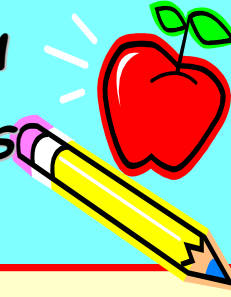




# NEWS FROM THE EAGLE'S NEST



New Boston  
Elementary School  
Home of the  
Golden Eagles

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

### Notes from the Principal's Office

### August/September Calendar

August 24, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to New Boston Elementary School. I am looking forward to a great school year! The teachers and staff are eager to begin the education process for you student. Being at the gates of a new school year AND a new school district offers us many new challenges. Please be patient with us as we work through these challenges.

Our mission is to provide your student with the greatest possible opportunity "to reach their full potential". Communication is the foundation for building teamwork between parent and school. I am looking forward to having new ways to communicate with parents through the Mercer County School website, which can be found at [www.mercerschools.org](http://www.mercerschools.org) , and through our new student data system Websis. We are all diligently working to get these means of communication up and running.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself with any questions or concerns regarding your students.

Sincerely,

Nancy Robinson



**August 24\*\*\*\***First Day of School for 1-4, Early Dismissal, at 11:30 am

**August 25\*\*\*\***First Day of School School for Prek-4<sup>th</sup>

**August 27\*\*\*\***  
School Board Meeting, 7:00

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**Sept. 7\*\*\*\***Labor Day  
No School

**Sept. 16\*\*\*\***Picture Day

**Sept. 18\*\*\*\***Midterm

**Sept. 25\*\*\*\***SIP Day,  
Early Dismissal

## Counselor Corner

Dear Parents,

During the fall semester I will be doing my counseling internship at the New Boston Elementary School. This is the first time the school has had a counselor in the building, so I wanted to let you know a little bit about what I will be doing.

My goal is to serve the students on academic, social, and emotional levels. I will do this primarily through "Counselor Corner". A time when I will go into the classrooms and teach lessons on a variety of topics I also plan on leading several groups. The purpose of group counseling is to serve a smaller population of students who are striving toward the same goal (test-taking skills, stress management, making friends, etc.). If your child is chosen to participate in a group you will be contacted and asked to sign a permission slip. As the need arises, I will also see students on an individual basis.

I want to make having a counselor a positive, enriching experience for the students, staff, and family of New Boston Elementary. If you have any questions or have suggestions for Counselor Corner or group counseling topics, please let me know by calling 587-8141.

I am looking forward to the semester!

Emily Baldwin

## Lunch is Looking Different!

*Mercer County School District Elementary schools are trying a new schedule for lunch time. At New Boston elementary students will now have a lunch recess before lunch. Many schools in the area have already implemented this type of lunch schedule. Before eating lunch, the New Boston students will be dismissed to the playground for 20 minutes and then will be brought in to eat. Students will be dismissed to the playground for 20 minutes and then will be brought in to eat. Students will have a 20 minute period to eat. These time periods are the same as last year. Students will have the opportunity to get their hands clean and pick up their cold lunch, if applicable, and then go down to the lunch room.*

*The change has come about as a result of the CATCH Committee recommendation as part of our district's Wellness Plan.*

*There are many benefits to this type of program. Schools report greater nutrition consumption, as children eat a more balanced diet and less food is thrown away as children are more ready to eat and not in such a hurry to get out to recess. Better lunchroom and classroom behavior has been reported as a result of this change.*

*If you have any questions please contact me at 587-8141.*

*Nancy Robinson*