

# Aviator News

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## SCHOOL HOURS

8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.  
(drop off no earlier than 7:30 a.m.)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**PTA Membership Drive**  
Aug. 22 - Oct. 7

### Aug. 22

- First Day of School
- Kleenex & Coffee at 8:10 a.m. in the library

### Aug. 31

Box Tops Collection

### Sept. 5

Labor Day (No school)

### Sept. 6

- Back to School Bash from 5-8 p.m.
- Open House for Grades 2-6 at 6 p.m.
- PTA Budget Approval Vote AND Volunteer Roundup at 7 p.m.

### Sept. 7

- Room Parent Meeting at 12 noon
- Spirit Night - Applebees on Taylor Road

### Sept. 13

Spirit Night - Jason's Deli

### Sept. 20

Spirit Night - Burger King on Chantilly

### Sept. 28

Spirit Night - Nancy's Italian Ice

### Sept. 29

Teacher Treat Day (Grades 4&5 host)

### Sept. 30

Box Tops Collection

Greetings Blount Family,

I would like to welcome both students and parents to our 2011-12 academic school year at Blount Elementary! I am so excited about the things we have planned. This year our PTA is using the theme "Lights, Camera, Take Action!" This theme will be used repeatedly throughout the school year as we encourage our faculty, staff, students and parents to each do their part in continuing the tradition of excellence at Blount Elementary School. We have been blessed with a great staff and look forward to making this an exceptional year for you and your children.

You are encouraged to visit the school at any time to actively take part in your child's education. Our teachers welcome and appreciate any assistance and support by our parents. In addition, our PTA has many opportunities for you to get involved in numerous school activities. I am looking forward to a fantastic school year and hope to see you soon!

*Mona Green*

*Blount Elementary Principal*

## PTA Fundraising Just Give — Don't Sell!

**In the past we've sold everything from gift wrap, to cookie dough, to chicken fingers.**

You name it, we've sold it. This year, we are completely revamping our fundraising efforts to focus on one thing — keeping 100 percent of our money at Blount Elementary School. In the past, 40 to 50 percent of the money we have raised in product fundraisers went back to the supplier. Not this year! The **Just Give Campaign** will help us keep ALL of our money here at the school where it belongs!

Instead of selling door-to-door we are asking you **Just Give** \$65 per student at the beginning of the year. Please let those faithful family members (grandparents, godparents and/or family friends) who have always supported our school know that they are welcome to contribute on behalf of your student(s) too!

*If all of Blount's families participate, the entire PTA budget will be funded with just this ONE fundraiser.*

The money you give will stay right here at school. A large part will go right back into the classroom in the form of supplies and materials for our teachers to use. We also fund technology initiatives as well as the Math Store!

**The campaign runs from NOW until Friday, Sept. 16!** You may pay all at once or split your pledge into two payments, the second due Oct. 1. If we meet our goal, we promise not to have any product fundraisers for the rest of the year! **Details and a copy of our proposed budget will be sent home in the first day packet and are available on the PTA web site at [www.blountpta.org](http://www.blountpta.org).**

*If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jeannine at [fundraising@blountpta.org](mailto:fundraising@blountpta.org).*



# Community Spirit CORNER

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

**Did you know that the earlier kids are asked to serve their community, the better prepared they are to embrace the virtue of lifelong service and philanthropy?** Youth who volunteer are also more likely to do well in school, graduate, and vote. Our school's commitment to community service will continue this year through our partnerships with several local

organizations. Starting in October, our 4th and 5th graders will work with Family Promise of Montgomery, a nonprofit organization that assists families in the Montgomery County Area transition from homelessness to stability and independence through compassionate guidance, shelter and education. The students will learn about poverty and homelessness and

then collect household items such as children's outerwear, luggage, blankets, and school supplies needed by the organization. Items will be collected during morning carpool and in the big yellow box by the school office. **More details coming soon!** For more information about our Community Spirit Programs contact Jennifer Lancaster at [community\\_spirit@blountpta.org](mailto:community_spirit@blountpta.org).

*Want to get involved and find out how to volunteer?*

*Want a small taste of what our Fall Festival will be like?*

**JOIN US ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 6 FOR**

**Back to School Bash** from 5 - 8 p.m.

**Open House** (Grades 2-5) with your child's teacher at 6 p.m.

**Volunteer Round-up and PTA Budget Approval** at 7 p.m.

We are kicking off the school year right by holding ALL of these events in ONE NIGHT to consolidate and simplify our back-to-school activities. During the **Back to School Bash** food vendors including Jim & Nick's BBQ, The Great American Cookie Co., and Nancy's Italian Ice will be on hand so plan to come hungry! Jason's Deli is donating bottled water and lollipops! Kids will enjoy a few games and a couple of inflatables. After meeting with your child's teacher at 6 p.m., parents may head on down to the cafeteria at 7 p.m. to find out how to **volunteer** at our school. Whether you have many hours to give or just a few, we can find a way to help you get involved!

