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BES News

Weekly Newsletter

Random Acts of Kindness

At BES, we promote a Safe, Respectful, Responsible culture. During the month of December, we are aiming even higher by encouraging our school community to demonstrate random acts of kindness. **What is a random act of kindness?** It is an unexpected gesture, action, or comment that makes another person feel happy, cared for, or appreciated. Students were taught how random acts of kindness differ from our school expectations, but in the end, they help make our school an even more caring place in which to learn every day. To promote and celebrate random acts of kindness throughout our building this month, teachers and staff will add a new twist to our familiar Stars recognition program. **RAK Stars** (**R**andom **A**cts of **K**indness) will be distinguishable through a special color to bring even more attention to the kindness spread throughout the building. A RAK Calendar with a kindness idea for each day was sent home with students in the event that you and your family wish to join our school in spreading kindness at home this month.

Random Acts of Kindness are unexpected gestures, actions, or comments that make another person feel happy...

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar December - 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Write a thank you note to someone who helps you	2 Compliment someone	3 Pick up litter in your neighborhood
4 Make cards for nursing home residents	5 Make someone laugh	6 Fill a bag with books to donate to the library	7 Introduce yourself to someone new	8 Make a card for a school staff member	9 Hug someone	10 Write a letter to a military member
11 Mail a postcard to a friend or family member	12 Let someone get in line ahead of you	13 Fill a box with toys to donate to charity	14 Draw a picture for mom and dad	15 Leave a friendly note where someone will find it	16 Thank someone for making a difference	17 Collect loose change & donate it
18 Clean up a mess you didn't make	19 Hold the door for someone	20 Fill a bag with clothes to donate	21 Share something with someone else	22 Write a friendly message with chalk on a sidewalk	23 Smile at everyone you see today	24 Make a bird feeder
25 Call a long distance relative	26 Write thank you notes	27 Tell someone all the reasons you like them	28 Tell a joke to make someone laugh	29 Help make dinner	30 Do a chore for someone else	31 Make a list of things you're thankful for

Reminder:
School starts at 8:25 a.m.

Timely arrival to school each day ensures that students are ready for the learning that will occur throughout the day. Tardiness impacts a child's learning process and places him/her at an educational and social disadvantage. Tardiness also impacts the learning of other students, as the teacher has to stop to give instructions to latecomers. Thank you for supporting a successful start to the school day by assisting your child(ren) with a timely arrival to school each day.

50th Day of School

With a spirited opening to the week, Mrs. Graffagnino's Kindergarteners celebrated the 50th day of school by dressing up in clothing from the 1950s. Notice the pictures of her and the students sorting items from then and now. The students also learned about the invention of bubble gum, its rise in popularity, and then the class attempted to blow bubbles themselves. The class graphed the results of their bubble blowing attempts. Take a look at the results on the graph!

Playing with Challenge

From our classrooms to our playground students are encouraged to play with new information, practice new strategies, or take on physical or mental challenges. Coach Andrews challenged his second graders to a series of bucket stacking challenges. The success of the team can be seen in the image to the left and **in the video on our school's website**. Notice the faces and feats, as well, in the images captured during one recess period.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the first quarter parent teacher conferences. We hope that this time with your child's teacher afforded you a detailed view of your child's progress thus far into the school year. Remember that we welcome your questions and requests for conferences throughout the year. Simply reach out via email or call our main office to set up an appointment.

You're in Charge Assemblies

An educator from the CVC delivered an informative and empowering assembly this week to all students in grades K-2. Additional materials were sent home with the children. If you have any questions about to the topics covered or need additional resources, please contact us through the main office.

Coming this week...

Hour of Code takes place this year during Computer Science Education Week, **December 5-11, 2016**. The students at BES will be doing a coding activity during their Technology period in all grades using simple & free tools available online. More activities are being planned for the late winter and spring!

Go to www.hourofcode.com for additional information.

December Events

We are excited about the Elementary School events that are scheduled for the month of December. Each of the events are noted on the District Calendar. A snapshot is shared below with highlights around the Elementary School events. We encourage your participation in these events as well as all district-wide events scheduled throughout the month. Classroom specific information will continue to be shared by the classroom teachers.

NOVEMBER 2016

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JANUARY 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Abbreviation Key: Senior High School – HS; Junior High School – JHS; Grade School – GS; Elementary School – ES				1 **K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences School Closed for Students**	2 **ES** Kindergarten Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Cafeteria	3 K-6 PTA Holiday Breakfast 9:00am @ ES
4	5 **ES** Fall Photo Make Up Day **GS** Fall Photo Make Up Day	6	7 **HS** "Naviance" Parent Training Night 7:00pm @ HS Library	8	9 **ES** Grade 1 Breakfast 7:45am @ ES Cafeteria	10
11	12 **Board of Education Regular Business Meeting 7:30pm @ HS**	13 SEPTA Meeting 7:00pm @ GS Library	14 **ES** Kindergarten Winter Concert 6:00pm @ ES Gym	15 **ES** Grade 1 Winter Concert 6:00pm @ ES Gym **ES** Grade 2 Winter Concert 7:00pm @ ES Gym	16 **ES** Grade 2 Breakfast 7:45am @ ES Cafeteria	17
18	19 **Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30pm @ HS**	20 **JHS** Winter Concert 7:00pm @ Rowe Hall	21	22 **HS** Winter Concert 7:00pm @ Rowe Hall	23 **HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN**	24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**	26	27	28	29	30	31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
	WINTER RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED					

Don't forget to read the flyers attached to our eBlasts!

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