



# The Bear Tracks

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**Schwarzkopf  
Elementary School**  
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## Welcome Back

### Important Dates

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Gen. PTA Meeting/ Ice Craem Social	9/17
Spell A Thon Pledges sheets Due	9/24
Citizen of the Month	9/25
Spell A Thon Test	9/25
Fall Pictures	9/29
5th Grade Field Trip Hopf/ Shrewsb.	10/5
BEAR Time Grades 2/3	10/5

The year is off to a great start so far. Our teachers have been very busy getting to know their students in order to best meet their needs both academically and in building relationships with them. The students in grades K-5 have been participating in FAIR ( The Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading) Testing for Reading which is an initiative of the Florida Department of Education. This assessment will be conducted three times per year and the teachers will gain valuable data to drive their instruction in the area of

Reading. You will be hearing more about this assessment as the year progresses. The teachers have also been gathering baseline data in all other subjects as well in order to be able to plan for instruction and to monitor each child's progress. Your child's teacher will be sharing this information with you at our first conference night in October.

It is extremely important for your child to be at school each day; however if they have been running a fever we ask that they not be sent to school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without any medication to lower it. This will help us prevent the spread of flu and the H1N1 virus.



### PTA General Meeting

Please join us on Thursday evening, September 17, 2009 for our PTA General Meeting and Ice Cream Social. This is an opportunity to meet our outstanding PTA Board members to hear what

their plans for the year are and to socialize with other Schwarzkopf parents while enjoying some delicious ice cream. The meeting will begin at 6:00 in the multi- purpose room and cafeteria.

This event is open to all families. If you are not a member, please consider joining for only \$5.00.

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Schwarzkopf: Where Learning is a  
Treasure

### Schwarzkopf Character Pledge

I pledge to honor our bear pride.  
At school I will learn and grow,  
by being fair and honest to all I know.

To show respect and kindness to  
everyone I meet,  
To be responsible and work hard  
each day of the week.

To always strive to be  
The best that I can be,  
So All can succeed  
In our Schwarzkopf family!!

## B.E.A.R. Time Enrichment

In the near future you will be receiving information on B.E.A.R. ( Bears Enrichment Activity Rotation) Time. Each child in grades K-5 will rank order their preferences from the offered activities. You will also receive a synopsis of each activity to help you make selections. There will be three rotations during the year. We will try our best to ensure that each child gets their first, second, or third choice for at least one of the rotations during the year. Grade K will be making choices when the form comes home, but will be-

gin with the second rotation in January. The Kindergarten teachers feel that the Kindergarten children need more time to become acclimated to the school before changing to other classes for the B.E.A.R. Time activities. Freedom Singers will be part of the B.E.A.R. Time for those students who have tried out and are admitted. Freedom Singers will select one of the B.E.A.R. Time activities for the first rotation and the second and third rotation will be Freedom Singers. The first rotation will begin the week of

October 5th. Please look for this form to come home in next Wednesday's folder. If we do not receive the form back, we will select for your child.

