



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Baldwin's students, parents and staff members. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer!

The "heart and soul" of quality middle schools are the teams. Students will look to their teams of teachers to provide effective instruction, nurturing and guidance throughout these very critical years. Teachers and parents will unite in support of our students, as we work together to face the special challenges that our children "in the middle" present to us all. They are, as our mission statement describes, "young people in transition with individual needs and interests that vary widely." For our students to excel here at Baldwin, the human triangle of students, teachers and parents must form a partnership. If we work as a team, the children will be able to achieve the maximum benefit from their school experience. As we work together, let us be guided by a philosophy that reinforces the notion of each child being unique individual with special abilities and talents!



We will be celebrating this new school year with our **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS**. We invite **parents of Grade 6 students to join us on October 5 at 7:00 p.m.** and **parents of Grade 5 students to join us on October 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Please review the BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT schedule on the next page.

I look forward to a happy and productive year with all of you.

Anne M. Snurkowski
Principal



PLEASE READ YOUR BALDWIN BUGLER!!

This is Baldwin's main way of communicating with you! Not many notes will be sent home in the backpacks. This newsletter is filled with vital information regarding upcoming events, messages from the PTO etc. Keep the calendars on your refrigerator; your child will always know what "day" it is!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AGENDA

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS 2011-2012

October 5 Grade 6 7:00 PM

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The format for Back To School Night for all parents will be to follow their child's "A" day schedule.

Your homework assignment (due on Back to School Night) is to **copy your child's "A" day schedule onto the form below.**

"A" DAY SCHEDULE

7:00 – 7:15 Welcome by Mrs. Snurkowski in the cafeteria

<u>TIME</u>		<u>ROOM #</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
7:17 – 7:27	period 1	_____	_____	_____
7:29 – 7:39	period 2	_____	_____	_____
7:41 – 7:52	period 3	_____	_____	_____
7:54 – 8:03	period 4	_____	_____	_____
8:05 – 8:15	period 5	_____	_____	_____
8:17 – 8:27	period 6	_____	_____	_____
8:29 – 8:39	period 7	_____	_____	_____
8:41 – 8:51	period 8	_____	_____	_____

If your child has a study period on his/her "A" day schedule, you may visit the team area classrooms.

We have allowed a 2 minute passing time. Volunteer guides will be located in the hallways to help you find the classrooms.

Please try not to be late to classes, as late passes will not be issued.

We hope you enjoy your "Back To School" Experience!

The Baldwin Bugler is Electronic!

The Baldwin Bugler (included is the monthly school calendar) is Electronic and will be automatically delivered to your email through listserv every month and will also be on Baldwin Middle School's website every month. **If you do not have a computer or cannot get online**, please fill in the space below: The PTO will send the Bugler through backpacks.

NO, I do not have any means to get onto the Internet.

Child's Name: _____ Team: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Room# _____

Baldwin PTO Listserv - GPS2018 / GPS2019 & Newsletter Sign-up

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) for the 5th & 6th Grade Classes of Baldwin Middle School has set up a listserv to communicate school information to parents and faculty – including the Baldwin Bugler, the school's newsletter (which is also included on the school's website monthly). This is a private listserv that can only be accessed by parents and faculty who are approved to participate by our moderators. This listserv will follow the student's right through to their senior year at Guilford High School.

If you do not already receive Listserv notices and would like to be added, please complete the form below (you may submit more than one email address):

Thank you, *Baldwin PTO*

Student's Name: _____ Team: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

PTO BULLETIN BOARD

A few words from your PTO ...

The Baldwin PTO welcomes families new to Guilford, new 5th Graders and our returning 6th Graders. Now that summer is over we look ahead to a great 2011-2012 school year!

We have a great PTO Committee this year, some new and we are very fortunate to have some veteran Committee Chairpersons returning this year as well. A huge thank you for keeping the Baldwin volunteer spirit alive! All PTO committee chairs are listed in the enclosed 2011-2012 Baldwin PTO Committee Chairs form and you may also access their phone numbers and email addresses listed in the Baldwin Bugler and Student Directory. The Baldwin PTO prides itself in having a great network of dedicated parents – we hope to see new parent volunteers allowing Baldwin and the PTO to continually thrive; providing a wide variety of enriching educational, cultural and social events for your children throughout the year. So, give them a call and sign up to help out. There is always a need, and always an open chair waiting for you!

The most influential way to help the Baldwin PTO provide exceptional programs for your child is to promptly return your Direct Contribution (suggested donation of \$40 per family, send more if so inclined!). Direct Contributions has been an extremely successful method for the last three years, eliminating the drudgery of fund raising. We hope we can count on you again to meet our proposed budget for this school year benefiting all Baldwin students.

