

Belle Chasse Academy



Tuesday Memo

September 30 – October 4, 2019

Important Dates

Oct 1	Attendance drawing
Oct 4	Kona Snowballs
Oct 11	Half-day dismissal (11:30am)
Oct 14	Columbus Day: No School
Oct 15	School-Home Teaming: No School
Oct 16	Picture Day – Individual & Class
Oct 21	Coffee with the Principals (9:00am)
Oct 22	Report Cards
Oct 30	Math-Tober
Nov 1	School-Home Teaming: No School

Announcements

- Please help the BCA Cheerleaders win a fitness grant. Register & run the Crescent City Fall Classic! Please see the flyer in the electronic *Tuesday General Information Packet* for more details.
- Picture Day is October 16th. Individual and class pictures will be taken. Class picture order forms will go home soon and must be paid for in advance.
- Have a dismissal change? BCA requires that any changes to a child's daily dismissal must be made prior to 2:00pm. (See full policy on our website)

KONA ICE @ BCA

Friday, October 4th
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

K-3rd grade will be offered small size only for \$2
4th – 8th grade can purchase small- \$2,
regular-\$3 or large- \$4

Cash only, exact change please

Students will visit the truck at these times:

5th – 8th - 11:45 or 12:15 (during lunch)

PreK, K & 2nd - 12:45

1st & 3rd - 1:10

4th - 1:30



Character Counts!® Corner

The Character Counts! Pillar for the month of October is **Respect**. This month, the students will be learning about treating others with respect; follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners not bad language. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone.



Tuesday Memo

In an effort streamline our communication, each student will receive a weekly Tuesday memo, which covers important dates, events, and any essential parent communication. General Information Packets will be electronically sent via email, ParentSquare, Facebook, etc. If you would like to review flyers within weekly General Information packets, please visit <https://www.bellechasseacademy.org/domain/97>.



**Please help Belle Chasse Academy Cheerleaders win this year's Crescent City Classic
Fitness Foundation Health and Fitness Challenge Grant
November 2nd**

Register now and run with your school!

The Crescent City Fitness Foundation sponsors events aimed at enhancing the exposure of youth and adults to the healthful aspects of a regular exercise program, including running and walking.

The Foundation will provide the following to all Schools, Non-profit Organizations and Running Clubs participating in the Grant Program:

A **discounted entry fee** (of \$20.00 for all schools and non-profits). That is less than the Military rate. You can fill out the attached form or you can register at www.ccc10k.com

Pick the Fall Classic

Use coupon code **grant19bellechasse** at checkout

Each group that registers a minimum of 25 participants will also be eligible for the below cash grants and trophy.

A Spirit Trophy recognizing the participation and support of the school.

First place will have their school's logo or name imprinted on the race t-shirt of the following year's Allstate Sugar Bowl Crescent City Fall Classic 5k (as the participation leader).

A Cash Grant of \$3,000 for 1st place, dedicated to the school's Cheerleading program.

If you have any questions please contact Shana Figaro at 504-433-5850 ext 255 or email at srawls@bellechasseacademy.com

**Please help BELLE CHASSE ACADEMY
CHEERLEADERS win this year's
Crescent City Fitness Foundation Health & Fitness Challenge
Grant**

5k Race – November 2, 2019 – New Orleans City Park – 8:30am
(Please Print)

Name(First Name, Last Name)_____

Address (Street and Apt. Number)_____

City_____ State_____ Zipcode _____

Area Code and Telephone Number_____

Date of Birth_____ Age on Race _____

Shirt Size:

Y---S Y---M S M L XL XXL Gender: FEMALE MALE

Email:_____

RACE ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 (with fees \$22.50)

**If returned & paid by October 26th Please make checks payable to: Belle Chasse Academy
And return to: Shana Figaro*

Waiver: I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity that might cause personal injury or even death. I attest and verify that I am medically able and properly trained to enter and complete this event. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather (including high temperature / humidity), traffic and the conditions of the roads and bridges, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this, and in consideration for accepting this entry, the undersigned and anyone acting on my behalf, intending to be legally bound, hereby waive and release the City of New Orleans, Crescent City Fitness Inc., City Park, the Crescent City Fitness Foundation, Inc. and the event directors, all sponsors and volunteers from all claims or damages I may have as a result of participating in this event. I understand all entries are final, with no refunds, and that the race directors reserve the right in the event of an emergency or local/national disaster to cancel the race or to change the day and/or time to a later date and that in the event of cancelation there is no refund of entry fees. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photograph, videotape, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of my participation in this event for any legitimate purpose.

