



THE BUGLE

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KITCHEN GARDEN AND GROUNDS

Spring is here and it is time to work in the MBES Gardens! The Kitchen Garden and Grounds Committee invite you to participate in the following volunteer opportunities:

- Drop-In Workdays – April 14th & April 21st
- 30 Minute Watering Days – do on your own time & younger children are welcome.
- 3rd grade designated class time – adult gardening hands needed, no experience necessary.

Most of the volunteer tasks and times are flexible. Please check for options: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4da9af23ab9-mbes>. Thank you! Questions? Contact: grounds@mtbethelpta.org.

SPRING THING: April 27th, 6 - 8pm

Rain or Shine!

It is certain to be a fun night with a photo BUS, cotton candy machine, face painting and more!! Zaxby's and Jamba Juice will be there selling sandwiches and smoothies. Come out and join us for all the spring fun!



Questions?

Contact Amanda Poland or Alison Krizner at springthng@mtbethelpta.org.

PTA BOOK SWAP: April 24-27

Time to clean out your childrens' book shelves! Set aside GOOD CONDITION, but unwanted books, for the annual PTA Book Swap.

How Book Swap works:

- * On Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25, children will donate their books in the cafeteria **before** the first bell.
- * For every 2 books donated, the child will receive one ticket.
- * Tickets may be redeemed for books on Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27, in the cafeteria **before** the first bell.
- * Any books remaining will be donated to Norton Park and/or Powers Ferry Elementary.
- * We have donated thousands of books over the past years! This is a fun way to teach our children about service by recycling their books, helping others, and getting 'new' free books at the same time.



We are always in need of advanced chapter books for older elementary reading levels. To encourage donations of chapter books, your child will receive a special GOLD raffle ticket for each advanced chapter book, that has 200 pages or more. The lucky winners will receive prizes.

We are unable to accept book donations that are preschool reading level, religious, sticker books, Chick-Fil-A, or adult genre.

Questions? Contact: bookswap@mtbethelpta.org.

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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

The Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Test is around the corner for our third, fourth and fifth grade students. Preparation for this comprehensive assessment takes place all year within our classrooms through a rigorous academic program. Our Buccaneers are ready!

The testing schedule is seven days for fifth graders and five days for third and fourth graders and is as follows:

Date	Grade Levels Tested	Content Area
Wednesday, April 19	3, 4, 5	English Language Arts Section 1 – Reading & Evidence Based Writing
Thursday, April 20	3, 4, 5	English Language Arts Section 2
Friday, April 21	3, 4, 5	English Language Arts Section 3
Monday, April 24	3, 4, 5	Math Section 1
Tuesday, April 25	3, 4, 5	Math Section 2
Wednesday, April 25	5	Science Sections 1 & 2
Thursday, April 27	5	Social Studies Sections 1 & 2

Testing days often require a schedule change, so all Mt. Bethel students may have a different lunch/specials time during the testing window to accommodate required windows of time for test administration.

Some interesting features of the Milestones EOG Test:

- Math includes multiple select questions that allow for more than one correct answer.
- English Language Arts includes evidence-based selected response items which require two part answers. The first part answers an inferential or key concept question related to the text. The second part is evidence from the text used to support the inference or idea.

The best way you can help your student be ready for testing is to send them to school well-rested, full from a good breakfast, and in a good frame of mind after a stress-free morning! We will ask teachers to decrease or eliminate homework during the testing window, as well.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't hesitate to reach out to one of our testing coordinators via email if you have any questions regarding the Milestones.

Our assistant principals are Mt. Bethel's testing coordinators.

Maria Clark (Maria.Clark@cobbk12.org) or Faith Harmeyer (Faith.Harmeyer@cobbk12.org)

Sincerely,

Jessica Appleyard
Jessica Appleyard, Principal

Faith Harmeyer
Faith Harmeyer, Assistant Principal (3-5)

Maria Clark
Maria Clark, Assistant Principal (K-2)

Jamie Davies
Jamie Davies, Support and Service Administrator

Jill Hawes
Jill Hawes, School Leadership Intern

FROM THE PTA CO-PRESIDENTS:

Dear Mt. Bethel Families,

Spring is around the corner planning for next year is underway! New officers, Administration, parents, and teachers all play a critical role to ensure that we have a successful year and a strong outlook for the future.

