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# What's New at BEW

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## Bullying vs. Mean

There is a lot of talk these days about bullying. Bullying is something we take very seriously at Barberton Elementary West. It is important to handle bully situations correctly and know how to talk to your student about it. The most important thing is to know the difference between bullying and kids being mean or rude. With the assistance of Mrs. Newlan, our School Counselor, we have put together some tips that should help!

### KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Not every situation is bullying. Many times, it is kids being mean or impulsive. Here are definitions to help you know the difference.

### RUDE—

Inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else

**MEAN**—purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once or maybe twice

**BULLYING**—intentionally aggressive behaviors, repeated over time to show power over someone

If your student tells you of a problem at school with another student, attempt to find out what kind of issue it is. Talk with them and possibly the classroom teacher in hopes of resolving it.

### HELP KIDS UNDERSTAND BULLYING

Students who understand what bullying is can quickly identify it and help themselves and others. They need to know safe ways to stand up and get help.

- Encourage students to tell a trusted adult. It needs to be reported immediately, not a day or week later.
- Tell the bully or mean student, “**We don’t do that here!**” We want our students to be respectful and responsible in our words and actions everyday.
- Keep lines of communication open with your student. Ask them about their day. Be positive!
- Be involved in their education. Attend school activities. Help them with their homework. Read with them.

We want all our students to feel safe and welcome at BEW. It is important to know the difference in student behaviors so we can approach them and handle them in the best way. Thank you for your continued support!

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## Monthly Newsletter

September

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### Date to Remember

- Labor Day NO SCHOOL—Sept. 3
- PTA Meeting—Sept. 5
- MAGIC Time— Sept. 12
- Marco’s Pizza Day— Sept. 12
- Third Grade Field Trip—Sept. 20 & 21
- Picture Day—Sept. 25
- NO SCHOOL *Professional Development for Teachers*—Sept. 28



## ATTENTION DADS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES...

Interested in being a Dad Of  
Great Students?

Learn how you can volunteer  
in your child's school during  
an informative meeting on  
Thursday, Sept. 13, at 5:30pm.

Stay after for pizza!

\$3 for Dads. Kids eat free!

RSVP by September 11th

## BUILDING VOCABULARY

Every week, our building focuses on a vocabulary word that has been identified IMPORTANT to the overall curriculum to Barberton City Schools. We go over definitions and ways to use the word. Please review these words with your student and ask about them.

Author's Purpose	Main Idea
Difference	Similar



Each grade level also has classroom vocabulary. You can access activities to support these words at the **Magic Vocabulary** site on the school webpage.

## BUS RULES!!!

Please encourage the following rules if your student rides the school bus....

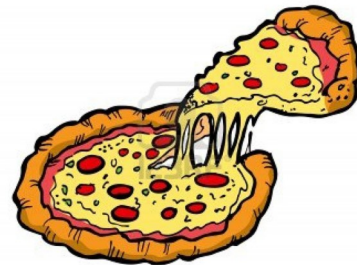
- 1) Stay seated until you get off the bus
- 2) Use a Level 1 voice (quiet voice) on the bus
- 3) Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times!
- 4) Always use kind words!
- 5) No food, candy or drinks on the bus

***\*If a student does not follow these rules, they can be written up and lose bus privileges.***



## MARCO'S PIZZA IS BACK THIS YEAR!!

OUR NEXT MARCO'S PIZZA DAY IS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.



BE SURE TO ORDER DINNER THAT NIGHT  
AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

# ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



Daily attendance is important to student learning. This year, our district has implemented ALL DAY, EVERY DAY. This is stressing the importance of daily attendance throughout the district.

Last year, our school had 31% of students that missed 10 or more days of school. While we understand that students get sick and family emergencies happen, we also know that important lessons are missed when a student is absent. Although some homework can be made up, there is hands-on learning that takes place in the classroom daily. Please try to have your student at school, on time, daily.