The Baldwin Bugler, a wonderful resource created by the PTO, is a primary source of information for all Baldwin parents and students each month. Read it not only for PTO news but also for school related items and the always important calendar. Also, enroll in the Baldwin PTO List Serve to receive grade based, PTO and school information on-line. We hope to cut back on printing and mailing costs so that PTO money will be better spent on enrichment activities – please utilize these valuable resources!

Once again it was a glorious day at our 5th Grade/Newcomers Orientation Picnic. Catherine Dinauer did a fabulous job of organizing this kick-off event. A sincere thank you to all parents who participated by providing donated baked goods, serving snacks, flipping hamburgers and hotdogs ~ creating a warm welcome for our 5th Graders and new families to Baldwin. We are off to another great start!

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Calling all Baldwin families! Take part of our second organized student event on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the annual Guilford Parade. Baldwin students will participate by walking in the Guilford Parade representing the theme "Broadway Musicals." Look for sign-up information in the Back-to-School-Packet. We need parent chaperones and creative minds to make this a real fun day!

Please join us at our first PTO meeting on September 15th at 7 pm until 8 pm (sharp) in the Baldwin Teacher's Lounge. Mark your calendars for every 2nd Thursday of the month and join in the fun of planning an exciting year for every student at Baldwin Middle School.

We are enthusiastic about the year ahead and look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts and ideas. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns.

Kara B. Heller, Co-President
Pam Murtagh, Co-President
Lisa Geiger, Treasurer
Deb Eschinger, Secretary

BALDWIN BUGLER IS ELECTRONIC!

If you can not access the Baldwin Bugler Newsletter through the Baldwin Middle School website, make sure you fill out the form on page 3.

<http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~baldwin/>

The Bugler contains very important school information and school calendars. Make sure you get your copy every month.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Baldwin PTO Meeting Schedule for 2011/2012

(Every 2nd Thursday of the month)

- September 15
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 8
- April (no meeting)
- May 10
- June 7

All meetings will be held in the Baldwin Teacher's Lounge
7:00 PM until 8:00 PM (sharp!)

Please Join Us!

Parents, Sign Baldwin Middle School up on your Customer Card at your local Big-Y store!

All you need to do is take your Big-Y Customer Card and sign Baldwin up as your school at the Customer Service Desk. The school gets important school items for all of the cash back that the shoppers bring in, just by shopping! It takes about one minute to do and brings in so much for our school. Please participate. Thank you - Baldwin's PTO.

Box Tops for Education

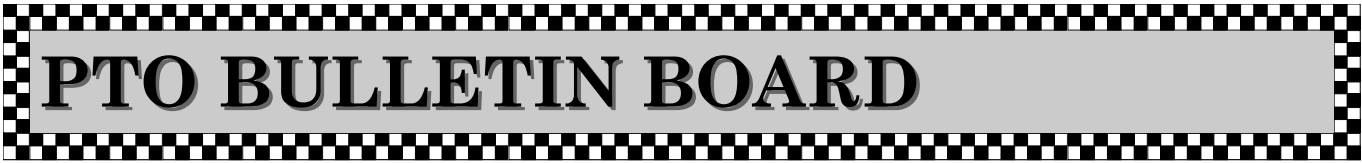


We are asking all families to chip in and cut out the Box Tops official logo found on products that they use.

Attached is a list of all products that the box tops are found on, so if you do happen to use any of these products, please cut the official Box Top logo off of the container and have your child bring it into the school and drop them into the Box Top box, located in a silver box right outside of the front office's window.

Every Box Top counts when it comes to cash and it's a very easy way to collect money for our school - just clip and save! We earned over \$400 last year, **let's try and earn over \$1,000** this school year! **The challenge is on!**

Thank you ~ Baldwin's PTO



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**Come march in the ...
 GUILFORD CITIZENS' DAY PARADE!
 Saturday, September 17, 2011**

Theme: "Broadway Musicals"

We will be making props for this event and will be wearing costumes!

If you are interested in participating in the workshops and/or marching in the parade, please return this slip to the school ASAP - we only have a TWO WEEKS to prepare!

Child: _____ Team: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to participate in the workshops: _____

I would like to march in the parade: _____

I would like to help at the workshops: _____

For Parent/Guardian:

I give permission to have my child march in the parade

(signature): _____



Abraham Baldwin Middle School
68 Bullard Drive
Guilford, Connecticut 06437

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your support of our school through the 2010-2011 A+ School Rewards Program. Because of your efforts and support of this program, Stop & Shop donated \$232.16 in cash to our schools scholarship program.

We appreciate your participation in the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program which will allow this continued financial support from Stop & Shop to be offered at Baldwin Middle School.

