

# Beebe Bugle

September 2009

## Principal News

As another school year begins at Beebe, we start with a brand new Principal, Elizabeth Martinez, and are fortunate to continue with our much-beloved Assistant Principal, Erin Marker. We thought you would like to learn a bit more about both of our fearless leaders and they were kind enough to answer a few questions.

### *Why did you decide to become a school administrator?*

**Mrs. Martinez:** When I was in third grade I found myself upset at the way my teacher was treating kids in my class. I remember the moment vividly...I needed to become a teacher and I would be a "cool" teacher and always be sensitive to kids' feelings. It became my mission to do all that I can to have every child treated with dignity and respect all the time. When I became a teacher I loved teaching and learning, but I knew that I was capable of helping even more children. This is why I became a principal. To serve the community by helping children always to be respected and to set them up for success in learning.

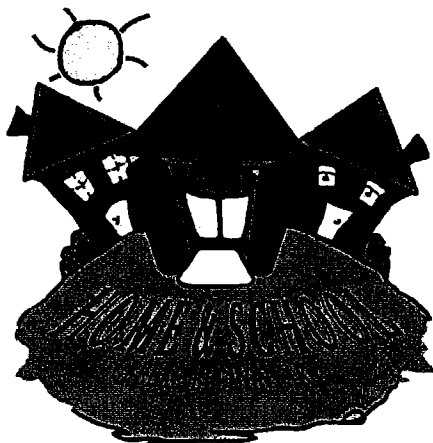
**Mrs. Marker:** I loved teaching and learning so much, that I thought if I could become an administrator I would be able to reach more families and children.

### *If you weren't a Principal/Assistant Principal, what other job would you like to do?*

**Mrs. Martinez:** I would like to work with schools in underdeveloped countries to give the children an enriched learning opportunity, like we have here in Naperville.

**Mrs. Marker:** If I weren't an assistant principal I would try to be an ER doctor or a police officer.

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***What do you like best about being a Principal/Assistant Principal at Beebe School?***

***Mrs. Martinez:*** I love to see the joy in the children's faces when they are here at school learning. I also love the people here at Beebe, the staff, parents, community members and of course most importantly the kids.

***Mrs. Marker:*** My favorite part about my job at Beebe is "thanking students" for coming to school to share their special gifts with us as we learn and grow together every day.

***What was your favorite subject in school?***

***Mrs. Martinez:*** My favorite subjects in school were Language Arts and PE. I love active learning!

***Mrs. Marker:*** My favorite subject in elementary school was science while my favorite class in High School was choir with Mr. Parry at Naperville Central.

***What do you like to do in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?***

***Mrs. Martinez:*** I love to do many things when I have spare time. I feel relationships are the most important part of life, so I like to spend a lot of time with new and old friends as well as my family. In the outdoors I like to explore nature by doing some kind of physical activity with my friends or family.

***Mrs. Marker:*** I enjoy running, reading and going to the zoo with Ryan.

***Tell us about your families.***

***Mrs. Martinez:*** My husband of almost 18 years is my best friend and my rock. We have two amazing children, my son Darby is 15 and our daughter Grace is 10. They both are Naperville 203 learners and are transitioning well into this awesome community. We have a beagle, Hunter, that we feel is the perfect human and we have a cat, Mylo, who is a mischievous bobcat. He should be our school mascot! :)

***Mrs. Marker:*** Jason is my husband of 9 years. I have a 2-year-old son Ryan and 2 dogs, Wrigley and Ada.

***What's the one thing we would be surprised to know about you?***

***Mrs. Martinez:*** It may surprise you that when I was younger I was a professional figure skater.

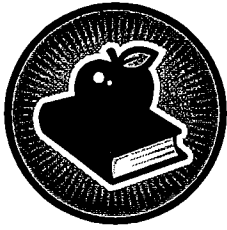
***Mrs. Marker:*** I love "kid" foods! My favorites are macaroni/cheese and PB and J!

***Cubs or Sox?***

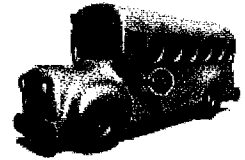
***Mrs. Martinez:*** As a previous Cubs employee, I am loyal to the Cubbies. Wrigley field was my first job, rolling hot dogs in the upper deck when I was 16. I worked there for 6 years to help pay for college. My husband is a loyal Sox fan, so we have a little tension in our home during the baseball season. Go Cubbies!

