accomplish these dreams and so much more.

Here are a few commitments that were made last year during RRW:

- \* Get enough sleep at night.
- \* Don't share email passwords with anyone.
- \* Don't communicate with strangers on the internet.
- \* Eat healthy and exercise.
- \* Only take medicine from my parents or my doctor.



Students will share messages like these with the community by decorating brown paper grocery bags with illustrations of smart healthy choices. These bags will then be given out at grocery stores to spread the word about positive life choices that they too can make.

Look for details coming home in your weekly eNews on the daily activities planned for RRW.

## Community News



**Spirit of Youth Ranch Pony Express 5K Run - October 1st at 9 am**  
Crestline Village

**Mystics of Mountain Brook Halloween Parade - October 31st at 4 pm**  
Crestline Village

For more information on these events go to [www.welcometomountainbrook.com](http://www.welcometomountainbrook.com).



## Reading Corner

*From the desk of Susan McCall, Reading Coach*

We had outstanding attendance at the first "Coffee with the Coach". Thank you! Mark your calendars now for the next "Coffee with the Coach" scheduled for Thursday, October 13th. Two sessions have been scheduled for your convenience. You are welcome to attend at 8 am or 10 am. The topic of discussion will be developing and maintaining a passion for reading. How can we encourage our kids to be avid readers? What are the obstacles standing in the way of reluctant readers? Plan to attend this interesting session and you will leave with practical strategies to ignite a passion for reading in your children.



## Kids Mercedes Marathon Saturday, February 11th, 2012

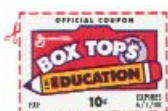
Registration is now open for the Kids Mercedes Marathon. The race this year is Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Go green and register online through [www.mercedesmarathon.com](http://www.mercedesmarathon.com) for \$20 now through November 15th. Click on Kids Mercedes Marathon and then on registration. Please save a copy of your receipt if you register online. Paper registration is also available through November 15th for \$25.

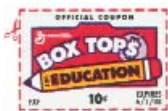


Race packets will be handed out in PE class the week before the race. We have already started logging our mileage in PE, so we are well on our way to meeting our goal! For further information, visit the Mercedes Marathon website at [www.mercedesmarathon.com](http://www.mercedesmarathon.com).

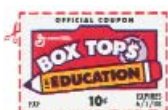
## Box Tops Fall Deadline Wednesday, October 12th



The Top 10 students who send in the most Box Tops win lunch from Chick-fil-A! Start clippin' and collectin'!



The classroom with the greatest total will also win!



And most of all, CBS wins!!

## Veterans Day Program Monday, November 3rd

Our 4th grade class is preparing for our program on November 3rd at 9:30 am. New this year, we encourage ALL students to invite their Veteran friends and relatives to enjoy our presentation!



Also, Evelyn Graham is compiling pictures of our Veterans for a special slideshow. Veterans do not need to be present at the program to be included in the slideshow.

Please email pictures to [graham3570@gmail.com](mailto:graham3570@gmail.com) by October 7th.

**Fall is in the air  
at  
The Bend.**



... From the desk of Principal Betsy Bell

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and social studies projects, writing portfolios, and reading books galore, while also engaging in amazing math problems, moodle, voice threads, blogs, Promethean Activboards, SMART Boards, art, singing, Spanish, and PE-- and yes, even preparing for the October 17th eDay. We are 21st Century learners and proud as can be!

As a school learning community, one of our schoolwide goals this year is as follows: **By May 2012, 100% of instructional staff will participate in a professional learning community that will focus on gaining and implementing the knowledge necessary to collaboratively design and reflect on effective assessments that both promote student ownership and guide differentiated instruction for all students.** Professional learning that can increase educator effectiveness and results for all students occurs within learning communities committed to continuous improvement, collective responsibility, and goal alignment. Our faculty workshop model and professional learning communities are designed to extend our teachers' knowledge of content-specific pedagogy, how students learn, and the management of classroom environments. My hat is off to all of our teachers for doing such an outstanding job to help build this culture of collaboration and meet the individual needs of our students. What teachers and principals know and do is the primary vehicle for changing what students know and do.



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## Grades-at-a-Glance

### Kindergarten

**Art** - Line Book / Castle / Caterpillar

**Music** - Learn about dynamics loud-soft in music games, Fall songs, and activities.

**Spanish** - Colors and animals review/ Fall leaves graphing

**PE** - Fitness testing, throwing/catching and soccer skills and Halloween stations

### First Grade

**Art** - Painting with primary and secondary colors

**Music** - Songs, stories, and rhythm activities about apples

**Spanish** - Shapes book/ Spain and Christopher Columbus

**PE** - Fitness testing, throwing/catching and soccer skills and Halloween stations

### Second Grade

**Art** - Scarecrows

**Music** - Songs about sports that are played in the Fall

**Spanish** - 7 continentes/ 21 Spanish speaking countries introduction

**PE** - Fitness testing, throwing/catching and soccer skills and Halloween stations

### Third Grade

**Art** - Teddy Bear Patchwork

**Music** - Play barred instruments and use music books for singing.

**Spanish** - Legend of the Mexican flag and the eagle/ Introduction of the Mayans and Aztecs

**PE** - Fitness testing, flag football and soccer, and Halloween stations

### Fourth Grade

**Art** - Tree of Life & Bubble Letter Name

**Music** - Work on Veterans Day Program.

**Spanish** - Spanish verbs review/ Introduction to Argentina and Bolivia/ Begin writing Spanish paragraphs.

**PE** - Fitness testing, flag football and soccer, and Halloween stations

### Fifth Grade

**Art** - Tree of Life & Bubble Letter Name

**Music** - Create contrasting sections to complement a recorder song that we know. Learn a new note on recorder.

**Spanish** - Spanish verbs review/ Introduce "yo"/ Introduction to El Salvador and Honduras

**PE** - Fitness testing, flag football and soccer, and Halloween stations

**Tremont** - Parent Meeting October 5th at 10:45 am in Auditorium.

**Fifth Grade at Tremont** Oct. 31st - Nov. 4th.

**FOAC** - Campout 5A October 14-16th

### Sixth Grade

**Art** - Yarn Pictures

**Music** - Music Express Magazine - learn about composer Irving Berlin as well as contemporary composers such as Justin Bieber.

**Spanish** - Spanish verbs review/ review "yo"/ Spanish literature- Don Quijote introduction

**PE** - Fitness testing, flag football and soccer, and Halloween stations

