**Message from the Principal**

Friday is progress report day! Now is a great time to set goals to finish up the school year strong! Teaching kids to establish and work toward goals has many benefits:

- **Responsibility**: Goal setting coupled with reflecting and revising goals can give students the self-regulated learning tools for a growth mindset toward academic development.

- **Time Management**: Kids learn how to manage their time to meet their goals.

- **Self Confidence**: Nothing beats the feeling of meeting your own goal.

- **Resilience**: Kids learn to cope with the small setbacks that might stand in their way.

- **Perseverance**: They learn to keep trying and rework their steps until they meet their goals.

Here are some tips on helping your child to reach their goals:

1. Confront **unrealistic** goals.
2. Choose **just-out-of-reach** goals.
3. Set **specific** goals.
4. **Break it down**.
5. Set up **checkpoints**.
6. Make it a **family plan**.

The first week of STAAR testing went well for our students in 3rd-8th grade. Students in PK-2nd also worked hard this week on end of year assessments!

We thank you for your support in helping us to reach our end of year goals.
NEW DATE! 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 FRIENDSHIP. Making friends (and keeping them) are important life skills to have. Here are some simple ways to help teach your child about being a good friend. We know the importance of friendship because the only way to have a friend is to be a friend. Developing friendships takes a lot of work (both by parents and kids), but can be one of the most rewarding things to happen in a child’s life.
Find parent resources HERE!

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

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 (come any time before 10 a.m.)
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!

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!

Stay Connected with Baker PTO

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

Follow Baker PTO on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/bakermontessoripto

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Baker PTO Elections (New Date!)

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.