Soon you will receive the MBES PTA survey. Your input guides the goals and functions of the PTA in order to effectively support student success and increase family engagement. Our community is strong because of our active and involved parents.

Please consider supporting the Mt. Bethel PTA by serving on the PTA Board as a committee chair or as a committee volunteer. It's a rewarding way to serve the school, our teachers, and the children! There are positions to fit any schedule or level of involvement. Please feel free to contact us at co-presidents@mtbethelpta.org with any questions!

It's almost time again for families to prepare for next year using our ONLINE PRESALE FORM to purchase items such as spirit wear, calendars, directories, PTA memberships, and additional workbooks/recorders for next year. Online credit card payment is available. Informational packets will come home following spring break.

Remember that basic school supplies such as pencils, paper and crayons must be purchased separately. These supplies/grade level packets can be purchased through EPI. EPI is an independent service that offers MBES families the convenience of online supply shopping and home delivery. More information to come in the e-Blast on this time saving service!

Please enjoy your spring break. Be safe. Rest up. The last eight weeks of school will be busy and exciting, and we look forward to seeing you around Mt. Bethel!

Please contact us with any questions at co-presidents@mtbethelpta.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Kim Wimberly and Carrie Pruitt
PTA Co-Presidents



Show Your Buccaneer Pride - Sign up Now!

Anticipated Open Chair Positions for 2017-18 Questions? Contact: co-presidents@mtbethelpta.org

Meet and Greet - 2 chairs - Plan the room layout, schedule, and volunteers for Back to School Meet and Greet. One day event the week before school starts. Work with presale, treasurer, and PTA executive board to coordinate details.

Legislative - 2 chairs - Monitor issues and keep parents/school community informed about local, state, & national issues that concern our children. Attend PTA Day at the Capitol and PTA Advocacy Conference Day.

East Cobb Parade - 1 chair - Register for parade, arrange for vehicles to drive MBES staff, and purchase candy. One day event in the fall (usually September).

Cultural Celebrations - 1 co-chair - Plan and set up exhibits representing various cultural events and activities from around the world.

Fun Run Fair - 1 co-chair - Set-up and coordinate Fun Run Fair, typically the first Saturday in November. Coordinate vendors and volunteers, plan decorations, set-up, tear down day of race.

Book Fair - 2 co-chairs - Schedule, promote, plan decorations, set-up, tear down and/or packet distribution for Fall & Spring Book Fairs.

Literacy/Read Across America - 1 co-chair - Promote literacy in our school and other schools through a variety of events, including Book Swap and Read Across America. Read Across America usually early March. Book Swap event usually late April. Additional events/activities may be added to meet literacy goals.

Spring Thing - 1 co-chair - Oversee/plan food, decorations, entertainment, set-up, and clean-up for this fun, family event held in the Spring.

Visiting Author - 1 co-chair - Plan and coordinate the Visiting Author event and book sale.

Yearbook - 1 co-chair - Oversee the production of the Mt. Bethel yearbook. Take candid pictures throughout the year in the classrooms and at school events. Layout/editing of yearbook pages and distribution in the Spring.

Fall Fundraiser - 1 co-chair - Implement/promote the Read-A-Thon PTA fall fundraiser. This fundraiser focuses on reading. Nearly 95% of all proceeds go back to the Mt Bethel PTA to help fund school programs.

Family Fun Night - 2 chairs - Plan/organize this fun family event in the Fall; coordinate volunteers and activities.

Reflections - 1 co-chair - National PTA Art Contest held in the Fall with a celebration ceremony for all participants in the Winter; promote the program to students, organize/process entries, and plan ceremony.



TEACHER FEATURE



PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

The PE coaches are looking forward to getting back outside in March if the weather cooperates!

PLEASE come dressed for action from head to toe. PE class is EVERY OTHER DAY.

FOUNDATION SPONSORED STEM CAMP 2017:

Rising 1st – 6th Grade Mt. Bethel Students

STEM Teacher, Sammy Jo Hogan will run the camp with engaging activities each day to help our Buccaneers become problem solvers, to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at deeper levels, and to have fun while learning!

