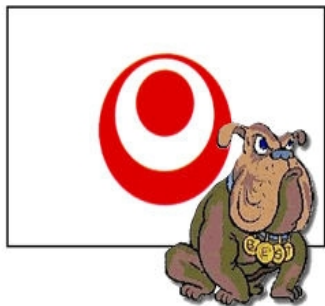


2009-2010 School Year

September 2009



BECHTEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEAM
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

BEST PTO News

SCHOOL Welcome Back

A Message from Your PTO President

Welcome back to Bechtel! As your PTO President, I'm very excited about the 2009-2010 year. There are several events planned for the year and opportunities to get involved abound. We have a new Board of PTO member-volunteers who have been busy planning to make this an outstanding year at Bechtel. In fact, some of this year's PTO-sponsored events are right around the corner so, mark your calendars for the following dates: **School Pictures (September 28-30)**, **the annual Fall Festival (October 24)** and **Square 1 Art Orders (October/November)**.

Join us at the **next PTO meeting (October 20 at 6:30 pm)** to discuss our fundraising goals for the year including: Weekly Readers for every class, a Rock Climbing Wall for our school gym!! And our continued support of great programs like Brain Pop and Reading Counts.

I encourage all of you to demonstrate to your children your interest in their education by becoming involved in whatever way you can. The

first step is becoming a member of the B.E.S.T. PTO so you have a voice in our community and can vote on how we use the funds we raise this year. 100% of all membership dues and donations go toward achieving our annual fundraising goals – join today and watch your children climb to new heights!

As a Parent-Teacher Organization, we will work together with all Bechtel families, teachers and administrators to achieve our fundraising goals as we move toward greater parent participation and parent/teacher relations in our school and our community.

It's my pleasure to serve as your PTO president this year and I am confident that together we can make Bechtel an even better place for our children. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 622-1164 or e-mail at bechtelpto@yahoo.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Holly Hitzelberger

Bechtel PTO

Elected Members	Appointed Members	
<i>President:</i> Holly Hitzelberger	<i>Box Tops:</i> Michele Evoito	<i>School Store:</i> Julia Levinson
<i>Vice President:</i> Kris Tlapa	<i>Fundraising:</i> Heather Shafer	<i>School Photos:</i> Tonya Broyan, Tami Hurst, Jackie Studebaker
<i>Treasurer:</i> Lisa Beeman	<i>Historian:</i> Miranda Bailey	<i>Special Activities:</i> OPEN
<i>Secretary:</i> Leah Warfield	<i>Hospitality:</i> OPEN	<i>Square 1 Art:</i> Christa Holbrook
	<i>Membership:</i> Stacey Williams	<i>Teacher Reps:</i> Nancy Disla & Amanda Wilkey
	<i>Parliamentarian:</i> OPEN	<i>Volunteer Coordinator:</i> Tammy Urbina
	<i>Popcorn:</i> Kelly Cheek	
	<i>Publicity:</i> Erica Rohr	

Dates to Remember

- September 17th, School Store Re-opening and Open House Night
- September 28-30th, School pictures
- October 20th 6:30pm, PTO meeting Potluck and Fall Festival walk through
- October 23rd, Fall Festival
- November 17th 6:30pm, PTO meeting spaghetti dinner and movie

School Spirit

School Store

Store grand re-opening Open House Night September 17

Looking for Bechtel t-shirts and other logo items? The school store carries spirit wear and fun, colorful school supplies. T-shirts are \$12 each in both adult and youth sizes. Store grand re-opening Open House Night September 17 5-7. Stop by the store any Popcorn Friday morning to check out all the store has to offer.

*Store hours still to be determined. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.



Box Tops for Education

Support Bechtel by clipping those box tops! Well over \$1000 is raised each year just through Box tops collections. Not only is it an easy way to raise money for our school, but classrooms can win parties or prizes throughout the year for brining in the most Box Tops. Logo onto www.boxtops4education.com for more information.



Lands' End Apparel

As a Preferred School with Lands' End, Bechtel receives a percentage of all school uniform sales when customers entering our Preferred School # shop at www.landsend.com. In addition, the Bechtel logo may be applied to any of their school uniform apparel. Simply select the item you wish to buy and enter the following information:



Preferred School #: 9001-1884-

Logo #: 0711747K

Logo Application Price: \$8.10

Campbell's Labels for Education

For more than 30 years, Labels for Education has been awarding free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands. You can help Bechtel earn free merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, physical education equipment, reference books, musical instruments or even a mini-van, simply by collecting Campbell UPCs and sending them to Bechtel. Visit <http://www.labelsforeducation.com> to learn more.



Stay tuned for the next collection dates and contest prizes

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering with the PTO. There are so many ways to help as much or as little as you like—class photos, carnivals, popcorn Fridays, school store, brainstorming, and more....

Want to help, but you're not sure when and where? Give us your name and we'll contact you whenever volunteer opportunities arise.

