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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.

Class assignments for next year 2017-18:

This year we are working to streamline and further improve our class assignments and groupings for next school year. Please understand we put a lot of time, consideration, and weigh a lot of factors into this process. We do allow for some guardian requests for classroom placement. We ask that you make these requests in writing and state an educational reason for the request. Please also understand that we try to accommodate these requests, but do not guarantee the requested placement. Because we are starting our process early this year, we are asking that any such ***requests must be made by Wednesday April 12, 2017***. Any requests made after that will not be considered. We do this because once we begin the process, changing placements drastically impacts our groupings and our ability to provide supports to students.

Perseverance is April's Core Value

We have amazing children and it is all of our responsibilities to work together to raise them to be positive and productive members of society. At school and at home one thing that strikes me with students and my own children is their reluctance to take risks in learning and the level they get upset when things are difficult. At BCS we understand our responsibility and will work on developing these persevering skills as they grow through the years. We will challenge students and support them to meet any challenge and to do so with confidence, grit, and determination. Be on the lookout in the next Bearfoot News for our Home to School Bridge. This will allow you to share a perseverance story and discussion with your child.

Exciting News in Second Grade!

Our Second grade classes are excited to share a big thank-you and news! Recently the 2nd grade teachers, Mrs. Benner and Ms. Rice applied for a grant from *Donors Choose* to fund a project to supply both classes with Exercise Ball Seatings. The idea of this project is to get children's' busy bodies moving while also allowing students to better focus on learning. We look forward to seeing this project come alive in our classrooms and how it improves learning for our students. Great job 2nd grade and Donors thank you for your support!

- **Kindergarten Cub Club Session #1: Incoming Kindergarten students and Parents March 27th/ 1-2PM.**

- **Join us on Thursday April 13th 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.
- **Spring Science Explorers is coming! Be on the lookout for sign-ups/rankings.**

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

March 27	*Cub Club for incoming K, BCS, 1:00 p.m.*
April 3	*Magazine Sale Kick-off (look for more info coming home)*
April 4	*Spring Concert for K-5, 6:00 p.m., BCS (info attached)*
April 7	*Staff vs. Students Basketball, BCS 6:00 p.m.*
April 13	*Literacy Fun Night @ BCS, 5:30 -6:30*
April 14	*No School @ BCS – Prof Dev.Day*
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.*

Volunteers Needed: Second grade is looking for volunteers to read with students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday….any time between 9:15-12:15 a.m. If you are interested, please call Ms. Mayo

Sweet Saturday: You are invited to a "Sweet Saturday" Open House at the sugarhouse and farm of Reuben and Angela Wheeler, 693 West Road, Bowdoin on Saturday, March 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM.
Come and check out our maple sugar operation, take a tour on our sugar trail, and don't forget to visit our goats in the barn.

Warm clothes and mud boot might be in order, you never know what Mother Nature has in store.

Last Call for Jump Rope for Heart Donations: Thank you to the many people who have generously supported our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. If you still have a pledge envelope to turn in, please return it to school by Wednesday, March 29 or let Mr. Jones know if you need a little more time to finish collecting. Thank you.

Congratulations: Congratulations to the Book Fair certificate winners: Ely C., Ella C., Frazer S., Madeline N., Emerson S. & Connor R. Thank you for supporting the food pantry with your donations.

April Raffle To Begin Soon: Our month-long calendar raffle will start next Saturday, April 1st. There's still time to get in on the fun. Tickets are available in the office if you need more. There are some amazing prizes each day of the week and once on the weekend. Tickets are $1. Each or 6/$5. Proceeds will benefit the Bowdoin PTCH.

Thank You For The Yummy Food!: Our teachers would like to thank the PTC and all the parents who donated dinner items for the recent Parent-Teacher conferences. It was so nice to go into the teachers' room for a break during conferences and find a wonderful spread of delicious items. We truly appreciate it!

Staff vs. Students Basketball Game: We hope you have your calendars marked for the upcoming Staff vs. Students game set for Friday, April 7th. Don't worry about dinner that evening. Plan to come early and enjoy some of the dinner items and baked goods that will be offered beginning at 5:00 p.m. The game will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a fundraising project sponsored by the fifth grades for their spring trip to Boston. Admission to the game is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for students. Since this is a fundraiser for the 5th grade, EVERYONE pays admission whether you are a player or a spectator.

Yearbook News: The 2016-17 yearbook will be having a new look. Our school pictures were taken this year by Geskus and they use a company called Tree Ring to create the yearbook. Exciting news: THE YEARBOOK WILL BE IN COLOR!! An order form went home recently. The option to pay through school is the same, but there is also an online option. With this online option parents can create two personal pages for their student with family photos. Please be sure to check out the deadlines for this option. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Mayo.

ATTENTION – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The BCS PTC is in need of candy donations

to fill all 2000+ eggs this year for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please drop off small individually wrapped candy

to Ms. Mayo in the office at BCS.

For questions or if you are willing to help fill eggs after school

on Friday, April 7th, please contact Carolyn Frederick

cmgsings@yahoo.com

(See the attached flyer for more information on the Egg Hunt.)

Bowdoin Community Cares Association
Sponsor of Friends Helping Community Food Pantry

Would you like to ride to school in a fire truck? Or how about a ride to school in a police car? The opportunity is back again this year sponsored by Bowdoin Community Cares.

From now until the end of May, students will receive an entry for every item donated to the food pantry. Yes, there are bonus items again!!

5 tickets for: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, flour, & sugar.

The rides to school will happen on June 14th – Flag Day! We will all gather in front of the school on that day for a special ceremony and the fire truck & police car will arrive with the lucky winners. Two students will be chosen to ride in the police car and two in the fire truck.

BCCA thanks you all for your continued support. This final collection of the school year helps us provide services to Bowdoin families throughout the summer months.

Food Pantry Information:

The Friends Helping Community food pantry is available to assist residents of Bowdoin. 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.