June 5-8

AM Session = 8:30 – 11:30

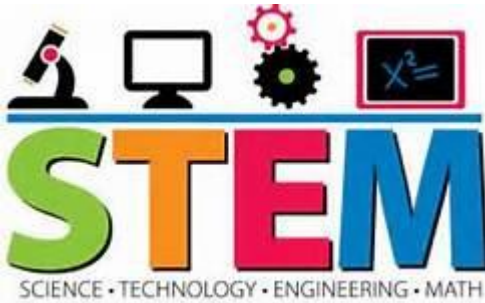
PM Session = 12:30 - 3:30

Cost - \$150.00

Registration Opens: March 29th, www.mbesf.org



STEM:



We have begun completing our first round of coding challenges for **fifth grade**, please ask your child how Ozobots code through color!

The PTA has provided us with more Legos and new ZOOB builders, **K-3** have been enjoying fun and challenging engineering challenges.

4th grade recently discovered just how small Earth is compared to the Universe. They completed a relative size model of the sun and other planets, all based on if the Earth was the size of a marble. They enjoyed converting planet size all the way down to the mm!

We are already planning and looking forward to making STEM even better next year! I greatly appreciate everyone's continued support!

TECHNOLOGY:

In the computer lab, **kindergartners** are learning how to log into Cobb Digital Library where they will explore programs like PebbleGo, Tumblebooks Library, and BrainPop, Jr.

First and second graders have been busy creating graphs in The Graph Club.

Third graders are beginning their national park research and PowerPoint project.

The **fourth graders** have just finished writing their letters to their grandparents or other older relative/family friend asking about what school was like for them. Students will be starting to bring in letters and we will share them in class. Encourage your students to continue to write to their grandparents as it brings so much joy to both parties!

The **fifth graders** just finished researching their career choice and typed a report, bibliography and cover sheet.



TEACHER FEATURE



We had a great Book Character Day! It was such a fun experience for everyone! The students did a phenomenal job sharing about their characters and the costumes were very creative! We have completed our Orton-Gillingham training and we are thrilled with the results we are seeing in the classroom. Please be on the lookout for information regarding our Poetry Parade which takes place in May!



First grade would like to thank you for the amazing week of Teacher Appreciation!! We are all so blessed to work at Mt. Bethel. We have loved learning about Theodore Roosevelt in the Learning Commons with Mrs. Kindschy! We look forward to learning about George Washington Carver over the next few weeks.



Second grade will wrap up our study of Jimmy Carter and kick off the month of April with our spring and life-cycle study. This is one of our most exciting times of the year, when we don our scientist hats to observe and document the transformation of plants, insects, birds, and frogs. Animals aren't the only ones transforming! In math, our kids are working on foundational skills for third grade, such as fractions and multiplication by partitioning shapes and using rows and columns in repeated addition. In reading, we will practice the skill of determining what the important information an author is trying to teach us and compare information between two articles. We will be at full speed to the finish line, so get your engines revved up to finish second grade strong!



Thing 1, Thing 2 ... it's hard to believe that quarter 3 is almost over! The students had a blast celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. They looked great in their colorful stripes, crazy hats and silly socks. We had extra reading time, played a Math scoot game, and learned about who Dr. Seuss was. Our turn out for Walk to School Day was amazing! Thanks for taking a break from driving and getting some extra exercise. It feels good be healthy, keep it up. Students are saving their money for our next Market Day, March 16!



The Boston Tea Party, Paul Revere's Ride, Lexington and Concord and the Constitutional Convention- just some of the exciting Revolutionary War events brought to life by 4th graders at the Cobb Youth Museum. High Touch High Tech brought "Sound" to the classrooms in addition to the students heading to "Space" for 2 of our science units. Students have also begun multidisciplinary projects with Mrs. Kindschy in the Learning Commons on highlights of the Civil War. Work on these projects will run to May. The Fourth Grade teachers would like to thank the students, parents, and our PTA and Foundation for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week.



