

What's New at BEW

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Third Grade Reading Guarantee

The state of Ohio has implemented the Third Grade Guarantee. This program ensures that every struggling reader gets the support he or she needs to be able to learn and achieve.

Starting with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), students are evaluated through third grade. Those students identified as "below gradelevel" are given extra reading support. Struggling readers also benefit greatly from parental involvement in the home. Reading with students, trips to the library, making sure they are at school daily and enrolling them in after school and summer tutoring programs are just a few ways parents can support their students at home.

Third grade students students are required to take a state reading test that measures reading ability. Students must meet a minimum score on the state reading test to move on to the fourth grade. Students are given multiple chances to achieve this score and even an alternate test if needed. The first of these opportunities will be in the beginning of December.

More information will be coming soon with exact dates. The new state reading test is AIR (no longer called OAA). The reading AIR test is made up of two 90-minute sessions. A few things to keep in mind when 3rd grade students take the reading AIR test in a few short weeks...

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Be ON TIME for school on test dates



And as always, encourage your student to do their BEST!!

Please talk with your student's teacher during conferences about the Third Grade Guarantee.

Monthly Newsletter

November

Dates to Remember

- Parent-Teacher Conferences Night—Nov.
- Veteran's Day Assembly—Nov. 11
- PTA Meeting—Nov.11 at 3:30pm
- Parent-Teacher Conferences/No School— Nov. 13
- Thanksgiving Break— Nov. 25-30
- School Resumes— Dec. 1



Thank you Sam's Club!!



We would like to thank the Sam's Club in Montrose for coming out to our school and celebrating the end of the quarter with our students and teachers! Students were treated to cake, cookies and other yummy treats. Teachers were entered into a drawing for \$50 gift cards. A great time was had by ALL!!!

DAILY ATTENDANCE

It is very important to a student's education to have good attendance. When a student is at school, they will not miss out on the learning that takes place. While some work can be made up, nothing takes the place of being in the classroom. The hands-on learning and experiences that take place daily cannot be made up.

Please encourage your student to attend school daily! If they ask to stay home "just because," remind them of what they miss when they do not go. It is their "job" right now to be in school.

We continue to recognize students monthly for PURR-fect Attendance!! We hope your student will be one of them!

SWIMMING AT THE Y



Our third grade students have been fortunate enough to receive swim lessons at the Lake Anna YMCA. For six weeks, students travel down to the Y and take lessons from their instructors. Our students have two more weeks of swimming.

This opportunity was made possible thanks to funding from the **Barberton Community**Foundation.



Don't forget!!

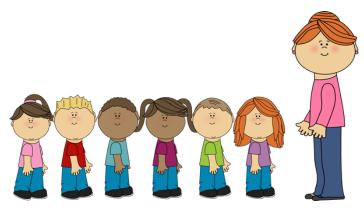
As cold weather begins to approach, please do not forget to put your student's name on their coat and hat.

Names should also be on bookbags and lunch boxes.

This will help us to return these items to your student if they should be misplaced during the school year.

The BEW Way!!!

Be Responsible Be Respectful Be Ready to Learn



Dismissal Procedures

Please be sure that any changes to a student's dismissal is in writing to the homeroom teacher by 8:45am. The office is unable to take any phone calls to change a student's dismissal procedure after 1:00pm unless it is an emergency.

The student's instructional day ends at 3:00pm so we ask that students do not leave school early unless absolutely necessary. Doctor's notes may be required the following day when signing a student out early.

Our new dismissal procedures are working out very well! Please continue to follow appropriate procedures. Thank you again for your patience as we dismiss over 700 students **safely** in a 15 minute time period!



Friendly Reminders!

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

Doors do not open for breakfast until 8:05am.

Students not going to breakfast should not be dropped off until 8:15am—there is no adult on duty until that time!!

Students should be in class by 8:45am or they will be considered tardy.

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

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