

Bobcat News of the Week

A Memo from Your Principal

To The Haven Family:

1. We are not going to have to adjust our calendar for the rest of the year for the elementary or middle schools! Since we started a week earlier and have a longer school day, we are still in compliance with the minimum hours we need for our students to get credit and the schools to be fully funded. I have submitted a waiver request to the DOE to forgive sixty-six hours, so that the high school semester can end on December 21. I will know soon if the waiver is approved. If not, the NBH administration has a plan.
2. Since all students in the hurricane affected counties missed basically a month of school, a waiver to have our students be held "hold harmless", which means the tests would not count against them, has been requested. No decision has been made yet about any waiver on state testing, FSA and EOCs. A decision will probably come after Governor-Elect DeSantos is sworn in.
3. First nine weeks' grades are available in FOCUS. Second nine weeks' grade will be in FOCUS on January 9. Since the second nine weeks has been shortened, we will have a first semester honor roll and Bobcat Pride assemblies in mid-January. The specific date will be set at a later time.
4. Christmas dinner will be on December 13 for students and staff only. I regret that we cannot invite families, but we could not get enough food and supplies delivered in time to accommodate everyone.
5. Free breakfast and lunch for students will end on January 7, 2019. However, I encourage all who may think they may qualify for free or reduced breakfast and lunch to apply. Parents will be notified in writing before January. You may go to www.bayhaven.org and click on the Food Service tab on the left.
6. Bill Henry of Burke and Blue and one of our parents will conduct a free seminar on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 AM in the Bay Haven cafeteria to assist our parents in understanding their homeowners' policies. Please see the attached flyer below.
7. Please contact me if you have any questions.
8. 19 days till Christmas!

Respectfully,
Larry

Thank you for completing and returning the "Recovery Information Sheet" your student brought home when they returned to school. Please remember to keep the office updated with your current address. If you have returned to your home, or moved to another temporary place, please let us know.

Thank you, Guidance Department

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook online at jostensyearbooks.com

The deadline for 8th Grade Tributes for the yearbook is December 21. Celebrate your child's elementary & middle school years by paying tribute to him/her. Tributes are made directly to Jostens.



Our Girls on the Run 5k is this Saturday at Sweet Bay. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m., and the race starts promptly at 8:00 a.m.



Candy Grams by FCA
Middle school students only ----- Purchase a Candy Gram for your friends!!
Candy grams will be sold in the lunchroom 12/10 thru 12/14
\$1.00 each

Parents,

We will still plan to start using recorders in January in music for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. If not already ordered, recorder money and forms are now due *Friday, December 14th* and are \$6.00. Also, if your child's recorder has been lost due to the storm and/or you are unable to afford one at this time, please *plan to let me know either on the form attached or by emailing me before December*

14th. Those ordering a recorder need to turn in the attached form along with \$6.00 by Friday, December 14th.

**Thank you,
Anna Holmes
holmea@bayhaven.org**

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Attention Fifth Grade Students:

Auditions for the fifth grade musical vocal solos will take place Thursday, December 13th in the choir room at 3:15 PM. Please see Ms. Holmes (holmea@bayhaven.org) for more information.

Need help understanding your insurance policy? Come to an open seminar by Burke and Blue to discuss insurance coverages and the claims process. It will be held at 10:00 December 15 in the Bay Haven Cafeteria.

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Hurricane Relief

The Stephen Siller Foundation is once again providing hurricane aid to a damaged area. During the month of December, the Siller Foundation will be sending a group of mostly retired members from the New York City Fire Department to the panhandle of Florida to deliver needed supplies to the severely damaged locations of Mexico Beach and Panama City

Florida. Another important objective of the group will be to deliver toys to the children who are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

The Stephen Siller Foundation has a long history of providing assistance throughout the USA to people in need. They build smart homes for our most severely injured soldiers, pay off mortgages for first responders who lost their lives in the line of duty, the Gold Star Family Home program, and they have assisted in hurricane relief since Katrina in 2005. To date the foundation has sent manpower and supplies to assist after hurricanes Katrina in the Gulf, Sandy in NY & NJ, Harvey in Texas, Marie in Puerto Rico, Irma in Southwest Florida, Florence In North Carolina and now Michael in the Florida panhandle.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001.

We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country.

To make a tax-deductible donation you can go to the web site:

Tunnel2towers.org or type in Stephen Siller Foundation and donate through the Hurricane Michael link on the right.

You can mail a check made out to:

Siller Foundation/ Hurricane relief

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