***Mrs. Marker:*** Die-hard Cubs fan!





# SEPTEMBER 2009



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 BLUE	2 RED 2:30pm Beebe Singers	3 ORANGE 5:30PM Spanish Speaking Family Information Night - GYM	4 YELLOW
7 <b>NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY</b>	8 GREEN 5 <sup>th</sup> Full Band Starts Today!	9 BLUE Full Orchestra Starts Today! 2:30 pm Beebe Singers	10 RED 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Full Band Starts Today! <b>POPCORN PARTY 6:30-8:00PM GYM</b>	11 ORANGE
14 YELLOW 9:00 am - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Author Visit	15 GREEN 9:00 am Coffee with the Principal	16 BLUE Gift Wrap Sales End Today 2:30 pm Beebe Singers	17 RED Market Day 4:00 pm Girl Scout Sign Night- GYM 6:30 Beebe Room Parent Sign Up LRC	18 ORANGE 9:00 am Home & School Executive Board Meeting
21 YELLOW Parent Art Awareness Meeting LRC 7PM	22 GREEN	23 BLUE 2:30 pm - Beebe Singers	24 RED 5:30 pm Spanish Speaking Family Information Night - GYM	25 ORANGE 1:00 PM Home & School Meeting
28 YELLOW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade COGAT Testing all week	29 GREEN	30 BLUE Kindergarten Conferences 2:30 pm - Beebe Singers	1 RED	2 ORANGE Kindergarten Conferences

# Pumpkinfest!

Saturday, October 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Beebe School

Let's Get Ready to Rumble!! It's Beebe's 50<sup>th</sup> annual PUMKINFEST!!! In recognition of Pumpkinfest's anniversary, we have tons of surprises and special appearances in store for you:

- *NFL celebrity appearances and autograph signings*
- *Football drills for kids hosted by Former Chicago Bears player*
- Raffle, games and prizes
- Bake sale

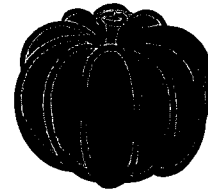
## New to Pumpkinfest Silent Auction Featuring:

- *2009-2010 autographed Chicago Bears team Football*
- *2009-2010 autographed Washington Redskins team Football*
- One on one football drills with a former 49er and Oakland Raider player

KICK OFF is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For you new families, Pumpkinfest is THE fall festival (that simply can't be missed) chock full of fun times for the whole family, regardless of age! We have games to delight not only your 5<sup>th</sup> grader, but also something thrilling for your preschooler, as well as everyone in between. In fact, Pumpkinfest draws Beebe alumni to not only participate in the fun times, but also to volunteer, ensuring that everyone who attends enjoys this Beebe tradition.

## Wanted: Pumpkinfest Prize People

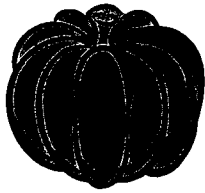
We are looking for two or three willing and able people to step into the Pumpkinfest Prize co-chair position. Responsibilities include: ordering and sorting delightful prizes, helping to set up the prize tables in each classroom the day before, managing prize distribution and replenishment the day of, and packing away any leftover prizes for use next year. Ideally, we'd like for you to commit to this fun position for a couple of years.



## Volunteers NEEDED and ENCOURAGED!!

Pumpkinfest is truly successful and fun for all when everyone pitches in! Really, we can't keep everything going unless everyone helps for just a bit. We need (literally) everyone to volunteer for at least one of our 2-hour time slots on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and we'll get you set up with something fitting.

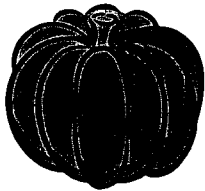
Please email [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to lend your time. This can't be successful without YOU and we all want our KIDS to benefit from this.



## Pumpkinfest Pick-a-Pocket

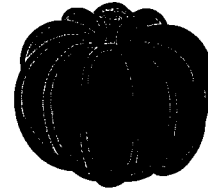
Pumpkinfest needs your donations of small prizes for our Pick-a-Pocket game! Our Beebe teacher volunteers walk around with fabulously stocked aprons that anyone can “pick” from for a ticket during Pumpkinfest on Saturday, October 24th...

Please consider contributing new or gently used ‘kids meal’ prizes, stickers, tattoos, small purses, Hotwheels, Polly Pockets, fairies, Pokemon cards, gently used DVDs, Beanie Babies, or any other small toys that can fit into apron pockets. Donations are strongly encouraged and requested in the “Pick-a-Pocket” bin by the school office at the front of the school.



## Pumpkinfest Raffle

Pumpkinfest needs donations for our annual raffle on Saturday, October 24th! New games, toys, arts and crafts, sporting goods, any kind of tickets, all sorts of gift cards – all donations (big or small) are encouraged and accepted. Please drop donations to the school’s office or you may contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED]



## Wristbands

Wristbands will be sold in advance for your convenience. For a mere \$20 these bands can be purchased and will allow the bearer to play UNLIMITED games. Your pre-ordered wristband may be picked up at the door on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The bearer will have unlimited access to 17 of the 21 games. Check backpacks in early October for order forms and more details.

