
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.

Geography Bee:

I would like to congratulate all of our 2017 BCS National Geographic Geography Bee participants. Students in grades 2-5 participated and we had 13 students qualify from our classroom competitions to take part in the School Champion Competition at a school assembly on Wednesday. The following students qualified for the school competition. Second grade: Abel L, Jackson N. Third grade: Mia M., Colby M. Fourth Grade: Emerson S., Owen B., Orrin F., Ella C. Fifth Grade: Ethan H., David S., Chase R., Frazer S., Kyle I., Paige S. Congratulations to our school champion Owen Bray and runner up Orrin Frederick for their fine work! All our competitors should be very proud of themselves. I look forward to the 2018 BCS Geography Bee.



Honesty and Integrity:

This year (and in future years) we are working on our school climate and how we live our vision of “Where Every Child Matters” through our actions. We have worked together to come up with our Core Values and have begun teaching our students these important ideas. We have focused on “Love of Learning” and “Unity” this Fall and Winter. The month of February we will be focusing on how we show our character through being “Honest” and having “Integrity”. We have started talking about how this means doing the right thing even though it may be difficult at times. On Monday our 3rd grade classes will continue this introduction by talking about what it means to them and by talking about how they show it. Throughout the month we will work on our values. This will include a story to share at home and some talking points so that as a family you can help support this important work. As we continue to grow we hope these will become even more evident in our actions at BCS. Together we can make Bowdoin Central the best possible place to learn. Please contact me if you have any questions keithr@link75.org



Focus on Learning:

As we end January learning is in full effect. Today students in third grade presented their informational, non-fiction writing with our younger students and families. Next week they will begin working on persuasive writing. So... if your student starts lobbying for something at home, and they have gotten much better at it, you can blame us at school!

Coming up this month our First grade students will be working on their 100th Day projects. This fun yearly project combines math with a celebration of learning so far this year. It is always a highlight of my school year.

In fifth grade the students are working hard learning the ins and outs of fractions. Ask them about how to find common denominators.

Kindergarteners continue to blossom as with their emerging storybooks. Work with them using their reading superpowers. Ask them questions about the stories you read with them. These questions can include looking at the pictures and asking them to predict what will happen or how they think the character feels.

- **Region 10:** February 14th: 4th and 5th grade students will be taking a field trip to Region 10 Vocational school. Students will learn about the variety of experiential learning opportunities that Region 10 has to offer. This is part of our expanding yearly Aspirations Project.
- **Aspirations:** This month our fifth graders will begin their work on the Aspirations Project. Students will select a career that they have interest in, research the topic, and develop a presentation to present to the community. As a part of the project all 5th grade students will receive a \$100 seed money grant for college funding.

• Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 20-24	No School – Winter Break II
March 16	Half-day @ BCS, 12:10 p.m. dismissal
March 17	No school @ BCS
April 14	No School @ BCS – Professional Dev. Day
April 17-21	No School – Spring Break

Be on the lookout for the Fedco Seed order that will be attached to next week's Bearfoot News. It may not look like it now but Spring is not far away and it's a good time to think about your gardening needs.