**TEACHER TREAT DAY • September 29 • Hosted by 4th & 5th Grades**

**TEAM SPIRIT DAY!** *Students may wear a shirt honoring their favorite team!*

Four times a year the PTA room parents organize this event which provides a potluck style lunch for the school's teachers and staff. The PTA Hospitality Committee provides plates, cups, napkins, forks and the host classes provide food. Room parents typically assign appetizers, salads, entrees, desserts, drinks so there is a good variety. Teachers attend during their lunch hour while a parent volunteer sits with their class.

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Yearbook

# FALL FESTIVAL is back!!!

Mark your calendar for  
**Thursday, Oct. 20 (rain date Oct. 27)**  
**from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Get ready for inflatables, games, the cake walk and horse rides! Concessions will be sold, so plan to eat dinner at the festival with your family. This event is a tradition at our school and a fun, family experience for everyone. Bring your neighbors and friends and help us celebrate our school!

**Did you miss it last year? Are you glad it's back?** Then go ahead — sign up for your volunteer shift, buy your wristbands and t-shirts and help us make this our most successful Fall Festival ever! Wristbands cost \$10 for children (ages 3 & up) and \$1 for adults. If purchased at the gate, student wristbands will be \$15 and adult wristbands \$2. T-shirts are \$10 each.



## Lights, Camera - TAKE ACTION!

*Join the Blount PTA today!*

By becoming a member of our school's PTA, you will become part of a team that is dedicated to being a powerful voice for

all children, and advocate for the education and well being of each child. Due to budget cuts, our teachers and school are much more dependent on the PTA to fund educational programs and provide supplies that directly benefit our children. We invite you and your family to join with us in making a difference.

*Our goal this year is to reach 100% PTA membership (1 per student). Every class that reaches at least 100 percent membership will receive a popcorn party in their classroom. The class that reaches the highest percent membership overall will also receive a Rave Movie pass per student.*

## TRANSPORTATION 101 - Navigating carpool lines and bus routes

The start of the new school year also means the joy of the carpool and bus route processes will begin! It's hot, and it can sometimes be confusing! But take heart, in a couple of weeks the glitches will be ironed out and everything will run much more smoothly! Even if you are a veteran Blount parent, please take a quick moment to review the information below to help make sure our carpool and bus transportation procedures run as efficiently as possible!

### CARPOOL ETIQUETTE

- Make a sign with your children's first and last names. Display in window on driver's side of car.
- During the morning drop off, please keep moving all the way to position number one, even on a rainy day. By filling all 10 positions in the morning carpool, students will not be tardy to their class. Should you stop early to allow your child front door service that will lessen the number of students

that can exit their cars and get into the school on-time.

- There are 10 positions in which your student will be called to during afternoon carpool. Please pull to your number and do not stop early if you see your student, as it will mess up the cars behind you.
- The AVIATOR sign is where you will need to go should your student not be waiting for you at your numbered position. The AVIATOR sign is all the way up at the front by the cafeteria. There will be a faculty member there that can assist you in repeating your student's call for carpool.
- Be patient the first two weeks of school. Students and new Blount families are acclimating to the system. Plan some extra time in the car during these weeks and keep a flexible schedule. Brief your child to listen carefully for their name and number to be called.

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

- **Does your child know exactly where they live?** If not, please put a card in your child's back pack with their address and neighborhood. For example: **Deer Creek, Harrod Park, 1111 Harrington Circle**
- If there ever is a question regarding a bus delay or route questions, you will want to call the MPS transportation office - (334) 284-2085 – they are in contact with the drivers.
- NOTE: during the first week parents have experienced up to a 75 minute delay in bus drop-off times. This is due to working out the bus routes and adjusting the number of students on each route.
- Our principal is certainly aware of all the craziness that happens with the buses, so please support the process. Yes, it can be frustrating but please be patient as the times and routes are worked-out. After the first two weeks of school all the routes flow more smoothly.

All breakfast choices are in green and are served with grits and either milk or juice.

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Lunch served with fruit and choice of milk.