First and foremost, the fifth grade team would like to thank our amazing students and parents for a wonderful teacher appreciation week! We were overwhelmed with your kindness and truly believe we have the best job in the world! This month, we will be visiting the book fair and will be visited by the George Ensemble who will be performing, "And Then They Came for Me," a Holocaust story. Keep up the hard work; spring is here!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

April 3 - 7	Spring Break No School	May 3	Kindergarten Orientation 9am
April 17 - 21	Georgia Milestones EOG Testing 3,4,5	May 5	PTA Board Mtg & Appreciation Brunch 10am
April 24	5th Grade Panorama	May 9	Spirit Night Chick-fil-A 5 - 9pm
April 24 - 27	Book Swap	May 10	Field Day
April 24 - 27	Community Outreach	May 11	Field Day (Rain date)
April 24 - 27	Georgia Milestones EOG Testing 3,4,5	May 16 - 19	Georgia Milestones EOG Retests
April 26	Administrative Professionals Day	May 23	5th Grade Awards & 5th Grade Walk
April 27	Spring Thing, 6 - 8pm	May 23	12:30 Early Release
April 28	Last Day of Spring FACT Clubs	May 24	Last Day of School/ 12:30 Early Release



BUCCANEER

Big Bugle Bravos to Hospitality Appreciation co-chairs **Lindsay McCabe** and **Vanessa Moulthrop** for hosting a fabulous Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and planning the activities for the week. Our teachers felt “SUPER” appreciated! Special thanks to the families who brought lunch for a teacher; who donated raffle items; who served as TPVs so the teachers could lunch together; and who donated items. We couldn’t do it without all of you!

Thank you to **Ellen Bloch Nagel** for organizing the Learning Commons Volunteers! Kudos to **JoAnna Smith** and **Nicole Solet** for organizing the Front Office Volunteers! Many thanks to **Natalie Collins**, **Heather Callahan** and **Erin Inan** for co-chairing Room Reps! Special thanks to **Emily Ratliff** for overseeing Trained Parent Volunteers!

Buccaneer Bravos to **Julie Brown** and **Betsy Hart** and their Lost and Found volunteers for their tireless work returning lost items!

Thank you to **Kimberlee Ackerman** and **Dana Burnett** for overseeing 5th Grade Activities!

Kudos to **Nicole Mason** for her dedication to our Sister Schools and Community Outreach.

BIG THANKS to everyone who donated to such a great cause. HEART-FELT THANKS to our parents who came in to keep our donations organized: **Jessica Nagle**, **Gretchen Patrick**, **Ashley Cook**, **Laura Pettus**, **Christy Jones**, **Jennifer Armstrong**, **Julie Brown**, **Amanda Poland** and **Stacie Pester**. Presently, we have received \$23,570.00 – a great contribution to the American Heart Association! Jump Rope for Heart prizes will be delivered to students in March as soon as they arrive on campus.



Ask your child how much a blue whale’s heart weighs and how many times a person’s heart will beat in their lifetime. Hope everyone got a chance to see the video about one of our staff members who has had a heart surgery.

Winners of the annual **Jump Rope Contest** include the following students:

- 5th grade: Laura C., Ilyssa M., Will A., Owen L., Delaney S.
- 4th grade: Jai M., Dhriti R., Grace M., Rowan D.
- 3rd grade: Cooper P., Malek D., Katie C., Riya K., Mangus J.
- 2nd grade: Bridget L., Kahn P., Audrey O., William P.
- 1st grade: Isabelle S., Bryn C., Ryan P., Wesley W.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Congratulations to the **Honoring Our Heroes** essay contest grade-level winners!

- Kindergarten: Lindsey E.
- First Grade: Aria B. S.
- Second Grade: Aashray A.
- Third Grade: Manha S.
- Fifth Grade: Anna Gracelyn E.

These essays were submitted to the East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs for a district level competition. Congratulations writers and good luck!



BRAVOS !!!!!!!



Special thanks to **Marlene Cohn**, **Tina Patel** and the Cultural Night volunteers for a great evening of education and entertainment .

Thank you to **Janice Winfrey**, **Brittany White**, and **Vivian Galletty** for Organizing a successful Walk to School.

Big Bravos to **Dayna Teichman** and **Heather Werner** for Read across America.

