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The Official Newsletter of the Forsyth County Broncos

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Mark Your Calendar

7/31	Opt Out Fee Due
8/1	National Pop Warner Season begins
8/11	Bronco Nite at Time to Eat
8/15	Weigh-Ins
8/21	Tail Gate & Pep Rally
8/22	Potential Scrimmage
8/29	First Game (tentative)
9/1	Pre-sell tickets to cheer competition
9/10	Mario's Spaghetti Night At The Bronco Field
9/13	Bronco Picture Day
10/2	5 th Annual Golf Tournament @ Oak Valley
10/8	Bronco Night At Arby's
10/9	Daddy Daughter Dance
10/24	NWMFL Playoffs
10/25	NWMFL Cheer Competition
11/27	Regionals for qualifying teams
12/7-12/12	Nationals for qualifying teams

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Let's Play Ball

Season officially opens August 1st.

Football practice begins Saturday at 10:00. Cheer will begin Monday at 6:00 pm.

You've been receiving reminders about paperwork and fees. Please make sure you are up to date on everything. **Players must have everything turned in so they can practice with the team.**

In previous editions of the newsletter, we provided tips to help you prepare for the season. Check it out on our website.

A Note from Our Operations Team

Welcome to the 2009 season. We're looking forward to the best season ever. We've been working very hard for you in the off season to make sure you have a great experience this year. We played our first season in 2002 and in 2005 moved to Clemmons Elementary. We are proud of what we've accomplished in the 7 years of our operation. We're still very young. With that said we strive to be a premier organization for your football and cheerleading experience. We will always work to refine our operations. Going into this season, you'll notice a lot of changes as a direct result of parent feedback from last year. Here's just a few of the highlights of our response to your feedback items:

#1 – **Restrooms and a larger**

concession stand. We're almost finished!

#2 – **Refine fundraising.** We are introducing changes to our fundraising program. The Opt Out fee was cut in half to \$100. This makes it much more attractive and affordable. You will see fewer selling items with more focus on success. But please remember that your registration dollars only cover 40% of the operating expense (NOT including the new building). Our basic operating expenses are over \$100,000 per year. Stay tuned for information on the new structure of fundraising to include a small contribution towards extended season travel. New family events for this year should be exciting for everyone.

#3 – **Streamlined, timely, and thorough communications.** We are now using our roster software to send organization-wide emails to every family. This solves another feedback – make it easier for team parents. And, we are producing newsletters (like this one) on a regular basis. By doing this, everyone will get the same information at the same time.

#4 – Improve **website.** We introduced our new site a few months ago and are receiving tremendous feedback. We'll continue to refine as we go along. Give us your thoughts.

Lisa Boening, VP Operations

Is your coach going to be arrested?

Your coaches have been asked to raise \$500 in "bail" before the first home

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Let's Play Ball (Continued)

game. If they don't then they could be sitting in a jail cell and not coaching. Do you want to help bail your coach out? You can help make bail by contacting your coach or going to the website and use your credit card. Be sure to click the button next to the coach you want to help "spring"....

Look for this symbol on our home page or use the link to access "[Spring our Coach](#)"

Bail money goes towards the capital campaign to pay for your new concessions and restrooms.



Using the Bronco Brand and Logo

Our organization has permission from the Denver Broncos NFL team to use their logo and colors. With that in mind, we are obliged to protect use of their logo. We have agreements with our merchandise suppliers that bind them to the copyright regulations of the logo.

In order to protect our brand and that of the Denver Broncos, it is imperative that all usages of the logo must be approved by the board. Approval can be obtained by contacting the merchandising directors. Anyone who wants to create their own Bronco-wear must have permission. We appreciate you running all of your t-shirt needs etc through our store. We will be able to help you with special requests.

We appreciate your adherence to this policy.



Team Parent Corner

A new web page just for you!! You'll find news, tools and information to make your life easier. As a team parent, you play a very important role in our organization. This will be a very busy job and we appreciate you. We've made changes in the way we communicate this year. These changes are a direct result of feedback we heard last season. Go here to find out... [For Team Parents](#)

Have you completed your background check yet?

