

Bearfoot News

Bowdoin Central School -Where Every Child Matters

We prepare all children for a lifetime of learning by setting high expectations within a nurturing and thoughtful environment. To do this we are all Safe, Respectful, and Responsible so that we may all focus on learning.

BCS Cafeteria/Bus:

We continue to work on our school climate. We are currently focusing on how to improve the lunch and bus environments for our students. As a district we are setting up a school bus advisory committee to help improve the bus experience for students. We are working on driver management strategies, positive things for kiddos to do while they ride, teaching of expectations, and increasing parent involvement. In the cafeteria we are trying to strike a balance of a relaxing quiet time for students to recharge and eat along with a time for students to connect with friends. We are currently stressing manners and clean up and are trying to set up a system where grade levels earn extra time by exceeding our expectations.



Outside Learning:

In between snow days this week and last, the 5th Grades had two great days of experiential learning. We were joined by Mt. Everest climber and photographer, Ed Webster for days of dreaming big aspirations. The students learned about leadership, determination, the technical aspects of climbing, and winter survival. The students trekked out in the deep snow and set up their own "Everest Base Camp". The student also learned about social studies and science during this great learning experience. One 5th grader described it as: "The best day of school I've ever had!"



- **Literacy Learning Fun Night:** Our next Literacy Learning Fun Night is scheduled on Thursday March 2nd from 5:30-6:30PM. We will be focusing on kindness, making Heart Maps, and introduce the Great Kindness Challenge. Consider joining our students and staff for this fun filled learning evening.
- **Read Across America:** Thursday March 2nd is Read Across America Day. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' 110th birthday and our commitment to literacy with an assembly and group readings in the classroom.
- **Parent Teach Conferences:** Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up next month. The following days we have Parent Teacher Conferences Scheduled. March 9th (evening), March 14th (evening), and March 16th (day). Sign-ups are coming home today. Please return them by Monday, February 27th.
- **MTA Vote!!!!:** Voting will take place at BCS from 8am-8pm on Tuesday March 7th in the gym. Please get out the vote.
- **Tooth Protectors:** The Tooth Protectors dental program will return to BCS on March 6th. Please take a few minutes to read the attached sheet for more information.

• **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar**

February 27	Conference request forms due to BCS
February 28	Fedco Seed orders due to BCS
March 2	Read Across America
March 2	Literacy Learning Fun Night, BCS, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
March 6	Tooth Protectors @ BCS (see attached)
March 7	New High School Referendum, Voting @ BCS, 8 am-8 pm
March 15	Bowdoin PTC meeting, BCS, 6-7 p.m.
March 9, 14&16	Parent-Teacher Conferences @ BCS
March 16	Half-day @ BCS, 12:10 p.m. dismissal
March 17	No school @ BCS
April 14	No School @ BCS – Prof Dev.Day
April 17-21	No School – Spring Break

Community Food Bank

The Friends Helping Community food pantry is available to assist residents of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and the surrounding communities. The pantry, located at 1201 Main Street, Bowdoin, is open on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. If your family is in need of food assistance at a time other than the times above, you can call 449-6326. Please leave a message and a volunteer will get right back to you.