Kudos to **Rachel Esposito** and **Stacey Goss** for getting presale organized and ready to go for the 2017-2018 school year!

A huge thanks to our **Yearbook Team** for producing what is going to be a fabulous yearbook! We can hardly wait to see it in print!

CHALLENGER PUBLISHING - Student Authors 2016-2017

Thanks to all students who submitted a story for the PTA's Challenger Publishing Program—we have 58 published authors this year! Each author will receive an invitation to the Author's Celebration to be held later this spring. Parents and siblings will be welcome to attend this event—make sure you bring a camera to capture a photo of your author with a copy of his or her published story. Questions? Please email challengerpublishing@mtbethelpta.org.

Kindergarten: Elias G. (Menear), Felix F. (Lindsay), Jacey W. (Menear), Lola M. (Loesher), Sohan M. (Lindsay)

First: Addison M. (Mullins), Alexis P. (Osburn), Annie C. (Rockwell), Dylan M. (Mullins), Emma Rose T. (Osburn), Eve Z. (Driggers), Greyson E. (Driggers), Logan S. (Rockwell), Scarlett C. (Rockwell), Zoe S. (Osburn)

Second: Aaron C. (Bain), Abigail N. (Chaviano), Abby Z. (Cabral), Alexander N. (Cabral), Angela W. (Henry), Anika S. (Norris), Arya S. (Henry), Aryana B. (Salamone), Beatrice G. (Salamone), Chloe A. (Watts), Harper C. (Chaviano), Jamison P. (Curry), Katy G. (Watts), Kelly P. (Cabral), Kendall H. (Chaviano), Natasha K. (Norris), Shaan S. (Curry), Stella F. (Curry), Trey F. (Henry), Turner P. (Henry)

Third: Addy J. S. (Boutwell), Allison P. (Tenney), Andrew C. (Hoefflinger), Antony G. (McCree), April Z. (Goldt/Mullins), Colleen C. (Bredickas), Elana M. (Bredickas), Eli A. (Hoefflinger), Elizabeth Kate T. (Hoefflinger), Erin B. (Tenney), Logan W. (Mulkey), Maddie F. (McCree), Nina L. (Bredickas)

Fourth: Alex C. (Sikes), Dhriti R. (Grigsby), Emily B. (Sides), James C. (O'Neill), Madeline B. (O'Neill), Mateo A. (Sikes), Sanjana K. (O'Neill)

Fifth: Ava M. (Rathbun), Jessica H. (Curry), Lauren R. (Morris), Megan T. (Argo), Mimi G. (Griffin), Suzanne W. (Morris)

Odyssey of the Mind - Headed to State!

We are so proud of our Odyssey of the Mind teams this year! A year's worth of hard work really shined through in Flowery Branch, Georgia, on Saturday, March 4th. Our Primary Teams could not have been better, and our Division 1 teams both placed high enough to move on to State on April 1st, with one team placing first and the other team placing 3rd in their respective areas. In addition, we had quite a few Mt. Bethel alumni participating on Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dickerson – their two teams are headed to state with a 3rd and 1st place finish, as well!

All of the students were thrilled to see Ms. Appleyard cheering them on, taking pictures, and tweeting about their accomplishments. #mtbethel #lovetoleadhere

We wish our Odyssey of the Mind teams the best at the state competition on April 1st, and we can't wait to hear how they do!

Counselor's

Kellie Oakes, Mary Rees, & Kristie Gordon

Kindergarten: In the month of February, the Kindergarteners enjoyed the book, When I Grow Up by Al Yankovic. We discussed the jobs they currently have at school and at home and how these jobs/chores help prepare them for the responsibilities they will have in their grown up careers. The 2nd lesson of the month was focused on safety and strangers. We watched The Berenstain Bears Learn about Strangers and did a safety worksheet.

First Grade: The focus with first graders has been on responsibility and careers. For the responsibility lesson, we played responsibility basketball. Students were asked to answer questions giving a responsible choice and then had a chance to shoot a basket. During the game students were asked to use good sportsmanship and encourage their teammates and opponents. We read Curious George Takes a Job and talked about the different tools that are used for jobs. This lesson is designed to increase student knowledge of different jobs available and tools needed for those jobs. We also spent time talking about the importance of thinking about interests and skills when considering a future career.