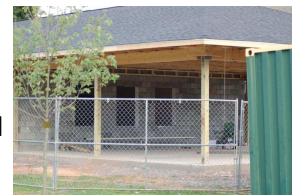
Our New Building



STILL MAKING PROGRESS.....WE'RE UNDER ROOF!!

Since the last newsletter we have gotten our new structure under roof and have finished roughing in all the utilities and heat and air and the food service company has set the hood for the grills. Probably the biggest accomplishment from a volunteer point of view is that we had approximately 30 of our own parents and friends come out on 2 nights to help us paint the interior of the structure.....thank you all for your volunteer time.....it's just amazing what a great group of people we have and what we can all do when we channel our resources towards a task at hand.

We are now shooting for an August 17th completion date! We will still be looking for Bronco volunteers to help with the finishing touches as we go through the next 2 weeks so please stay tuned.

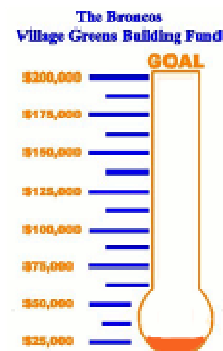


Check out [our progress pictures](#) on the website

Capital Campaign

These are exciting times for the Broncos, the building is almost complete and the season is here. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help: The Capital Campaign is looking for a few good men & women to help out. If you want to be involved or have any questions please contact Paul Sicignano at 480-7318

paul.sicignano@wachovia.com or Amy Gardner at Amy@Lindsay-GardnerCPAs.com



Upcoming Events

Football Equipment Handout

WHEN: July 26 2-4 pm
 July 31 6-8 pm
 Location: AT the storage trailer near the field
 Flag players do not need to attend.

Cheerleading Uniform Handout

Cheerleaders will receive their uniform and shoes the week before the first game.

Football practice & certification weigh in schedule included in this newsletter.

Cheerleaders will practice on the fields for the first two weeks. An indoor schedule will be provided to each team.

Mandatory Parent Meetings - Aug 8, 10 and 11 - at least 1 family member must attend 1 of the 3 meetings

Aug. 11 - **Bronco night at Time to Eat!**
 10% comes back to the Broncos - must get flyer from Team mom to take to Time to Eat

August 17 - **Mandatory Team Parent Meeting**

Aug 21 - **Bronco Family Tailgate**

***Fundraising** starts by middle to the end of August and runs thru first 2 weeks of September! Get ready to fundraise!

A Moment in History

On October 29, 1977, the Lewisville Titan Jr. Pee Wees romped to victory against Ron Morgan's Clemmons Cowboys 12 to 0 at West Forsyth Stadium. On that day, the Titans were led by current Bronco coaches Andy Fansler and Jeff Cox, while the Cowboys featured current Bronco Coach, Miles Warfford, who spent most of the game on his back. Later, Coach Morgan said it was the most crushing defeat of his career.

A little word from your friendly neighborhood Football Directors

Did you know that a study conducted at a hospital in Hyattsville, MD on the frequency of injury in sports showed that football players were not at the highest risk? According to the study Basketball brought in the most ER visitors. In fact the ratio of basketball players to football players was almost 2:1. In order to keep football behind other sports with respect to injuries, we need to heed certain warnings.

It is dangerous to use equipment that does not fit. If your pants are too big or too small you make yourself vulnerable. Helmets need to be tight! In 17 years of being in Pop Warner as a coach I have never heard a kid sigh in relief and approval when fitting a helmet properly. Shoulder pads that are too small will not protect from dislocation and shoulder pads that are too big do not protect the collar bone properly. Don't alter the equipment in any way! This includes stickers on the helmets and using Mitey Mite pads in the pants. If we all do our part, our kids will stay safe and healthy throughout the season!