Keep in mind, according to new state laws, attendance is now measured in hours. Students will have **'excessive absences'** when:

- Absent **38 or more hours in one month** without a legitimate excuse (6 days)
- Absent **65 or more hours in one year** without a legitimate excuse (11 days)

Legitimate excuses for attendance purposes are defined as follows:

- Illness of student
- Illness of family requiring presence of student
- Quarantine of home

- Death of relative
- Medical or dental appointment
- Observance of religious holiday
- Emergency or other circumstance in which school deems sufficient cause to miss

Documentation may be required for excused absences. Attendance intervention meetings may also be required for those who have been identified with **'excessive absences.'**

Bottom line, please make every effort to have your student here **ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!**



## INFO-SNAP—Online Emergency Forms

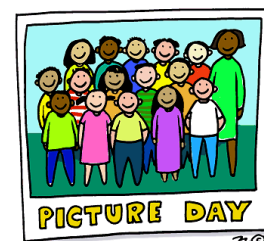
*Be sure to complete/update all online emergency forms for your student!*

*This information is very important for the office staff and teachers in case of emergency. It is also needed for upcoming student field trips and access to student chrome books.*

*A computer is available in the office for you to use if needed.*

*The sooner this is done, the better! THANK YOU!!!!*

## PICTURE DAY



School picture day is **Tuesday, September 25th**. Look for information coming home soon!

Families can now order pictures and complete their form online with **Lifetouch!** Check the package for details. Avoid forgetting to send your money in on picture day!

## MAGIC Time



### *What you need to know*

This year, Barberton schools will be participating in Magic Time. This is a ONE HOUR delayed start in the morning once a month. The extra hour will allow our teachers time to collaborate with other teams and teachers from other schools that they might not normally have time to see.

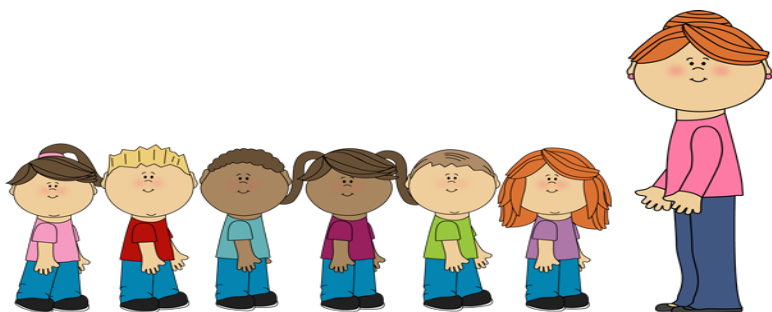
### **PLAN AHEAD NOW!**

**MAGIC Time this month is  
Wednesday, September 12th**

While busses will continue to run at their normal time and breakfast will be served, we are encouraging parents to drop their student off at our delayed start time of **9:45am**. The tardy bell will ring at **9:55am**. This will allow our teachers and staff to take full advantage of their additional professional time.

## **The BEW Way!!!**

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



### **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 late.**

Your student will get a purple folder. Be sure to check it every night. Important information and homework 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!

# Happy Birthday



## September Birthdays

Caleigh Brasiel

Sierra Hart

Dalanie Belkey

Jalynne Saltsman

Reginald Wyatt

Lily Beatty

William Seiter

Dominic Fears

Trenton O'Brien

Sophia Walker

Kayden Cunningham

Mackenzie Zentiska

Lillian Horracks

Kory Davis

Jaiden Kendrick

Roslyn Martin

Ava Kelly

Michael Beatty

Hunter Murphy

Niemma Harris

Joshua Neal

Rylan Kiger

Imani Frye-Fletcher

Donovan McGlothlin-Phelps

Steve Leohr

Logan Houk

Madison Surface

Zachary Frye

Nathen-Lee Shofner

Andrew Cornell

George Carnell

Olivia Campbell

Alacia Machnicki

Karter Sanner

Laila Welfey

Lexi Russell

Aleenah Gates

Daniel Getz

Matthew Galen

Jenna Watkins

Frank Holley

Ethan Shirey

Kailey Myles

Myiah Prater