



Barberton Elementary School East

February 2015

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES:

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be re-scheduled

2/3 & 2/4 COSI Assemblies for Students

2/5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:45-7:00 p.m.

-No Afterschool Tutoring

2/16 Presidents Day-No School

2/17 No After School Tutoring - Teacher Staff Meeting

2/17, 2/18, & 2/19 PARCC English Language Arts-Literacy Performance-Based Test for 4th Graders

2/18 & 2/19 PARCC Math Performance-Based Test for 3rd Graders

2/23 & 2/24 PARCC Math Performance-Based Test for 4th Graders

3/2, 3/3, 3/4 AIR Social Studies Performance-Based Test for 4th Graders. See classroom newsletters for schedule.

We have many upcoming events scheduled during and after school.

With the upcoming Valentine's Day parties, we ask that parents understand that the elementary buildings are working to keep every student safe. Because the parties are not an afterschool event in which each child attends with a parent or guardian, it is necessary to limit the number of adults who are in the building during this time. The Valentine's Day

parties are a PTA sponsored event. All parents must schedule with their child's PTA room parent to attend and help with the classroom parties.

It is our number one priority to keep each and every child safe. We thank you for your cooperation to help us monitor student custody issues and special safety concerns.

There will be a check-in at the back doors for those parents who have ar-

ranged with their PTA room parent to attend and help with the classroom parties and for snack drop off.

We understand that this limits parent participation at this event and want to thank PTA for their effort to host many family events such as Breakfast with Santa and the upcoming family dances, talent show, and carnival.

-Ms. Kim Buehler

MRS. CHISNELL WILL BE MISSED!

After serving Barberton students for 22 years, Mrs. Sandra Chisnell has retired from Barberton City School District. She held positions of Tutor, Technology Teacher, First Grade Teacher, Associate Principal, and served in many capacities for the Barberton Education Association.

Mrs. Chisnell worked passionately to teach early readers. She was an influential leader who pushed herself and colleagues to continuously improve. She worked to understand new education initiatives and was always one of the first to support improvement efforts. Students'

hearts were heavy when they heard that their Mrs. Chisnell was leaving because of retirement. She is missed by students and staff at BESE and throughout the district.

Mrs. Sheila McGhee comes to Barberton Elementary School East as Interim Associate Principal. She made the move from Barberton Elementary School West where she taught 4th grade. She has been with Barberton City School District for fifteen years. She earned her teaching degree from Kent State University, has a Master's Degree in school counseling, and is cur-

rently working on her PhD in school administration from Kent State University. She has held an administrative license since 2011 and has served as Barberton City School District's Administrator for summer school and Camp Invention for the past two summers.

Mrs. Chisnell graciously helped to transition Mrs. McGhee into her new role. Although the staff and families of Barberton Elementary School East are sad to see Mrs. Chisnell leave her post, they are grateful to have it filled with someone who shows a passion and commitment to Barberton students.

Testing

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Testing student achievement is done for several reasons. The following is a list of tests your child(ren) may take throughout the year along with an explanation of how their score for each test is used.

Dynamic Indicator of Basic English Literacy Skills (DIEBELS) Grades K thru 4: Tests early reading skills. It measures reading fluency (speed / efficiency). DIEBELS is administered at the beginning, middle, and end of year. It identifies students who may be having difficulty and shows their progress / growth throughout the year.

Ohio Achievement Assessment—Reading (OAA) Grade 3: Students are tested in the fall and spring. This test is required by the state. According to the 3rd Grade Guarantee Law, students must pass this test with a score of 394 to move on to 4th grade.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Grades k—4: Students are tested in reading and math at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year. It is taken on a computer. This test tells teachers if students are below, on track, or above grade level. It provides teachers information about how students are mastering specific skills aligned to the common core. Teachers use this information to plan instruction. According to the 3rd Grade Guarantee Law, if a 3rd grader scores 184 on their reading MAP, he or she may move on to 4th grade even if he/she has scored below 394 on the OAA.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) (Performance-Based and End of Year) English Language Arts / Literacy for 4th Graders. Math for 3rd and 4th Graders: This test is required by the state of Ohio. It is the first year for this test. Our students will take the test in non-computer, paper/pencil format. Scores will be reported and used for our district's state ratings.

American Institutes for Research (Air) Social Studies (Performance-Based and End of Year) 4th Grade: This test is required by the state of Ohio. It is the first year for this test. Our student will take the test on computers. Scores will be reported and used for our districts's ratings.

Please do not hesitate to contact us here at school if you have any questions about your child's testing.

BESE PTA Corner

All Acme receipts must be turned in this week. All receipts must be dated no later than February 4, 2015. Please send to school in a marked envelope.

Important Dates:

- ☺ February 3—BCSD PTA Council Meeting @ BMS 6:30 p.m.
- ☺ February 5—PTA Shoe Drive will collect shoes during parent—teacher conferences (3:45—7:00 p.m.) at the front doors of the school. A PTA member will gladly come to your car to retrieve the shoes.
- ☺ February 12—BESE PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. Media Center
- ☺ February 13—PTA Valentines Day Parties—Parent helpers scheduled through PTA Room Parents
- ☺ February 13—Family Dance for Grades 3 & 4 @ BESE 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- ☺ February 20—Market Day Pick-up



Odds 'N Ends:

☺ Please take a moment to sign up for Superintendent Cleary's e-Communication. Stay in touch and participate in District surveys. Sign up on our District's homepage: barbertonschools.org (bottom tab on the left hand side).

☺ Students will have outdoor recess when the temperature reaches 20 degrees Fahrenheit. They will not go outside when it is raining. As the temperatures eventually rise causing melting snow, the ground will remain wet for some time. Please send in a change of clothing with your child to store in his/her locker.

☺ **IMPORTANT:** Please do not drop children off at school before 8:15 a.m. Latchkey is available for children who need to arrive before school is open. You are leaving your child unattended outside if you drop him/her off before 8:15 a.m.

☺ Thank you to all volunteers assisting with our COSI assemblies. Your help allows our children to learn science concepts through hands-on learning.

☺ BCSD's open enrollment period for new and currently open enrolled students ends March 2, 2015.