



What's New at BEW

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Attendance—All day, every day!

It is important for every student to attend school all day, every day. Missing too much school is known to have long-term, negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates. There are many reasons a student may miss school, but it is important to know that regular attendance at school lead to academic success, and beyond!

Excessive absences interfere with students' progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school, prepared for higher education and the workforce. Chronic absenteeism is defined by the state of Ohio as 10% or more of the school year for any reason, excused or unexcused. One could also look at it as missing 2 days of school a month as having

chronic absenteeism.

The state of Ohio now measures student absences by HOURS, not days. No longer do we track tardies when a student is late. The time missed goes towards the hours a student is absent.

Excessive Absence = missing 38 or more hours of school in one month OR 65 or more hours in one school year with or without an excuse

Habitual Truancy = 30 or more consecutive hours OR 42 hours in a month OR 72 or more hours in a year without an excuse

Chronic Absence = missing 10 percent of the school year with or without an excuse

Barberton City Schools has an absenteeism rate of 25.1%. This is something that needs to improve. We all have a hand in making that happen!

Tips on making sure your student is at school ALL DAY EVERY DAY—

- Emphasize the importance of going to school every day.
- Discuss the importance of a regular bed time and a morning routine.
- Create a backup plan to get to school if your student misses the bus.
- Schedule medical appointments for after school hours.
- Make a plan to complete the work if your student must miss school because of illness.
- Talk to teachers, the school counselor or other parents to make sure your student feels comfortable at school and is excited to learn.
- Keep track of all absences.

Instilling in students, now, the important of ALL DAY, EVERY DAY will become a life long lesson!



Monthly Newsletter

February

Dates to Remember



- 1st Grade Books and Bagels—Feb. 9 from 9:30am-11:00am
- PTA Meeting—Feb. 6 at 3:30pm
- Book Fair—week of Feb. 11-15
- Valentine's Day Parties—Feb. 13
- Marco's Pizza Day—Feb. 13
- No School (Parent-Teacher Conf)- Feb. 15
- No School (President's Day) - Feb. 18

Coming Next Month...

**PTA's
Green Gala
Friday, March 15**



More details soon!

Cold Weather!!! Don't forget!!



With the cold weather here, students will go outside for recess until wind-chill temperatures are near twenty. PLEASE be sure students are dressed appropriately for the outdoors. They should have a coat, hat and gloves. Boots and a scarf will also help keep students warm. Please put their names in these items so they are not lost.

Students are not outside long, but it doesn't take long for them to get cold when not dressed appropriately!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

It's that time again!

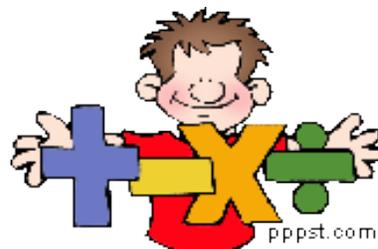
Is your conference scheduled??



Conferences are on **Thursday, February 14** from 4:00pm-7:00pm and **Friday, February 15** from 8:15am-3:30pm.

Please take advantage of this time to come in and talk with your student and their teacher about their progress and recent assessments.

We look forward to see all families there!! Book fair will be open during these times!!



Does your student know their math facts???

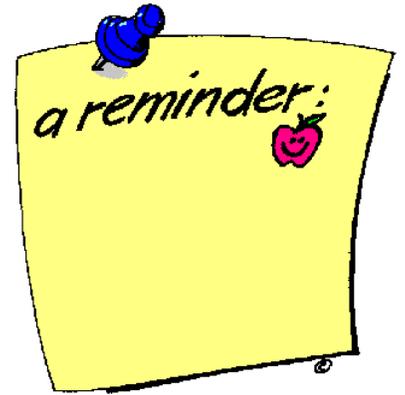
Don't forget to practice math facts at home!

Kindergarten should count to 100 and know facts 0-5

1st grade should know addition & subtraction 0-9

2nd grade should know addition & subtraction 0-18

3rd & 4th grade should know their addition & subtraction facts and their multiplication and division facts



WEST MOMENTS



Friendly Reminders!

Doors do not open for breakfast until 8:20am.

Students not going to breakfast should not be dropped off until 8:35am—there is no adult on duty until that time!!

Students should be in class by 8:55am or they will be considered tardy.

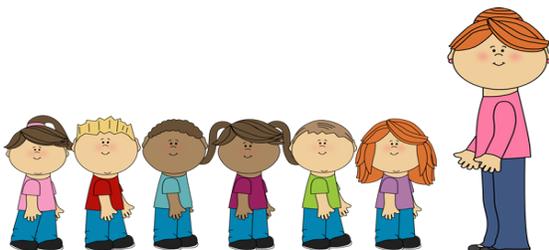
Check your student's purple folder every night. Important information is sent home through their folders.

Read with your student every night for at least 20 minutes. Your student will be a better reader.

Practice letters, sounds, sight words, numbers and math facts at night!

The BEW Way!!!

- 1. Be Responsible**
- 2. Be Respectful**
- 3. Be Ready to Learn**



Happy Birthday



Maryam Al Jumaili

Toby Cole

Sahirah Figueroa

Jordan Haenftling

Trentyn Jones

Lucas Davis

Kamiyah Hale

Gavin Jett-Christie

Timothy Ring

Amanda Young

Mason Young

Julianne Bristol

Danica Adkins

Cassidy Friedrichsen

Michael Clifford

Leah Smith

Shamar Hendree

Elijah McNamara

Dakota Blackmon

Mason Nakovski

Dakoda Dugger

Malia Blinn

Patrick Spall

Titus Little

Alexis Valencheck

Antonio Racheck

Paxton Sparks

Lina Riffle-Green

Jayden Marty

Alexis Smith

Essence Morris-Conner

Joshua Johnson

Chase Scott

Elizabeth Battin

Jericho Hill

Rebecca Robbins

Brody Lord

Logan Boggs

Madden Hepfl

Donaven Fowler

Rayne King

Ethan Curry

Payton Whitaker

Hannah Sears

Jayden Lindsey