Sincerely,
Anne M. Snurkowski
Principal



NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.....

COMMUNICATIONS:

Need more information on Guilford Public Schools or our Board of Education?

Our web site is: www.guilford.k12.ct.us

If you would like to contact a teacher, you may leave a message on your child's teacher's voice mail. The teachers will call you back as soon as possible. Extension numbers and e-mail addresses for teachers can be located on the Baldwin web page or in the handbook.

ATTENDANCE LINE: Please call 457-0222 and press #1 to report your child's absence or tardiness from school. Please call prior to 8:30 am.

PASSES: If your child is late to school, please send them directly to the main office to get a late pass. If your child is going to an activity or a friend's house after school, a note from a parent/guardian regarding this change needs to be brought to the main office first thing in the morning. Students must receive a bus pass or an early dismissal pass from the office.

PHONE USE:

We need to ask for your cooperation in helping your children with organizing their needs and plans. Please reinforce with your children that they should not call a parent/guardian during the school day to make last minute plans for after school arrangements. It is impossible to handle non-school related issues. The two phones in the office are for emergency calls only.

Many students now carry their own cell phones and we respect the need for them to carry their phones. Cell phones are to be kept in their lockers during the school day to prevent disruptions in the classroom. Any incoming messages for students need to be conveyed through the main office.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs dates and times are listed in the newsletter every month. Sign-up sheets and permission slips are located in front of the main office. Announcements are made daily to inform students what days the club meets.

OH MY GOODNESS, I FORGOT MY MATH BOOK!..??.!

When your child comes home from school and realizes he/she has forgotten their math book (and they have math homework tonight,) their lunch box or jacket at school, **don't let panic set in!** You may come to retrieve the forgotten item after school hours. Before 5pm use the front door or after 5pm come in through the cafeteria doors on the lower level parking lot. If the doors are locked, there is a doorbell located next to the double doors-A custodian will open the door for you. Please have patience; it may take them a few minutes to come!

CHANGING YOUR CHILDS AFTER SCHOOL PLANS DURING SCHOOL HOURS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE 2:00 PM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

~Sincerely, Mrs. Cricchi & Mrs. Polastri

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Guilford Public Schools Website

The official website of the Guilford Public Schools is www.guilford.k12.ct.us.

Visitors to the website will find information about programs, school departments, budgets, Board of Education and district committees' meetings and minutes, curriculum updates, individual school links, policies, lunch menus as well as timely notices and reminders about important dates and upcoming events.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

The Guilford Public Schools will use the following means of communication during an emergency situation provided we can access power:

- An ALERTNOW emergency message will be sent to all email and telephone contacts provided to GPS by parents and guardians.
- Updates will be posted on our website at www.guilford.k12.ct.us
- Updates will be posted on our local access television Channel 19
- A voice mail message will be available at (203) 453-8200

The Guilford Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, marital status, national/ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability in its programs, activities, and employment practices. Questions or complaints related to Title IX should be directed to Anne Keene, Assistant Superintendent, 55 Park St., Guilford, CT 06437 or at 203-453-8216; questions or complaints related to disabilities, should be directed to Patricia Brett, Director of Pupil Services, 280 South Union St., Guilford, CT or 203-453-0128.

No Child Left Behind Act

As part of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Please submit written requests to the school office for this information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2011– 2012 Guilford Public Schools “Extra Pair of Hands” Volunteer Orientation Session Dates

We appreciate the valuable time our volunteers give to help in the Guilford Public Schools “Extra Pair of Hands” Program. In an effort to ensure the best experience possible for both the students and our volunteers, we require an orientation session for all adults who volunteer in Guilford Public Schools. The session offers an overview of the “Extra Pair of Hands” program, different approaches for dealing with children, and safety guidelines.

All parents, guardians, and family members who plan to volunteer in classrooms, on field trips, during special events, and at PTO activities this year must attend an orientation session. If you attended an orientation session during another school year, you are **NOT** required to attend again.

The orientation sessions are scheduled at various times for your convenience and are open to family members from all Guilford schools. Please share this information with adult family members, such as grandparents, who may want to volunteer for activities such as field trips or special activities in the spring. They, too, must attend an orientation session.

Volunteer training sessions will be held on the following dates:

A.W. Cox School 203-453-5291

- Thursday, August 18, 2011 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, September 14, 2011 6:15 PM
- Tuesday, April 3, 2012 2:00 PM

Melissa Jones School 203-457-0773

- Monday, September 12, 2011 9:15 AM
- Wednesday, October 5, 2011 6:15 PM
- Friday, March 30, 2012 2:45 PM

Guilford Lakes School 203-453-5201

- Thursday, September 22, 2011 5:45 PM
- Thursday, March 22, 2012 2:45 PM
- Friday, May 18, 2012 9:30 AM

Calvin Leete School 203-453-2726 x 4

- Tuesday, September 13, 2011 2:45 PM
- Wednesday, October 5, 2011 6:15 PM
- Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:15 AM

If you are not able to attend on the dates in your child’s school, you may attend a session at another school.

