

Morris Brandon Book Fair: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are Bee Bucks?

A: Bee Bucks offer a worry-free way for your child to purchase items at the Book Fair. They are used like a gift card and are pre-purchased by parents (by Wednesday, February 1st) for students, as a gift for a teacher, or as a student donation.

Q: Why Bee Bucks?

A: Over the years, we have found that it is difficult for the kids (and teachers) to keep track of cash, checks or credit cards during the Book Fair. As a result, we created Bee Bucks. We place your child's Bee Bucks in a folder by class, and have them ready when he or she visits the Fair. Of course, you are not required to use Bee Bucks.

Q: How do I buy Bee Bucks?

A: You may purchase Bee Bucks two ways. You can use the paper order form or you may purchase Bee Bucks online. If you prefer the paper order form, a copy will be sent home in your child's backpack. Please note that the paper order forms are specific to each campus. Please include only the students at a particular campus on the appropriate form. To pay for your child's Bee Bucks when using the paper order form, please send the completed form to school in your child's folder with cash or a check, or you can drop the form and money in the Bee Box. If you choose to purchase your child's Bee Bucks online, please use the following link: <http://morrisbrandon.com/product-category/book-fair/>. Please complete any Bee Buck orders online or using the paper order form on or before Wednesday, February 1st. Please note that when you purchase Bee Bucks online, the PayPal transaction fee of 2.5% is included. If you prefer to not pay that fee, fee free to purchase the Bee Bucks through the paper order form.

Q: What is an appropriate amount of money to spend on my child?

A: The amount of money to spend at the book fair is completely a personal choice. The books generally range in price from \$3.99 to \$17.99, although there may be a handful of books that are more or less expensive than that range.

Q: What is an appropriate amount of money to spend on my child's teacher? Does the teacher know if or how much I contribute?

A: The amount of money to donate to a teacher is also a personal choice. Teachers do know which families contribute and the amount of those donations. However, they also recognize that there are a lot of school expenses and do not expect contributions from everyone. There are plenty of ways to give back to your child's classroom throughout the year that do not involve money, so do not worry if you cannot donate on this occasion. Teachers use their donated Bee Bucks to buy books for their classroom.

Q: What happens if my child has money left over after picking out his/her books?

A: If your child has any Bee Bucks remaining after his or her books have been selected, then your child has several options. Your child can pick out a non-book product (such as pencils, erasers, bookmarks or highlighters that can range in cost from about \$.25 to about \$1.50), donate the money to a friend who may not have quite enough money for the book he or she wants, or donate the money to the Book Fair. Please note that Bee Bucks expire at the end of the Fair.

Q: Is there a time when I can come to pick out books with my child to ensure I approve of the selections? If I prefer this option, do I still buy Bee Bucks, or can I bring money with me?

A: There are plenty of opportunities for you to shop at the Book Fair with your child. The hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm (except for Friday, February 10th, which ends early at 9:30am), so there is time both before and after school to make purchases with your child. In addition, there will be a pre-scheduled time during school hours for your child's class to shop at the Book Fair. This time will be when your child's class is scheduled to make their weekly visit to the Media Center. If you would like to come to the Book Fair during that time period and shop with your child, you are more than welcome. Please ask your child's teacher for information on the date and time his or her class will be shopping. If you do plan to come in and shop with your child, purchasing Bee Bucks is not needed, as all methods of payment are accepted at the Book Fair.

Q: Does my child have to use Bee Bucks, or can my child use cash to purchase books?

A: Your child does not have to use Bee Bucks. The Book Fair also accepts cash, checks and credit cards. Over the years, however, we have found that most children do best when they do not have to bring the money with them.

Q: If my child picks out his own books during school, will someone be there to help steer him towards educational choices?

A: There are volunteers working at the Book Fair who make it a priority to ensure that the children pick age-appropriate books rather than other options, such as posters, folders, and the like. However, the book selection is made by the child. If you have strong feelings about the actual content of the books your child selects, then you should shop with your child or purchase books.

Q: Will there be a Kindergarten Preview Day at the Primary Center preceding the start of the Book Fair this year?

A: Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold a Preview Day for Kindergarten this year. Weekly visits by each class to the Media Center occur on a scheduled basis as the Media Center is now considered to be a "Specials" class, like art, music, technology or P.E. As a result, each class is given a specific time each week when it visits the Media Center (at both the Main Campus and the Primary Center). The Preview Day has typically been the Friday before the week of Book Fair. However, since different Primary Center classes (including several first and second grade classes) have their Media Center time on Fridays, we could not accommodate all Kindergarten classes on that Friday. Each class at each location (Main Campus and Primary Center) will be able to shop and purchase books at the Book Fair during their Media Center weekly scheduled visit.

Q: Is there a list of books I can see in advance to help my child make his or her selections in advance?

A: A flyer will come home prior to the Book Fair with some of the available books. However, not all titles are included. We don't know what books we will have until they arrive. Please note that the Main Campus and Primary Campus generally will have different selections because of the different reading levels (although some books will be sold at both campuses).

Q: Are there items other than books that the students will be allowed to buy? If so, will my child's ability to purchase those items over books be limited?

A: There are non-book items that are available for purchase, such as pencils, pens, highlighters, folders, posters and some toys. The teachers and volunteers do their best to steer the children towards book selections, but, of course, they cannot force your child

to make a particular selection. Please speak with your child beforehand about the items he or she may or may not purchase from the Book Fair. Again, you are more than welcome to shop with your child to help guide the decision-making process.

Q: If I am unhappy with what my child has purchased, can I return it?

A: We unfortunately cannot accommodate requests for return. All sales are final.

Q: What happens if a book my child wants is sold out?

A: We do have the ability to re-order some books at the beginning of the Book Fair. We do our best to track what books are 'hot' and selling quickly so that we can re-stock them. However, we can't guarantee inventory on any title.

Q: Can I donate money to students who do not have money to spend?

A: Yes. There is a place on the Bee Bucks paper order form and online (<http://morrisbrandon.com/product-category/book-fair/>) that provides for student donations. If you have already filled out your form but would like to make a student donation, you can always send in a check with a note to your child's teacher that the money is for Book Fair student donations or donate using the following link: (<http://morrisbrandon.com/product-category/book-fair/>).

Q: Are there ways to volunteer at the Book Fair?

A: Absolutely – we are always in need of enthusiastic volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please sign up here for the Primary Center: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49a4a622aa8-morris> and here for the Main Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49a4a622aa8-morris1>.

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

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Primary Center Book Fair: Contact Kim Fogarty (kim.fogarty@alston.com) or Mary-Elizabeth Jackson (jacksmarye@yahoo.com).