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Every Decision. *WHAT IS BEST FOR CHILDREN?* Every time.

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- See back page for information on BVE's B.O.O.S.T. mentoring program!
- NEXT WEEK: "BVE Nuts & Bolts" for new families!

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WELCOME to 2009-2010!

BVE BREAKS ALL-TIME ENROLLMENT RECORD



For the first time in its history, Bayou View Elementary has surpassed the 600 mark in enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year. This makes BVE the largest elementary school in Gulfport, and the third-largest school overall in the Gulfport School District.

While space may be tight, our first three days of school have been wonderful ones, and our students, old and new, seem happy and eager to settle-in to learn for a new school year!

While some may speculate that a downturn in the economy and other out-

side trends have contributed to our school's dramatic increase in size (and they have), we are also hearing that it is the excellent reputation that BVE has for helping our students strive to succeed beyond expectations that keeps families coming to our neighborhood.

If you are new to BVE, we offer a hearty WELCOME to our family, and we know that you and your child will enjoy your years here on campus. Please come to our open house next week (see below), and sign-up for the PTA...you'll want to jump right in and get involved as quickly as you can! To our returning families, "Welcome Back!" We're so glad to have your child(ren) back within our halls.

Up Next:

Sally Foster Fundraiser Begins!— <i>Thursday</i> (help BVE raise \$\$ for your child/children!)	AUG 13 through SEP 8
OPEN HOUSE— <i>Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., MPB (gym)</i>	AUG 18
FALL PICTURES— <i>Thursday</i> (more info next week!)	AUG 20
GSD School Board Meeting <i>Monday, 5:00 p.m., C.O. (bi-monthly)</i>	AUG 24

CALENDAR ALERT: OPEN HOUSE DATE CHANGE!

Please note the NEW DATE for our annual BVE Open House: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th!** Due to a scheduling conflict with other district dates, we moved to the earlier day in order to better accommodate our families. We look forward to seeing you at 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday!



BVE FOURTH GRADE TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The fourth grade is once again collecting beverage tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile, Alabama. This has been our community service project for several

years. The tabs help families of children with serious illnesses who are undergoing treatment at the University of South Alabama Medical Center.

Please collect the beverage tabs, and send them to school with your child. We appreciate your continued support of this worthwhile project.

Thank you!
BVE Fourth Grade Teachers

A National Blue Ribbon School



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Dear Parents,

Bayou View Elementary's B.O.O.S.T. program needs your help! B.O.O.S.T (Building On Our Skills Together) is a volunteer tutorial program in reading and math. Volunteers are asked to tutor at least 30 minutes, one day a week. Tutors work one-on-one with a student that needs additional help in reading and math. Schedules are designed so that volunteers may request a designated session which will become their regular tutoring time the same day of the week throughout the school year. This arrangement gives volunteers peace of mind knowing that they will be working at a specific time on a regular basis. It also allows tutors to establish a continuing relationship with their students. A brief tutor training will be provided by the B.O.O.S.T. teacher to acquaint you with the easy-to-follow lessons in the activity folders. If you are interested in helping in this worthwhile endeavor, please sign the B.O.O.S.T. form below and return it to the school's B.O.O.S.T. teacher.

Our B.O.O.S.T. program relies on community involvement to help our students succeed. If you are a working parent and feel that your business may be interested in adopting our B.O.O.S.T. program (by sending volunteers to our school or making donations), we would be happy to make a presentation at your workplace to recruit volunteers. Please fill out the B.O.O.S.T. Business Partner form below and return it to the school's B.O.O.S.T. teacher (Beth Wilson).

For more information about the B.O.O.S.T. program and tutoring schedules, please contact Beth Wilson at 863-7606 or beth.wilson@gulfportschools.org.

B.O.O.S.T. Parent Volunteer

I am interested in serving as a B.O.O.S.T. parent mentor.

Name: _____

Student's Name and Teacher (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

B.O.O.S.T. Business Partner

My business is interested in having a B.O.O.S.T. presentation to recruit mentors.

Name: _____ Business: _____

Business Phone: _____ Contact Person: _____