Message from the Principal

It’s tough to focus when thoughts of a season of leisure are front and center for a kid, but the end of this school year is actually the beginning of the next. Ending this year strong is setting your kid up for a good start to the next cycle of learning. Click on the picture to learn how to help your kids re-energize and cross the finish line through these six steps!

PARENT APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

We appreciate the parents and care-givers of Baker students so much! You’re one of the most essential parts of our strong community. Please make plans to join us for our Parent Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 27th. Early Childhood parents will go to the classroom to celebrate with your child’s class. Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary and Middle School parents will join us in the cafeteria. Here are the times below, we hope to see you there:

8:45 a.m. Early Childhood Parent Appreciation Breakfast

8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary and Middle School Pastries for Parents (come any time before 10 a.m.)

Baker Spaghetti Dinner Family Night

Join us in the drive thru or reserve a table for your family at our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The dinner will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 beginning at 5 p.m.

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a cookie!

Get your tickets HERE!

*All proceeds go towards end of year activities for students.
Virtue of the Week

The virtue of the week is UNDERSTANDING. You may have heard the saying, “Before you criticize or judge someone, walk a mile in their shoes.” This quote is all about empathy or understanding. Empathy is the ability to be aware of the feelings of others and imagine what it might be like to be in their position (or in their shoes).

Understanding is a key ingredient in positive friendships and relationships. It reduces conflict and misunderstandings and leads to helping behavior, kindness, and even greater success in life in general. And like any skill, empathy can be taught and developed in children. Find resources HERE for parents!

Baker Artists at the CAMH!
Baker student artwork will be featured at a pop-up exhibition curated by the Contemporary Art Museum Houston (CAMH). The theme is community and Baker Artists have been working on an interactive sculpture. This project is optional for all artists pre-k through 8th grade. Participating Artists will bring home an invitation to share with their families. All members of the Baker Community are invited to attend the exhibition and celebrate student art from eleven participating HISD schools.

Pop-Up Exhibition | You Are Here: The ART of Teaching
On View May 28–29, 2022 at Montrose Collective #159
https://camh.org/event/pop-up-exhibition-you-are-here-the-art-of-teaching/

Returning Student Verification Form Now Open
HISD families are invited to complete the online Student Verification form. The Student Verification form includes annual acknowledgements and general updates, such as contact information and student health information.

For current students returning to HISD for the 2022-2023 school year, Student Verification forms will be completed via the HISD Connect Parent Portal Account.

Summer School & Summer Enrichment at Baker
In the coming days, parents will receive information regarding summer school if your child is required or invited to attend. House Bill 4545 requires students that do not pass STAAR to receive accelerated instruction during the summer and/or this coming fall. In addition, students in grades 3, 5 and 8 that do not perform satisfactorily on STAAR will have a meeting prior to the fall to determine Accelerated Learning needs and develop a plan.

In order for Houston ISD students to be promoted to the next grade level, they must show that they have met the district’s promotion standards found HERE.

If a student does not meet the promotion standards outlined above, the school will contact the parent/guardian regarding opportunities for the student to receive additional instruction during summer.
**Baker PTO Elections**

On Thursday, May 26th, the Baker PTO will hold elections for the following positions:

- **1st Year Leadership Team:** Open Positions (up to 3); The PTO Leadership Team consists of four or more parents/guardians who share the traditional responsibilities of a President & Vice President. The term is a 2-year commitment with typically two individuals coming on and two individuals coming off each year.

- **General PTO Board Member:** Open Positions (4); A General PTO Board Member attends monthly PTO board meetings and serves as a voting member of the board with the expectation that they take on one or more of the listed PTO positions.

- **Secretary:** Open Position (1); The secretary attends meetings and prepares minutes of all such meetings

- **Treasurer:** Open Position (1)

Anyone can nominate themselves or someone else for these positions. There will be a ballot vote of all nominees at the PTO Board Meeting on Thursday, May 26th at 4:15pm in the Baker Montessori Library (2nd floor of the new wing). The ballot will close at 7pm.

If you would like to submit your nomination, please email leadership@bakerpto.org with your name, Baker student(s), previous/current involvement, and a brief bio (of no more than 3 sentences). We will update PTBoard with the nominees and their information. Nomination submissions will be accepted until 4pm on Thursday, May 26th.

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**Stay connected with Baker PTO............**

Sign up for an account at Baker PTO website [bakerpto.org](http://bakerpto.org) or [bakerpto.ptboard.com](http://bakerpto.ptboard.com) (School Code: JMJ6NV)

Follow Baker PTO on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/bakermontessoripto](https://www.facebook.com/bakermontessoripto)

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**THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOX TOPS IS HERE!**

Box Tops is changing to fit today’s families! The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online. No more clipping or sending Box Tops to school!

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**Target REDcard:** Did you know that Baker Montessori gets a check every year from Target? Parents and community members who link their REDcard account to Baker, School ID # 98808, allow Target to donate 1% of each linked card sale directly to Baker!

If you have a REDcard, please link to Baker Montessori School!

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Remember, when you’re ordering from Amazon.com, start from the special link at [www.wilsonpto.org/fundraising](http://www.wilsonpto.org/fundraising), and the Baker PTO will receive a donation equal to 4% to 6% of your total.