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PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

The first weeks of school is a time to help your child adjust to the routines, get excited about learning, and become more independent from you. Here are some ways you can help. **Get to know the teacher.** The faster you can establish a positive relationship with your child's teacher, the faster your child may adjust to the new surroundings and become independent. "The safer your child feels, the more energy they can put into learning – so from a parent's perspective, you want to support your child forming that bond with the teacher," comments Diane Levin, Ph.D.

If your child takes the school bus, encourage them to make bus friends. Get to know other parents at the bus stop to help you feel connected to school and to help your child find friends. Create your own special goodbye ritual to send your child off with a good feeling.

When you take your young child into the classroom, ask to see some work. If you sense your child feels uneasy at drop off, focus on the positive. Ask him to show you an art project or other activity he's doing at school.

If your child misses you a lot, choose a special object together that she can bring to school. Sometimes it helps with the transition if kids can bring a memento from home – a parent's picture a note, a scarf, or other special objects to remind them that their parents are thinking of them. Encourage your child to show the object to the teacher. You should inquire to see if there is a policy about how your child can use the object during the school day.

If your child says, "I don't want to go," remind him about the fun stuff. Think of something you know your child loves to do, or likes about school. See if you can get started on this activity together. Or remind your child of all the new or old friends in his class. And go over and say hello together. If you don't take your child to school, suggest he do some of these activities when he gets there, and send a note to the teacher about your concerns.

If your child says, "I hate school," ask her what is wrong." Usually kids will be able to tell you,"

recommends Diane Levin, Ph.D. "It's common for children to worry about playing on the playground with the bigger kids, or about when Mommy will return for pick up." Help your child develop a solution to the problem. You might ask, "What makes the playground feel scary? Suggest you talk to the teacher with your child about it. Ask your child if she wants to tell the teacher herself or would like you to do it.

Don't be surprised if your child is upset at the end of the day. Kids often save their hard feelings for the parents because it feels safer to let these feelings out at home than at school. "It's actually a good thing when kids save up their hard feelings for the parents," advises Lawrence Cohen, Ph.D. "You can even expect a surge in sibling rivalry or fighting with parents at home. Kids don't usually come home and tell to you things got rough on the playground, but they may act out their feelings at home."

Ask the school for help if your child has trouble adjusting. If separation remains stressful after a few weeks, set up a meeting with your child's teacher and the school's guidance counselor or principal to speak about the best ways everyone can help you adjust. If possible, meet without your child, but you may want to schedule a separate meeting with your child present, so everyone can make a plan together.

Attend school events. Go to Back-to-School night and PTA meetings. These events give you the opportunity to see the world your child inhabits every day and meet the people in charge (as well as other parents).

Information obtained from Internet

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Blackville will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 19, 2013 at the Blackville Community Center located at 19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to give citizens an opportunity to become acquainted with a proposed Rural Development project consisting generally of the purchase of two (2) fully equipped police cars.

Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project.

Town of Blackville is an EOE.

MEETINGS

- **August 1**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **August 12**, BHHS Board of Education District #19, Board Conference Room, 7:00pm
- **August 13**, Neighbor Hood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- **August 13**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00PM
- **August 19**, Blackville Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm (Movie will be shown of "MASC" Award presented to Town)
- **August 26**, Barnwell-Blackville Branch NAACP, Barnwell Masonic Lodge, 7:00pm

NO MEETINGS

Blackville Downtown Development Association & Blackville Civic Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1, Queen E. Byas
August 1, Alice Armstrong
August 2, A.A. Williams
August 5, Rev. James (Bo) Johnson
August 6, Trina McKnight
August 6, Treva (McKnight) Williams
August 7, Phillip Felder
August 7, Carneal Hammonds
August 8, Dwayne Black
August 12, Steven(Steve) Jowers
August 13, Ray Miller
August 15, Letha Johnson
August 16, James Brown
August 19, Kenneth Hagood
August 22, Teresa Ashmore
August 23, Mary Ann Reed
August 28, Andre' Kinslow
August 28, Josephine Byas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 27, Cleveland and Elnora Williams
August 31, Albert and Rose Johnson-Rayson

LIBRARY NEWS

Monday August 5, 2013 -2:30pm
"A Fractured Jack and the Beanstalk Puppet Show"
Kids don't forget to turn in your Summer Reading Log to Library by Monday, August 12

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Earnestine Gloster, won First Place in the "Dash for Diabetics", in Atlanta, Georgia, June 22, 2013

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL OPENS – AUGUST 19, 2013

High School Registration:
August 7, 2013 – 8:00am -4:00pm
August 8, 2013, 12:00pm – 7:00pm

"GOSPEL EVENT"

NIGEL and THE FAVOR ENSEMBLE
Presents

PRAIZE FEST 2013

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lees Community
Sunday, August 11, 2013, 2:50pm

TAX FREE WEEKEND **AUGUST 2-4, 2013**

TOGETHER SISTER'S ANNUAL

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

August 17, 2013 – 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Maloney Field
Monetary and Supply Donations accepted
For additional information all 803 671-2013

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