



# Barberton Elementary School East

February 2014

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2/14**  
**Valentine's Day Parties—**  
**2:00 p.m.**
- 2/17**  
**President's Day—No**  
**School**
- 2/28**  
**Interim Reports Go Home**
- 3/17**  
**Spring Picture Day**
- 3/20**  
**Eastside Players Perform-**  
**ance of Pinocchio**  
**6:00 p.m.**
- 3/27**  
**Report Cards Go Home**
- 3/31—4/4**  
**Spring Break**
- 4/7**  
**School Resumes**
- 4/16**  
**BESE Kindergarten Regis-**  
**tration 9:00—11:00**  
**a.m.**

*Please check the PTA Corner on reverse side for dates of PTA events*

With the recent frigid temperatures, it seems as if we will not have outdoor recesses for a while. Students will go outdoors for recess when the temperature is above 20 degrees Fahrenheit and conditions are dry enough. Please remember, to dress your children for cold weather. Anyone in need of assistance to provide warm clothing may contact our school office.

Our lost and found is growing rapidly. Please encourage your children to check for missing items.

It is time for open enrolled students to re-apply for next year. Applications are available on our district website and at our BCSD Administration Building. Applications must be turned in by April 1, 2014.

As always, I look forward to seeing BESE

families at upcoming events. Please feel free to contact our school with any questions or concerns.

*-Mrs. Euehler*



## 3rd & 4th Grade Ohio Achievement Assessments

The State of Ohio requires that all third and fourth graders take the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA's) in reading and math.

These are tests of students' math and reading skills. Classroom teachers have been working with students to prepare them.

Our District uses the Dynamic Indicator of Basic Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments to identify students who are at risk of not passing the OAA.

Our Title I Reading Specialists and our after school tutors are working hard to provide intervention and support to students at-risk. Barberton City School District's Gifted and Talented Coordinator is also working to provide support to students who are above grade level to ensure that they continue to grow academically.

By logging into RAZ Kids at home, your child can get helpful reading practice. The Ohio Department of Education posts practice test questions on its website:

<http://education.ohio.gov/> Just type, "practice OAA" in the search box on their site.

We ask that you make every effort to have your child attend school when the tests are given. The 2014 spring test schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday (4/29)**  
3rd Grade Reading

**Wednesday (4/30)**  
4th Grade Reading

**Thursday (5/1)**  
3rd Grade Math

**Friday (5/2)**  
4th Grade Math

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## EASTSIDE PLAYERS

Mrs. Laura Lapehn and Mrs. Janice Firtha are volunteering their time to lead a fourth grade school drama club. Over thirty students have joined the club and are currently rehearsing their performance of Pinocchio.

Research reveals the positive impact of drama on a student's physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development. It builds self confidence, imagination, empathy, cooperation, collaboration, concentration, communication skills, physical fitness, problem solving, fun, emotional outlet, relaxation, self-discipline, trust, memory, social awareness, and aesthetic appreciation.

The club has chosen a script written and adapted for a large cast of young performers. To further provide this enriching experience to many children, rather than just a few, Mrs. Lapehn and Mrs. Firtha have split many of the large parts in order to cast several lead roles instead of one.

The club will take the stage on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. Their rehearsal schedule can be found on our school's webpage.

☺ **Do not drop students off at school before 8:15 a.m. School doors are locked until this time. Latchkey is available to those who need to drop their children off before doors open.**

☺ Latchkey information is available in our school office. **Students must be enrolled in and signed in to latchkey in order to come to school before 8:15 a.m.**

☺ Please allow us ample time for teachers to dismiss students slowly and cautiously at the end of each school day, especially with the snow and cold weather.

☺ As per BCSD Policy: For the safety of your child, please send in a written note if there is a change in your child's dismissal procedure.

☺ Be sure to check out the many exciting things happening here at BESE online at:  
[www.barbertonschools.org](http://www.barbertonschools.org)




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## BESE PTA Corner

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### PTA's Red Cross Blood Drive

Thanks to the donors at our BESE Red Cross Blood Drive, the Red Cross was able to collect enough pints of blood to help save 39 people. It is great to see how much our BESE family can do when we all work together!



### Important Dates:

- ☺ February 6: BESE PTA Meeting **6:00 p.m.—Cafetorium**
- ☺ February 7: BESE Family Dance for 3rd & 4th graders and their families 6:00—8:00 p.m. **at Barberton Elementary School East**
- ☺ February 24: BCSD PTA Council Meeting @ BESE 6:30 p.m.
- ☺ March 6: BESE PTA Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- ☺ March 14: BESE Family Dance for kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders 6:00—8:00 p.m. @ BESE