(Parent or legal guardian's signature, if under 18)

Signature_____ Date_____



New Attendance Procedures at BCA 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Belle Chasse Academy wants to ensure each student fully benefits from their education by attending school regularly. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Your student can start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Consistent attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and as adults in the workforce.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

If your student is going to be absent, please help us excuse the absence by promptly providing written documentation that is listed below. The new schoolwide absentee form that we will be using is attached below. Please use this form if your child is absent, tardy, or checks out of school early. You can print extra blank forms from our website under **Parent Resources**.

In addition, this year we are implementing a reward system for students who have perfect attendance. The classroom with the most attendance at the end of each month will receive a reward. Students with perfect attendance for the month will receive a ticket for a big drawing at the end of the year. Six lucky winners in the drawing will win a limo drive to a movie. Remember the more they are here, the more chances they can win but most of all, the more they will learn.

We hope they all have a great school year!





Belle Chasse Academy
 100 Fifth Street NAS/JRB
 Belle Chasse, LA. 70037

Student Absence Verification Form for Parents/Guardians

Belle Chasse Academy-Plaquemines Parish

_____ was absent from -- late to -- checked out early
 (Print student's name) (Homeroom and Grade)

on _____ for the following reason. (Please place an X in one)
 (date/dates)

Momentary illness (less than 3 days) Short-term illness (3 or more days, doctor's note required)

Doctor appointment School nurse excused Death in the family Emergency Condition

Other (write explanation below)

Describe/Explain Situation: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Contact Number	Date
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It is important that you communicate effectively with the school when your child is absent or tardy. This is done by providing written documentation when your child is absent. **Help us "excuse" your child's absence**, by providing this documentation promptly. It also means that when your child is tardy, you must **physically** come in to the office to sign them in. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and students will be considered tardy if not in the classroom at 8:00 a.m. **Parents must accompany students who are tardy to the office and sign them in.** Tardies will be considered excessive on the fifth occurrence. A letter will be sent home notifying parents of absences and tardies.

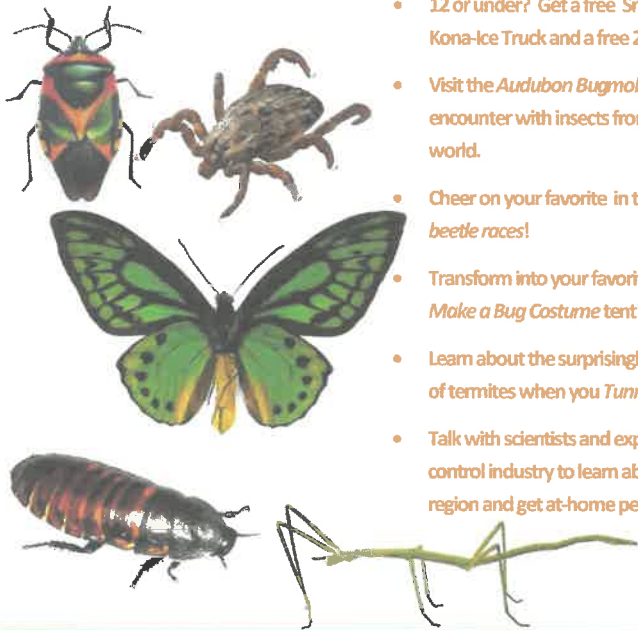
Parents will be contacted by the homeroom teacher or designee when a student returns to school without a note explaining an absence. If a note is not received within 3 school days of the absence, the absence will be unexcused until the parent communicates with the school in writing regarding the absence. Parents are reminded that it is their legal obligation to make certain their children are in school. Per state regulation, an absence is an absence. An "excused" absence is one that has documentation as to the reason for the absence. An "unexcused" absence has no documentation. In either instance, the absence counts toward the total number of days in attendance. Should a student be absent for five consecutive days without communication from the parent/caregiver, the school will call home to check on that student. Any student with excessive absences (in excess of 15 school days) will be evaluated by the Pupil Progression Team in May of each school year. This team will make a recommendation regarding promotion or retention of a student with excessive absences to the Principal who will make the final determination.

Sincerely,
 Cheri Murray, School Counselor (Lead, 7th and 8th grade)
 Melanie Harness, School Counselor (3rd-6th)
 Denise Matherne, School Counselor (K-2nd)
 504-433-5850 ext. 246

NOLA BugFest

FREE ADMISSION • NOVEMBER 2 • 10 AM-3 PM • 2100 LEON C. SIMON, NOLA

Dive into the fascinating world of insects at the 2nd annual NOLA BugFest!