08 Team Records (on our website)

	W	L	T
Flag Blue	2	5	1
Flag Orange	4	3	1
Mighty Mite Blue	5	3	0
Mighty Mite Org	2	5	0
Mighty Mite White	7	1	0
Jr. Pee Wee Blue	8	2	0
Jr. Pee Wee Orange	2	6	0
Pee Wee	7	4	0
Jr. Midget	13	1	0
Midget	6	3	0

Midget Football

Regular Season Champions
 Undefeated in Division play (5-0)
 NWMPWFL Play-offs

Jr. Midget Football

Regular Season Champions
 Undefeated in Division play (6-0)
 NWMPWFL Champions
 Mid-South Region Champs
 Pop Warner Super Bowl Participant

Jr. Cheer Midget

NWMPWFL Champions
 Mid-South Region Champions
 Place Pop Warner National – 4th Place
 National Spirit of Sportsmanship Award

Pee Wee Football

Regular Season Champions
 Undefeated in Division play (5-0)
 NWMPWFL Champions
 Mid-South Region Play-offs

Jr. Pee Wee Blue Football

Regular Season Champions
 Undefeated in Division play (5-0)
 NWMPWFL Runner-up
 Winner of Christmastown Bowl

Jr. Pee Wee Cheer

NWMPWFL Champions
 Mid-South Region Champions
 2nd Place Pop Warner National Runner-up

Mighty Mite White Football

Winner of 5th Annual NWMPWFL Mighty Mite Bowl



CAMPS



Football Practice Schedule

Sat, Aug 01, 2009	Light	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
Mon, Aug 03, 2009	Light	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Tue, Aug 04, 2009	Light	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Thu, Aug 06, 2009	Light	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Sat, Aug 08, 2009	Heavy	10:00 AM	12:30 PM
Mon, Aug 10, 2009	Heavy	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Tue, Aug 11, 2009	Heavy	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Thu, Aug 13, 2009	Heavy	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Sat, Aug 15, 2009	Heavy		see below
Mon, Aug 17, 2009	Heavy	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Tue, Aug 18, 2009	Heavy	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Thu, Aug 20, 2009	Light	6:00 PM	8:30 PM
Sat, Aug 22, 2009	Scrimmage		TBA

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Team	Weigh-In Time	In-Line by:	Practice Time
MM - Orange	1:30	1:15	10:30 - 1:00
MM - Blue	1:45	1:30	10:30 - 1:00
MM - White	2:00	1:45	11:00 - 1:30
JPW - Blue	2:15	2:00	11:00 - 1:30
JPW - Orange	2:30	2:15	11:30 - 2:00
PW	2:45	2:30	11:30 - 2:00
JM	3:00	2:45	12:00 - 2:30
M	3:15	3:00	12:00 - 2:30

Did you know?

Football Facts

Most Pop Warner Leagues have no rules regarding jersey numbers. However, our local area (Northwest Midget Pop Warner Football League) follows the North Carolina high school rules. So our league is one of the few that require players to wear numbers based on their position.

1-49	Backs and Receivers
50-79	Lineman
80-99	Ends.

Number requirements apply only to offense. Defensive players can wear any number, regardless of position.

FACT: It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

Cheer Facts

A stunt group consists of 5 positions: primary base, secondary base, front and back bases (sometimes called "spotters") and a flyer (the person in the air).

FACT: Cheerleading is over 100 years old. On November 2, 1898, Johnny Campbell lead the first cheerleaders at an University of Minnesota football game

Other News

Volunteers

We've heard that you may be interested in volunteering for various tasks during the year. We'll be using our mass email process to solicit volunteers from time to time. You can volunteer by sending your name and interest to FCBroncos@aol.com

Here's an idea of where we need some help in the upcoming season.... There's a lot more!!

- ★ Final cleanup activities for the new building
- ★ Landscaping
- ★ Daily maintenance
- ★ Field painting on Thursdays before the games
- ★ Sorting cookie dough and wrapping paper (September)
- ★ Soliciting Hole Sponsors for the [Golf Tournament](#)
- ★ Selling banners for the [capital campaign](#)
- ★ Chaperone at **Bronco Bash** (September)
- ★ Various **Bronco Day** activities - organizing , setting up, general logistics of the whole day (September)
- ★ [Bronco Family Tailgate](#) - August 21 - organizing and setting up, etc.... logistics – Need volunteers now
- ★ Game day activities – chain gang, monitor, game announcers

Dick's Sporting Goods

We are working on building a relationship with Dick's Sporting Goods for sporting merchandise. Dick's has provided preferred discount coupons for our families. By using these coupons, you get a discount and Dick's is able to track the Bronco family spend. If our spending is enough, we will have a greater opportunity to gain a contribution to our building fund from Dick's. Team parents will have these coupons soon.