
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.

Focus on Learning:

Fourth grade students are working hard to understand, create, and solve problems using **line plots**. These graphs are often the most commonly used ways to represent data to the public. They show trends over time and are easy ways to get easy to understand data. Ask your 4th grader what they know about line plots.

Poetry is in the air this spring! A number of our grades have been working on poetry. Students have been learning about structure, repetition, mood, similes, etc. to help create original works of poetry. This focus will be a part of our next **Literacy Learning Fun Night on Thursday, April 13th in the Learning Commons beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

Staff vs. Students Basketball – tonight!!

Dinner @ 5:00 p.m. Game @ 6:00
Adults \$2.00 Students \$1.00

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8th – 10:00 a.m.

Bring a basket & wear boots. Will be in the gym if it's raining

Class Request Deadline April 12th:

On Friday, April 14th students will NOT have school due to professional development for teachers. As part of our afternoon work teachers will be planning groupings for next year. We have already begun this important process and we hope to start finalizing grade level groupings on that day. We put a lot of thought and effort into this process. If you are making a class request it must be done in writing (email or letter) and state educational reasons for the request. We try to accommodate reasonable request, but will not be able to do so after this deadline. Please make sure you do so as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday, April 12th.

ScalesNo not the reptile kind!!

Our School has begun learning about Learning Scales. In the future you will see our grades reporting student learning based on these scales. You will see student learning reported on a 1-4 scale, (possibly 1-3 for some content). The goal is 3, which we call proficiency. Think of it like the "M" on our current report cards. 2-2.5 indicates either a student has attained foundational understanding towards proficiency or is working on a long-term learning goal. While these are a new idea for our school, we are excited. Once we are proficient with scales as a faculty, we will be teaching our students how to use learning scales. The powerful component to this learning is that once students get used to scales they will be better able understand where they are in their learning, set goals, and move towards proficiency.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

April 10	K-5 Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m.
April 13	Literacy Fun Night @ BCS, 5:30 -6:30
April 14	No School @ BCS – Prof Dev.Day
April 15	Deadline to order personalized yearbook online
April 17-21	No School – Spring Break
April 24	Cub Club for incoming K, BCS 1:00 p.m.
April 24	Magazine Orders due to BCS
April 25	Spring Photo Day @ BCS
May 22	Cub Club for incoming K, BCS 1:00 p.m.

- **Rescheduled Spring Concert:** Spring K-5 Concert, April 10th 6:00 p.m. Please be prompt at 5:45 p.m. and have your child(ren) stay with you until you see their teacher ready to sit as a class.
- **Magazine Sales:** Informational packets for the magazine sale went home with students on Monday. The sale will run until April 24th. Checks should be made out to BCS. **Note:** The Reach Out booklets must be totally completed with legible names and addresses to qualify.
- **4th and 5th Grade Field Trip to Region 10 Technical School Tuesday April 11th**
- **Join us on Thursday April 1^{3th} from 5:30-6:30 for our Literacy Learning Fun Night.** This month we will be enjoying a night of Poetry and each other's company. We will also examine our Core Value of Perseverance.
- **Parking Lot Safety:** Reminder to please drive SLOWLY through the parking lot here at BCS. If you are dropping your child off in the morning, please be sure he or she gets safely across the bus lane. Please do not allow your child(ren) to run unattended in the parking lot as children often dart across travel lanes without looking which could lead to a very dangerous situation.
- **Spring Science Explorers is coming! Be on the lookout for sign-ups/rankings.**
- **Keep Active In April and don't' forget to record your activities on your log sheet.**
- **Volunteers Needed:** We still need volunteers to read with students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday....anytime between 9:15-12:15 a.m. Call Ms. Mayo.
- **Food Pantry Items:** This items have started coming in and the boxes are filling up. Let's fill up the shelves at our local food pantry!!
Bonus items (5 tickets) for: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, flour & sugar.