Students - \$0.75 Guests - \$1.50

Lunchroom Phone No. 244-0249  
Menu may change based on availability

Students - \$1.60 Guests - \$2.75  
Fruit Roll-Ups - \$0.50

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22	23	24	25	26
<b>Sausage Biscuit</b> Pizza or Chicken Salad Wrap Roasted Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Salad w/Romaine Coffee & Kleenex @ 8:10 in library	<b>Cheese Grits &amp; 2 slices Bacon</b> Chicken Parmesan or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Spinach Garden Salad	<b>Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit &amp; Sausage</b> Baked Ham or Chicken Filet Sandwich, Potato Salad Blackeyed Peas, Salad w/Romaine	<b>Breakfast Burrito</b> Turkey Tetrizzini or Baked Corn Dog, Broccoli, Carrots Tossed Salad w/Romaine	<b>Chicken Biscuit</b> Taco Salad or Turkey/Ham/Cheese Sub, Baby Lima Beans French Fries
29	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2
<b>Pancake Pup w/Syrup</b> Grilled Chicken on WW Bun or Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Turkey Roast w/Gravy or Cheeseburger Deluxe, Brown Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Salad	<b>French Toast w/Syrup</b> Scrambled Eggs Pizza or Tuna Salad Tater Tots Green Peas, Salad w/Romaine Box Tops Collection	<b>Biscuit w/ Ham</b> Meatloaf or Baked Corn Dog, Turnip Greens, Blackeyed Peas, Salad w/Romaine	<b>Buttered Toast &amp; Sausage Pattie</b> Baked Ham or Turkey & Cheese, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Salad w/Romaine
5	6	7	8	9
<b>LABOR DAY</b> No School!	<b>Breakfast Bagel</b> Beef Hot Dog or Cod Nuggets w/Hush puppies, Baked Beans Roasted Potatoes, Cole Slaw Back 2 School Bash, Open House (Grades 2-5), Volunteer Roundup	<b>Pancake Pup w/ Syrup</b> Crispy Chicken Cheddar -Wrap or Salisbury Steak/ Roll Rice & Gravy, Blackeyed Peas Room Parent Mtg @ 12 p.m. Spirit Night - Applebees (Taylor Rd.)	<b>Biscuit w/Chicken &amp; Jelly</b> Taco Salad or Turkey, Ham, & Cheese Sub., Corn, Black Beans	<b>Waffle Stix &amp; 2 Chicken Stix</b> Baked Chicken w/ Roll or Pizza, Broccoli, Corn Nuggets Garden Salad w/Spinach
12	13	14	15	16
<b>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast</b> Baked Fish Sandwich or Steak Nuggets, Tater Tots Baked Beans, LF Cole Slaw	<b>Breakfast Steak w/Biscuit</b> Chicken Nuggets or BBQ on Bun, Hashbrowns Lima Beans, Salad w/ Romaine Spirit Night - Jason's Deli	<b>Breakfast Burrito</b> Lasagna w/Garlic Bread or Turkey & Cheese on Bun Green Beans, Squash, Salad	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese Croissant</b> Baked Pork Chop or Chicken Filet Sandwich, Green Peas, Carrots, Garden Salad w/Spinach	<b>Blueberry Muffin &amp; Ham Slice</b> Catfish w/Hush puppies or Cheeseburger, Parsley Potatoes, Fried Okra
19	20	21	22	23
<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Hamburger Steak or Grilled Chicken on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables	<b>Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit &amp; Ham</b> Beef Stroganoff or Turkey Sandwich, Collard Greens, Buttered Carrots Spirit Night - Burger King (Chantilly)	<b>Smoked Sausage w/Biscuit</b> Pizza or Chicken Salad w/Wrap Sweet Potato Fries, California Vegetables, Salad w/ Romaine	<b>Apple Muffin &amp; Sausage Link</b> Oven Fried Chicken w/ Roll Sloppy Joe, Rice & Gravy Green Beans, Salad w/Spinach	<b>Biscuit w/Chicken &amp; Jelly</b> Beef Hot Dog W/Chili or Tuna Salad w/crackers Baked Beans, Corn Salad w/ Romaine
26	27	28	29	30
<b>Sausage w/ Biscuit &amp; Gravy</b> Chicken Creole or Baked Ham Biscuit, Brown Rice Pilaf Green Beans, Salad w/Romaine	<b>Breakfast Burrito</b> Cod Nuggets w/Hush puppies or Hamburger, Baked Potato Baked Beans, Cole Slaw	<b>2 Pancakes &amp; Sausage Link</b> Parmesan Chicken w/ Roll or Hoagie Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad w/Spinach Spirit Night - Nancy's Italian Ice	<b>Steak w/ Biscuit</b> Spaghetti or Deli Ham Sandwich, Fried Okra, Blackeyed Peas, Salad w/Romaine Teacher Treat Day (Grades 4 & 5 Host)	<b>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast</b> Fish Sandwich or Steak Nuggets, Peas & Carrots Parsley Potatoes, Salad Box Tops Collection

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