If you have NEVER attended an “Extra Pair of Hands” orientation session and would like to volunteer this year, **PLEASE RSVP TO THE SCHOOL SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL WHERE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING NO LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE SESSION. THANK YOU!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GUILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHYSICAL EXAMS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS

Students entering Kindergarten and grades 3, 6, and 10 are required to have a physical examination, meet proof of immunity requirements, and must submit a completed blue physical form.

Students in grades 3, 6, and 10 have the entire school year to return their completed exam report. The completed exam report for Kindergarten students is to be returned to the school nurse before the first day of school, Thursday, September 1, 2011. Kindergarten physicals performed 12 to 15 months prior to entry into Kindergarten are acceptable, provided all mandated information is complete and submitted on the blue State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record form.

Students participating in Adams and GHS athletics must have a completed white sports form on file prior to participation in a sport. The revised State blue form, dated 4/11, may be used to meet the requirement for athletes as well. If the revised blue form is used, no white sports participation form will be required. Please note that sport physicals expire after 13 months and a new sports physical form must be on file in the Health Office to continue participation in a sport.

For more information regarding physical examination requirements, please contact your respective school nurse.

Lunch Cards = Time for Recess

Parents, we are seeking your help in an effort to save time and money by helping your child remember to bring their lunch card with them to school every day they will be buying lunch or snacks. The purpose for using a scan card is so students can get through the lunch line quickly in order to have time for recess. If your child has lost his lunch card a new plastic card needs to be printed, the first one is free but the 2nd one costs \$5.00. We ask that when you are getting your child ready for school, please be sure they have their card in a safe place accessible at lunch time. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Check Fees

There are many times during the school year when Parents/Guardians send money to school for field trips, instruments or other school activities. Please be aware if your check is returned to Baldwin for insufficient funds, account closed or any other reason you will be charged the \$20.00 service charge the bank bestows to us. Thank you for understanding.



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DROP OFF/DISMISSAL PICK UP

There are times when a child does not take the school bus to school and is to be dropped off in private car. Please note that students are to be dropped off in the lower lot and will walk on the sidewalk to the cafeteria.



RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

On rainy days, please be assured that when you drop your children off in the lower lot we will not expect them to run down the sidewalk in the pouring rain and get soaking wet in order to enter through the cafeteria. That would not be the best way to start the school day! On rainy days students will be directed to enter the building through the lower side doors right where you drop them off. This will bring them into the sixth grade hallways and teachers will then send the students to the cafeteria or the main foyer. We hope that this procedure will make everyone's day a little brighter. So, we would appreciate you following the designated drop off procedure in the lower parking lot even on rainy days. Thank you for your cooperation!

PICKING UP STUDENTS


AFTER SCHOOL-All students who are to be picked up will be waiting in the cafeteria. Parents may park in the lower lot and enter the school through the cafeteria entrance. **For safety reasons, we ask that you come into the cafeteria and walk your child to your car.**

DURING SCHOOL HOURS-You may use the front entrance and come to the main office when picking up a student for an appointment or illness. Parents must sign the student dismissal logbook before exiting the building.

NOTES FOR PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY – To be dismissed, a student must bring a note, written and signed by a parent, stating the time that the child is to be picked up, who will be picking up the child and the reason why the child must leave early. This note should be taken to the main office for approval prior to the beginning of classes in the morning.



September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
*Please note, letter days will change in the event of an unexpected day off, i.e. snow days		Welcome Back! (finally!)		1	2	3
4	5 No School Labor Day	6A (LETTER DAY)	7B	8C	9D	10
11	12E Gr 5 Instrumental Parent Information Night 7:00 pm-Orchestra Parents 7:30 pm-Band Parents	13F	14A	15B	16C	17 The Guilford Citizens Day Parade 10:00 am On the Green
18	19D	20E	21F	22A Say Cheese! Picture Day!	23B	24
25	26C	27D	28E	29 No School Rosh Hashanah	30F	

2011

October

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*Please note, letter days will change in the event of an unexpected day off, i.e. snow days

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2011

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
GRADE 5 7:00 pm

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GRADE 6 7:00 pm

Professional Day
No School for Students

No School
Columbus Day

Picture Re-Take Day

Early Dismissal
Students Only
12:56 pm