Please, feel free to contact either of our co-Chairs: [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] with any questions or if you have interest in joining our super-fun committee.

# Home & School Association News

## President News

Welcome to All Our Families!!!

It is hard to believe that September is already here!! The 2009 – 2010 school year is underway, and I am looking forward to another great year here at Beebe. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself and my family to you.

My name is Kathy Kaufman and I am serving as the Beebe Home and School President this year. My husband [REDACTED] and I have lived in the [REDACTED] subdivision in [REDACTED] for the last 11 years with our three sons. [REDACTED] is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader in [REDACTED] class, and [REDACTED] is a 1<sup>st</sup> grader with [REDACTED]. This is my first year as Beebe Home and School President and I am excited to be a part of such an amazing community.

I am privileged to be a part of the Beebe leadership team. Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Marker could not be more supportive of all of the work Home and School does for our students. They, and the other Beebe staff members, truly value what we contribute to our school.

I would like to introduce you all to our executive board: myself, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED].

This amazing group of ladies has already been working long and hard to be sure we are doing everything we can to have a great year. I am so lucky to be surrounded by such a talented team. As I look over our list of committee chairpersons, I am pleased to have many members who have returned as a part of Home and School. Your knowledge and experience is invaluable. I am awed when I see how many new committee chairpersons have stepped up to join us. Your energy and ideas will motivate all of us to even greater successes.

The mission of Beebe Home and School is to support and enhance the school experience for each and every student at Beebe. We do that in many ways: Art Awareness, Birthday Books, Room Parties, Field Trips, Book Clubs, Field Days, and Pumpkinfest, just to name a few. Every week, dozens of volunteers give of their time and energy to touch the lives of our students in many different ways. Our volunteers may be parents, grandparents, college students, neighbors, or babysitters. Some volunteers come to Beebe to help make copies in the workroom, some spend a half hour doing an Art Awareness presentation in the classroom, some come for an hour to celebrate the holidays at a Room Party, and some sit at the Greeter Desk to welcome and assist visitors to our school. Each and every volunteer makes a difference!! I understand how many responsibilities our families are faced with these days. No matter how much (or little) time you can afford, I know that it matters. I encourage you to think about what you can do to make a difference.

I am looking forward to meeting you as our school year gets off and running!! Please feel free to say hi and introduce yourself when you see me around town. Also know that you are always welcome to attend our Home and School meetings. Our first meeting is Friday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. I am eager to hear any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have. Contact me at [REDACTED] or call me at [REDACTED].

Kathy Kaufman, H&S President



# Fall Fundraising Begins at Beebe School!

You have already received your Sally Foster Wrapping Paper packet and before you know it, you will have an opportunity to purchase an Entertainment Book. I wanted to take a minute to share some information about our fundraising here at Beebe. The Sally Foster Wrapping Paper fundraiser is a required fundraiser in which all elementary schools in District 203 must participate. Other fundraisers that Beebe sponsors through the year are organized by our Home and School.

Beebe Home and School's annual operating budget comes directly from the financial support and generosity of our Beebe families. Through a variety of fundraising opportunities and events, we raise approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000 per year, which is then allocated back to programs and activities designed to enhance the educational experience for the students of Beebe Elementary.

Beebe Home and School proudly supports many different programs including Room Parties, Field Trips, Art Awareness, Assemblies, Book Club, Staff Appreciation Events, the Beebe Bugle, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Education, Beebe's Parent-to-Parent Guide, the Beebe Directory, Mini Courses, Field Days, and more!!!

In addition to these year-round programs, the Home and School also selects one specific need of the Beebe community to focus on every year and support financially. Last year, for example, our focus was on the LRC Renovation. We are currently working closely with Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Marker, and the Beebe staff to assess the needs of our school so we can select a focus for our monies for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

We recognize and respect the fact that our current economic conditions have many of our families watching their spending carefully. With that in mind, we realize the importance of your financial support. Please consider how you are able to support our school. There are a variety of fall

fundraising opportunities coming your way (Sally Foster, Entertainment Books, Pumpkinfest, etc).

Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me with questions or comments. I can be reached at [redacted] or by phone at [redacted]

Thank you for your continued support.

Kathy Kaufman  
Beebe Home and School President

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## Family Connections - Helping Families in Crisis



Some parents say they'd like to volunteer at Beebe, but they just don't have the time. Family Connections is a wonderful volunteer opportunity that requires only a little of your time, but a lot of your heart. This special program assists Beebe families in times of crisis.

The school social workers, teachers, or administrators refer families to Family Connections for support during a family emergency such as a death in the family, car accident, or other urgent reason. When called upon, the Family Connections volunteers offer their support in the way that is most useful to the family. All names of Beebe families and Family Connection volunteers are kept confidential. If you feel in your heart that you'd like to help other families at our school, please contact

[redacted] or [redacted] Thank you!