- 12 or under? Get a free Snoball from the Kona-Ice Truck and a free 2019 BugFest TShirt!
- Visit the Audubon Bugmobile for an up-close encounter with insects from around the world.
- Cheer on your favorite in the patent leather beetle races!
- Transform into your favorite insect at the Make a Bug Costume tent!
- Learn about the surprisingly complex social life of termites when you Tunnel like a Termite.
- Talk with scientists and experts in the pest control industry to learn about insects in our region and get at-home pest prevention tips.

New Orleans Mosquito, Termite & Rodent Control Board & Audubon Butterfly Garden & Insectarium

SCHEDULE

MAIN STAGE EVENTS

10:30 Beetle Races
11:00 Storytime
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12:15 Edible Insects
1:15 Bug Rap
2:00 Beetles Race
2:00 Bug Rap

FRONT LAWN: LIFE-SIZE BUGS

10:45 Busy Bees
11:30 Bewitching Bats & Rambunctious Rats
12:45 Creepy Cockroaches
1:15 Beautiful Butterflies
2:00 All Bugs on Deck

Available All Day

Over 20 educational tables & exhibits & various crafts and activities for all ages

-SEE PAGE 2 FOR A FULL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND ACTIVITIES-

EVENT SPONSORS

Platinum



Greater New Orleans Pest Control Association



Gold



Silver



















Bronze







EXHIBITS

-  Audubon Butterfly Garden & Insectarium
Edible insects & insect diversity.
-  City of New Orleans Sanitation Department
Clean, Recycle, Reuse.
-  City of New Orleans Mosquito, Termite & Rodent Control Board
Mosquito, termite, & rodent biology & using interactive maps to help in pest control.
-  City of New Orleans NOLA Ready
Make an emergency plan for your family.
-  City of New Orleans CleanUp NOLA
Learn about the simple things we can all do to help take care of our city
-  City of New Orleans Health Department
Learn to protect your family from mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile & Zika.
-  Clarke
Mosquito Bite Prevention
-  City of New Orleans Parks and Parkways
Maintaining & upgrading the City's green spaces.
-  City of New Orleans, Roadwork NOLA
Learn about how roads are built & maintained.
-  DA Exterminating
Learn ways to protect your home from pests.
-  Florida Atlantic University
The mound building termites of Africa.
-  Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health
Pesticide safety and best practices.
-  Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Learn more about raccoons, bats and other wildlife found in New Orleans.
-  Louisiana Master Naturalists GNO
Awareness, understanding and stewardship of our natural environment.
-  LSU, Entomology Department
Pollinators & how they affect our world.
-  LSU, School of Public Health, Epidemiology Program
Zoonotic diseases like rabies can be passed from animals to humans.
-  Terminix, Metairie Branch
Structural Pest Control.
-  T-Mobile
GPS technologies.
-  Tulane University, Department of Tropical Medicine
Medical entomology: insects & arthropods that impact human health.
-  University of Florida, Entomology and Nematology Department
Urban entomology: insects & other arthropods that affect residential areas.
-  University of Miami, Geography Department
Waste and discarded tire survey in New Orleans

ACTIVITIES

-  Audubon Bugmobile
Explore the natural world through live animals & artifacts.
-  ByWater Institute, Tulane University
Acorns into Oaks
-  New Orleans Mosquito, Termite & Rodent Control Board
Bug ID: Bring a bug to identify with the help of an Entomologist.
-  City of New Orleans Department of Public Works
Touch a vac truck.
-  Vector Disease Control International
Pilot play.
-  Temporary Tattoos
Insects, Arachnids, & Reptiles, Oh My!
-  Insect Fossils
Use clay to create unique insect fossils.
-  Tick-Tack-Toad
Ticks & toads replace the X's & O's life-size Tic-Tac-Toe.
-  Become a Mosquito Inspector
Scoop up enough Mosquito larvae & pupae to qualify as a pest inspector.
-  Insect Costumes
Make a beautiful insect costume.
-  Dung Beetle Races
Race against other competitors while rolling a ball of (fake) beetle poop.
-  Insect Art
Stamps, markers, crayons, & stencils: everything you need!
-  Tunnel Like a Termite
Navigate tunnels & shift sand like a termites.
-  Face Painting
Let Princess Camerian make you into a work of art.
-  Caterpillar Life Cycle Craft
Create the life cycle of a caterpillar from a chrysalis to a butterfly.
-  Scavenger Hunt
Find the 10 bugs depicted on your entry ticket and enter to win a prize.

STATIONS

-  First Aid
-  Diva Dawg Food Truck
-  Kona Ice of the Crescent City Snoball Truck
-  Complimentary Beverages