Immediate Volunteer Opportunities Available

- Hospitality
- Parliamentarian
- Spring Festival of the Arts
- School Beautification
- Fall Festival support

Remember, You don't have to be a member to volunteer;

You don't have to volunteer to be a member!

Give Us Your Ideas

Did your old PTO put on a great show? We're always looking for great fundraising and event ideas. All feedback, comments and ideas are welcome. If you can't make it to PTO meetings, please send your suggestions to bechtelpto@yahoo.com.



Join Bechtel PTO

Help make a difference in our school and be a part of the B.E.S.T. Join the PTO today! Your donations support important school activities and your involvement has a direct impact on your child's school experience.

What we do:

- Membership
- Popcorn Fridays
- School Pictures
- Fundraisers
 - Fall and Spring Festivals
 - No Frills
 - Square 1 Art
- Teacher Appreciation

Look for applications in your child's backpack and return them to your teacher. Pick up an application at the front office. The class with the most members will win a reward during our membership drive.

Membership Levels

Bronze—\$5.00

Silver—\$10.00

Gold—\$15.00



On October 1, three classrooms with the most PTO memberships from the following grades will win a basket of classroom activities and supplies—K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th. Stop by the PTO room to see what your teacher could win and fill out your Membership Form today!

As a member, you will receive this newsletter, vote at monthly meetings, and receive various bonuses based on your level of membership at various PTO events throughout the year, such as free food tickets at the school carnivals.

\$\$\$ Popcorn Pays \$\$\$

Popcorn Fridays are Back!!!



PTO Popcorn Friday

Pre-Pay for the Year

(Grades K-5 only)

Fill out this form and return it to the PTO along with \$12* per child. Your child will receive one bag of popcorn in his(her) classroom each Popcorn Friday.

Checks can be payable to Bechtel PTO.

Name: _____ Teacher: _____ = \$12

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TOTAL = \$ _____

***This is a slightly discounted rate based on the 30 scheduled Popcorn Fridays this school year and as such, no refunds will be given for absence or unforeseen school closures.**

Back by popular demand, the PTO kicked off the popping season on Friday September 11th when we popped for free for the entire school!! Every Friday thereafter, popcorn will be sold for 50 cents a bag. Each week, one lucky winner per class will receive a free book from the school store.

Want to Pre-Pay for the Year?

Take the hassle out of remembering to send money along each Friday. Just fill-out the adjacent pre-pay form and send it along with \$12.

History of Popcorn Fridays



Mid-way through the 2006-2007 school year, the Bechtel PTO began selling bags of popcorn for 50 cents on Fridays in order to raise more funds for the school. The program was well received and became a permanent fixture in 2007-2008. The income from the popcorn sales goes towards the purchase of Weekly Readers which benefit all Bechtel students. The program continues to evolve with the now popular pre-pay option and hidden prizes in the popcorn.

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PTO Room T202

Bechtel Elementary School

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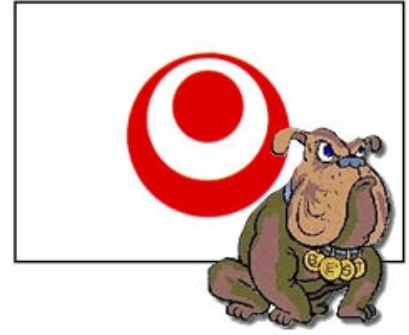
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Home of the B.E.S.T. on Okinawa!

The Bechtel Elementary School PTO is dedicated to fostering a community of parents and teachers whose common goal is to assist our children in their primary school education while here on Okinawa. Annual fundraisers and special events put on by volunteers like you enable us to provide an array of teaching materials, programs and technology to enhance our school. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our website. Bechtel PTO strives to continue to support the faculty, administration and student population by focusing on universally accessed programs and materials and by boosting both student and parent involvement in the school.



Our Guiding Principles:

- It's about the student
- Respect is a universal right
- Education is a two-way process
- Safety first
- Literacy is the key to prosperity
- Good students make good friends

Bechtel Elementary PTO Application

Becoming a PTO member is easy! Please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher with the dues. 100% of your dues go back to support school enrichment activities! *Checks can be payable to Bechtel PTO.*

Name: _____ Parent Teacher

Mailing Address: PSC _____, Box _____ FPO, AP _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Level: Gold (\$15) Silver (\$10) Bronze (\$5)

Please list all children attending Bechtel Elementary:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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The PTO is run 100% by volunteers and we need your help! Please join us for an exciting year filled with great activities for the kids!

I can be a PTO Volunteer and I can help with (check as many as you like):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Carnival | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn Fridays | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking/Work from Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Pictures | <input type="checkbox"/> School Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Arts Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Nights | <input type="checkbox"/> School Beautification & Gardening | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere I am needed | | |

I would like to be a PTO Room Parent for _____
teacher's name