



# The Bzzzzzz News

**Tuckers  
Crossroads  
School**

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Lebanon, TN 37087

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## Budget Concerns Occupy Everyone's Thoughts

The Wilson County Commission will meet on Monday, September 15 at 6:00 for a public hearing on the budget and then for their commission meeting at 7:00.

Wilson County Schools Director, Mr. Mike Davis, has been working with commissioners about the proposed budget and the increase needed to fund the schools.

Over the past seven years, our school system has grown by about 400 students a year and our costs have increased, but our budgeted funds have remained basically the same. The commission needs to investigate increase the funding for the schools as we continue

the growth here in Wilson County.

The school board met this past week and revised what the budget cuts would be if the commission increases the property tax rate by 20 cents. Under the revisions, if that is the case, our elementary ISS teachers and two educational assistants per school would be cut. If the commission raises taxes by 24 cents, then all jobs would be saved, but needs would not be met. It would take a 34 cent increase to fund the full budget. If the commission gives no increase, the cuts will be deep. Please to let your commissioner know how you feel. We would appreciate the support Monday night.

## College Savings Month Proclaimed

Governor Phil Brede- sen has proclaimed Sep- tember as College Sav- ings Month. Parents can now better meet the cost of higher education by saving under the Tennes- see Section 529 college savings program or the Tennessee Baccalaureate Education Trust (BEST).

These plans allow anyone to open an ac- count for a beneficiary and earn significant tax advantages. The BEST Prepaid Plan and the Path2College 529 Plan are ways to ensure your child or grandchild has a great future.

For more information [www.treasury.state.tn.us/best](http://www.treasury.state.tn.us/best) for the BEST Prepaid Plan or [www.path2college529.org](http://www.path2college529.org) for the Path2College 529 Plan.

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### Basic Math Skills

*Our focus this year is on basic skills. Don't forget to help your child work on these! One great way is to keep flash cards on a ring in the car to practice when travelling to and from events.*

## Announcements

**Picture Day  
Monday, September  
15th.**

Students may be out of dress code that day. Please dress appropriately!

**Brochure Sales End  
Tuesday, September  
16th**

Thanks to everyone who purchased from our school fundraiser. The last turn in day is Tuesday, September 16th.

**Screenings to happen  
on Wednesday,  
September 17th.**

Vision, Hearing and Blood Pressure Screenings will be done for 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th grades.

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## QSP School Fundraiser—August 28—September 16

We would like for you to meet one of our new teachers...

### Joan Rempfer

Joan Rempfer and her husband, Mark, moved to Lebanon from Berryville, Virginia this summer. The Rempfer's have four children. Kate is a communications teacher at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, John is a chemist for Cargill in Eddyville, Iowa, Joe is a junior pre-med major at Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska, and Beth is a sophomore International Studies

major at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Mrs. Rempfer is a 1980 graduate of Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska. She received her Masters in English Education in 1990 and her Special Education endorsement in 2007 from Indiana Wesleyan in Marrison, Indiana. Mrs. Rempfer was a special education teacher for Grafton Schools in Berryville, Va., and before that taught English,

Speech and Theater in Nebraska for 27 years.

Her hobbies are dogs and biking and occasionally reading ORPs!



## NCLB—Notice to Parents!

The NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT (NCLB) of 2001, Pub.L. No 107-110, has strong provisions that support parents' right-to-know.

Title I of NCLB requires local educational agencies to notify parents of their right to request information regarding the

professional qualifications of the student's classroom teacher and any paraprofessional providing support to the child.

This notice is hereby given to comply with the NCLB Act. If any parent has a question regarding the above, they may contact one of the following:

Wilson County Schools  
444-3282

Contact either  
Mr. James (Mike) Davis,  
Director;  
Ms. Sharon Warren  
Title 1 Director; or  
Ms. Mary Ann Sparks,  
Supervisor Human Resources

## TXR is Going Green

Tuckers Crossroads is going Green in more ways than one! Yes, our school colors are Green and White, but we are also going "Green" by beginning to recycle paper! Our PTO has placed a recycle bin for paper, newspapers, and magazines back by the playground.

The PTO will also begin recycling efforts on tin and plastic in the near future by having volunteers take up

items as car riders are dismissed in the mornings.

The funds raised from our recycling efforts will be put into maintaining the wonderful playground that was built last year with PTO's help for our



**The New Three R's!**

kids. Maintenance like keeping the mulch at a safe level, etc. cost money and they decided this would be a good way to continue their work on the playground. If you have ideas or would like to join in the fun, please contact a PTO Officer.