

BCS 5K – Tomorrow – May 21st -

Registration begins @ 8:45 a.m.

Race begins @ 10:00 a.m.

Fun Run begins @ 11:00 a.m.

BBQ Lunch @ 12 noon

Baked Good Raffle to follow BBQ

Thursday, May 26th – Celebration of Learning @ BCS – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 30th – No School – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31st – No School – Professional Development Day

From The Principal's Desk

Think Stretch: (in case you missed it last week)

Summer is a fun time for students and an important time for families to reconnect and enjoy each others' company. Summer, however, is tough for many students in terms of academics. Summer slide is a very real challenge for students. The best thing you can do to help is to keep up those strong educational practices throughout the summer. Make time for reading, play math and thinking games on road trips, etc. To help students retain their learning, we will again be offering our summer "Think Stretch" books. For Title 1 students there will be no cost as it is part of the program. If your student is not in Title 1, but you would like him or her to participate, the cost of the book is \$17. An order form is attached. Stay tuned for more exciting learning opportunities this summer and throughout the year.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

May 23	Cub Club for incoming kindergartners, 1-2 p.m.
May 25	Step Up Day To Middle School (5 th graders)
June 6	Kindergarten Parents Night (for incoming k), 5:30-7:00
June 8	PTC Meeting 6:00
June 13	Field Day @ BCS
June 14	Flag Day – Students arrive @ BCS in fire truck & police car
June 14	Elections & Referendum Voting @ BCS, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
June 17	Last Day of School – 12:10 p.m. dismissal
June 17	Volunteer Breakfast & Morning Awards Assembly

Field Day News

Field Day will be held on Monday, June 13th right here at BCS. In case of rain, the events will be held inside on the same day. Students will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the day. Parents, grandparents, and others are invited to attend. Here are some reminders to students and parents.

Sunscreen: If it is a sunny day, your child should have enough sunscreen for the day. Students will be outside for most of the day.

Water: Students will be physically active at the stations throughout the day and will need plenty of hydration. Please send a water bottle.

Appropriate Clothing: Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. They will be running, jumping and participating in other activities and sneakers are necessary.

Field Day will go on even if it's raining! If it looks like it may rain, please send your child with a board game to play inside.

Chance To Have Lunch With Your Child

Parents and others attending Field Day on Monday, June 13th are invited to have lunch with us. The menu will include a hot dog, or veggie burger, chips, watermelon, milk (and possibly other treats...the menu hasn't been set in stone). Parents and younger siblings are invited to join us for lunch, but we must have your reservation by June 3rd. Adult lunches are \$4.00 and children are \$2.50. You may send your money to Ms. Mayo and your name will be added to the lunch list.

Help Needed for Field Day

If you are willing to help lead an activity during Field Day, please call Ms. Mayo in the office as soon as possible. Mr. Jones is in the process of determining how many activities we can have based on the number of volunteers. Mr. Jones will be in the school gym at 8:45 a.m. on Field Day morning to give you directions on how to do that activity. Even if you are only available for part of the day, that would still be very much appreciated.

Summer Program Returns for Its Fourth Year!

"The Arts" is the theme of this year's summer program on Wednesday mornings. The six fun-filled sessions will begin on Wednesday, June 22, in the Commons Library and continue through August 3. To encourage summer reading, the library will be open three additional Wednesday mornings: July 6, August 10 and August 17 for book check out.

Watch the Bearfoot News for more details and flyers. Stop in the Library Commons on Celebration of Learning Night for more information, too.

May Food Pantry Entries – Check out the next prize!!

All items donated in May will be entered for a chance to ride to school on June 14th in a police car!! We'll be drawing the names of two lucky students who will ride to school with a deputy from the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department. The deadline for this drawing will be June 3rd. Students will receive one entry for each item they donate with the exception of the bonus items below.

This month's bonus items – 5 entries per item.

Cereal Jelly Syrup Crackers Pancake or Baking Mixes Box Meal

Community News

Reflective Signs – Help Rescue Personnel Find You

The Fire Department Auxiliary is selling reflective mailbox signs to help rescue personnel find you in an emergency. The signs are 6" X 18" and will attach to your mailbox. The cost for each is \$15. (Contact information will be in next week's Bearfoot News.)

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Bowdoin Food Pantry currently operates as a "call ahead" service where residents can call and schedule a time to stop by and pick up a box of the items they need. The food pantry committee is in the process of changing the procedures. In the near future, the pantry will be open set hours where residents can come in as needed. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping during the times the food pantry is open. Plans are for it to be open from 9-10 on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the months and the 3rd Tuesday from 6-7 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, you are invited to a training meeting on May 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the food pantry location (FHC – 1201 Main Street, Bowdoin) or contact Ms. Mayo in the office at BCS for more information.

Cinderella Swap

Mt. Ararat Middle School is preparing for its annual 8th grade semi-formal. Organizers are seeking lightly used semi-formal dresses for students to borrow to attend the event to reduce the cost of the dance for families. If you have a dress you would like to donate, please contact Holly Blanc at blanch@link75.org or you may drop the dress(es) off with Ms. Mayo in the office at BCS.

Annual West Bowdoin Baptist Church Plant Sale & Luncheon

Saturday, June 4th, from 9 AM- 2 PM West Bowdoin Baptist Church, 54 West. Rd

Contact Person: Angela Wheeler 353-9447

The time has come, once again, to make the trip to West Bowdoin Baptist Church for our Annual Plant Sale. Being a little later this year, all of you gardeners will have time to finalize your garden plans to make room for all your new plants. Load up on freshly dug perennials to beautify your gardens and the great outdoors. We will also have annuals, herbs, houseplants and vegetables for your gardens as well as baked goodies and sweet treats for the ride home.

As always you can join us for a luncheon as you peruse the Plant Sale.

This event is fun for the whole family, please make it part of your spring adventures.