Dear Parents,

We have the school year well underway, with our tutoring groups meeting between 2-4 times per week. Our students are enjoying skills practice in math and reading, as well as learning new skills and hobbies such as crochet, typing, and cultural arts and crafts. Ask your child about what they are learning!

Starting this month, we will have our community partners begin visiting our school, including the Boy Scouts and the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office. We will also be having our first Family Workshop which will be advertised at our sign out area as soon as the date is finalized.

Please remember to pick up your child(ren) after 5:47PM to allow them the greatest benefit from our grant program. If you know your child will be absent, please all or email our afterschool office. We are looking forward to September!

Ms. Christina & the Afterschool Staff

**Attendance in BASA: East**

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program.

If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:**

1. **Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child’s verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.

2. **Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.

3. **Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.