Second Grade: In the 2nd grade we read the delightful book, Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli. We discussed the importance of kindness and showing people that you care about them. The students were encouraged to think of a specific act of kindness they could do that week for a friend or family member. They were then asked to write it down and draw a picture of what they planned to do. At the end of February we played a game called Quickthink, in which I read different scenarios and the students were to say whether the situation was safe/unsafe and why. The scenarios ranged from strangers, to fires, guns and medicine.

Third Grade: Third graders listened to a story about a girl named Jana, who was not responsible with her time which prevented her from getting her homework done. This also prevented her from spending time with her friends. Instead of taking responsibility, Jana made excuses. We talked about how to take responsibility for the choices we make instead of making excuses. In third grade the students are encouraged to think about jobs that could match their interests and skills. We discussed that often our interests change or develop as we get older and this can influence our career choice. Students were encouraged to think of careers that currently match their interests.

Fourth Grade: In the 4th grade, we discussed the reasons people tease (including attention, power, insecurity, need for belonging, revenge) and the hurtful impact of teasing. We did a matching worksheet to review the material they were taught.

Fifth Grade: This month fifth grade focused on working cooperatively as a team. They were given the task of making the connection between how they participate on teams currently and what will be necessary to foster positive team relationships in their future careers. Together we brainstormed the different teams they currently participate on because they are all a part of some team. The long list varied from their team at home with their families, the fifth grade team, the Bucket Filing Brigade, sports teams, boys/girls scouts, etc. They were all reminded that teamwork is when a group of people work together to meet a common goal. Each student was then given the task of identifying qualities they would want in their teammate as well as what type of teammate they desire to be. To wrap things up, students worked together as a team to build a pyramid using only plastic cups, rubber bands, and pipe cleaners. The one rule was that every team member must participate. This activity required the students to exercise patience, encourage others, and muster up a great deal of resilience. After the activity, we reflected on the glows/grows!





Principal of the Day Winners:



The winners of this year’s Foundation Principal of the Day contest had the chance to “rule the school” on March 2nd!

This year’s group of future leaders made some fantastic grand proclamations during their day in the main office:

- 1.) All classes get 30 additional minutes of recess by the end of the month.
- 2.) No homework one day during the week of March 6th.
- 3.) Teachers may wear jeans every day the week of March 6th. (Principals of the Day are always thinking of their **teachers!**)

Congratulations to the entire Principal of the Day team:

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| K - Hudson M. (St. Jean) | 3rd - Anna Grace M. (Johnson) |
| 1st - Sofia A. (Smith) | 4th - William B. (Kenney) |
| 2nd - Lilli M. (Salamone) | 5th - Ethan J. (Morris) |

Popsicle Parties:

Class winners of the Foundation Popsicle Parties also got the chance to celebrate on March 2nd! After achieving over 85% class participation in the Foundation Patron Drive, popsicles were enjoyed by all the students and teachers in the following classes:

Way to go Mrs. Mullins (1st) – 92%, Mrs. Robinson (1st) – 92%, Mrs. Barnes (K) – 89% and Mrs. Smith (1st) – 88%! Your support is greatly appreciated!



Teacher Parking Space Winners:

Congratulations to **Mrs. Mullins** and **Mrs. Robinson** who will be enjoying the comfort of a prime parking space for a whole year. Their class participation rates during the Patron Drive were the highest in the school!

Kindergarten Camp: June 5 - 8!

“WHERE THE STORY BEGINS!”

Our Foundation is sponsoring the camp for the third year in a row after an incredible response! Kindergarten Camp introduces rising Kindergarteners to our school and is run by Mt. Bethel Kindergarten teachers. Registration begins March 29th.

Two sessions will be offered:

- Morning Session from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. &
- Afternoon Session from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For more details and registration information, please visit www.mbesf.org.



MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
Baked Breaded Chicken Corn Dog Mashed Potatoes Veggie Dippers Chicken or Veg Caesar Salad	Popcorn Chicken Loaded Baked Potato Steamed Broccoli Side Salad Popcorn Chicken Salad Veg Chef Salad	Chicken Sandwich Fiesta Ranch Chicken Burrito Beans Chicken & Fruit Salad Veg Fruit Salad	Pizza: Cheese, Tk Pep, or Specialty Turkey or Ham Sandwich Caesar Side Salad Taco or Veg Salad	Chicken & Biscuit Dippers Fish Sandwich Baby Carrots Seasoned Fries Chicken or Veg Caesar Salad
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Asian Chicken Steamed Broccoli Glazed Carrots Chicken or Veg Caesar Salad	Beef & Cheese Nachos Cheese Nachos French Bread Pizza Beans Corn Popcorn Chicken or Veg Salad	Chicken Nuggets Ravioli or Lasagna Rollup Taco Salad Veg. Taco Salad	Pizza: Cheese, Tk Pep, Specialty Roasted Chicken Baked Beans Caisar Side Salad Grilled Chicken & Fruit Salad Veg Fruit Salad	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese w/Fish Sticks or Roll Tater Tots Side Salad Chicken or Veg Caesar Salad
April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
Baked Breaded Chicken Corn Dog Mashed Potatoes Veggie Dippers Chicken or Veg Caesar Salad	Popcorn Chicken Loaded Baked Potato Steamed Broccoli Side Salad Popcorn Chicken Salad Veg Chef Salad	Chicken Sandwich Fiesta Ranch Chicken Burrito Beans Chicken & Fruit Salad Veg Fruit Salad	Pizza: Cheese, Tk Pep, or Specialty Turkey or Ham Sandwich Caesar Side Salad Taco or Veg Salad	Dutch Waffle w/Sausage BBQ Chicken Sandwich Baby Carrots Seasoned Fries Chicken or Veg Caesar Salad

BUCCANEER BYTES: Are We There Yet? By Carolyn Cooper



Cobb County's Spring Break is right around the corner and many families will take the opportunity to travel. Road and air trips can be exciting for kids ... for the first 5 minutes! I found some fun, educational iPad apps that can keep kids (and adults!) entertained and hopefully limit the number of times you hear, "are we there yet?"

- Do you remember playing the license plate game on road trips? [The Plate Game](#) is the 21st century way to play the old-fashioned game we grew up with. This fun app will help you keep track of all the state license plates, as well as give you interesting facts about each state. It's available for .99 cents in the Apple iTunes App Store. Click [HERE](#) to find it.
- [The Road Trip Games App \(Classic\)](#) combines all the old-fashioned road trip games we played in one place. Hangman, The Quiet Game, The License Plate Game, and Tic Tac Toe to name a few. It's available for \$1.99 in the Apple iTunes Store. Click [HERE](#).
- Bingo! Keep your kids busy and help pass the time by playing [Road Trip Bingo](#). This free app has a variety of Bingo games to keep you occupied: color bingo, airline bingo, sign bingo, license plate bingo, restaurant/food bingo, and vehicle bingo to name a few. Find it [HERE](#) in the Apple iTunes App Store.
- [Stack the States](#) and [Stack the Countries](#) are both popular apps that our students at Mt. Bethel have used on some of our school iPads. These educational apps are a fun way to learn interesting facts about states and countries. They are available for \$2.99 each in the Apple iTunes App Store. Find Stack the States [HERE](#) and Stack the Countries [HERE](#).
- [Audible](#) is a great app for the family to download and listen to your favorite books. It is available in the Apple iTunes App Store by clicking [HERE](#).
- Finally, we've all had to scramble off the interstate and find a public restroom quickly. Sometimes it can be difficult to find one and to decide which one might be best. There is a free app by Charmin called [SitOrSquat: Restroom Finder](#) that can help you locate the closest public restroom. The app also features reviews, pictures, and can filter nearby restrooms per your specific needs. The app is available in the Apple iTunes App Store and can be found [HERE](#).

Follow my Buccaneer Bytes blog to read about technology use at Mt. Bethel Elementary and find ideas on how to incorporate it at home!
www.cobblearning.net/carolyncooper Hope you all have safe, happy adventures and that you hear a limited amount of, "are we there yet?"