



BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

As spring weather arrives, we look forward to putting away our heavy clothing and bringing out our bright, summer items. (If you are a fifth grade parent, there is a more stringent dress code at the middle school level. If you would like to know more about the middle school dress code, please contact Wheeling Middle School at 243-0425.)

I want to remind you that spaghetti strap shirts are not be worn to school unless another top is worn over it. Boys and girls should not wear tank tops that have large arm openings unless another shirt is worn underneath it. Also, clogs and sandals are fashionable but can be dangerous when students are actively running on the playground. Caution should be taken in the selection of shoes worn at school.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Michelle Snyder, Principal

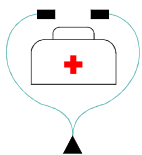
2007-2008 Kindergarten Registration

It is not too late to call-in your child's registration for next year's Kindergarten enrollment. Screening is being scheduled for Thursday, April 26th.

Parents of children who will be five (5) years of age by August 31st are asked to call the school to set up an appointment for screening. At this time, you will also need to provide the following information for your child: name, address, date of birth, and social security number.

Kindergarten screening is scheduled for Thurs., April 26th between the hours of 12:30 and 7:00 p.m. Your child will be scheduled to come to Bethlehem for screening in the areas of vision, hearing, dental, and readiness. The evaluation screening will take approximately one hour.

When you accompany your child to the screening in April, you will need to provide a certified birth certificate from the Department of Vital Statistics in the state where your child was born, the Certificate of Immunization provided by your family doctor, and his/her social security card. Before entering school in the fall, all students MUST have this information on file.



YOUR CHILD IS IMPORTANT TO US!

Although spring has officially arrived, cold and flu season is still upon us. Please keep in mind the following items if your child is not feeling well:

- ◆ Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to the classroom.
- ◆ The school office does not have the ability to distribute over the counter medications (aspirin, cough drops, etc.). The only medication that is permitted in school is doctor prescribed and must also accompany the proper documentation by your family physician.
- ◆ If your child indicates he/she is not feeling well before coming to school, please evaluate the situation completely before they enter our building. If your child indicates to us that he/she is not feeling well after entering the classroom, our staff will encourage your child to remain at school as long as they are not fevered and it is not detrimental to the other students.

Your help with the above items will be greatly appreciated.

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ASK A FIRST GRADER ABOUT THEIR ROBOT!

After reading the story "MY ROBOT", first graders constructed robots out of scraps of materials such as cereal boxes, aluminum foil, and string. Then they made up stories about adventures they could have with their robots.

Pictured are Haylee, Chayse, and Brennan with their robots. Great job, first grade!



I.S.E. DAY THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH

The schedule for the upcoming I.S.E. Day on April 5th is as follows:

- 8-10 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences. Call the office NOW to schedule your appointment.
- 10-12 noon Faculty Senate
- 1-3 p.m. Staff Development

There will be no classes on this date.

REMINDER ...

If you are planning to chaperone your child on the field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on May 24th, you **MUST** have a current volunteer application on file with the school. In order to be current, the application must have been submitted and approved after the start of this school year. Applications prior to this date are not acceptable. If you are unsure, please call the school and check with Mrs. Amrhein. If necessary, she can send home the proper information to begin processing your request. Completed forms are due in our school office by April 11th.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MATH-A-THON SERVICE PROJECT

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 raised \$2,040.75 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Kiersten N. (Grade 3) was the top fund raiser for this service project.

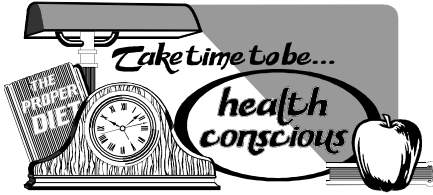
Thank you to all students who participated!



WESTEST FOR GRADES 3, 4, AND 5 SCHEDULED MAY 14-17, 2007

Testing for WESTEST has been scheduled during the mornings of the week of May 14th. Attendance, particularly during this week, is very important. We are asking that any appointments necessary during this week for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 be made for the afternoon hours only. We are also asking that every effort be made to have the children report to school on time in order to administer the test as it is required. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.





Wellness Tip of the Month - April **STEP UP!**

This spring, add more steps and burn more calories by making these simple changes to your daily routine:

1. Park farther away from the entrance to the library, mall, or community center.
2. Take the stairs rather than the escalator or elevator when shopping or going to doctor appointments.
3. Do active chores: take the garbage out, vacuum, put away clutter.
4. Bike or rollerblade to a friend's house after school.



Due to school closures due to weather, it is necessary for our Ohio County Schools calendar to be adjusted. Please make note of the following changes:

- ♦ An ISE Day will be held on **Thursday, April 5th**, whereby students do not have classes.
- ♦ School will be closed on **Friday, April 6th**, and **Monday, April 9th**.
- ♦ In order to make up missed instructional time, classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday—**April 10, 11, 12, 13, 2007**.
- ♦ An additional day will be made up at the end of the school year.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY—TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD!

The third grading period has ended, and report cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 29th. The "Awards Assembly" has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 3rd at 2:45 p.m.** Students will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments during the third grading period. Everyone is welcome to attend to help recognize our Bethlehem Stars for a job well done! We are proud of our students and encourage them to continue their efforts throughout the remainder of the school year.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Snyder recognizes each student birthday at the beginning or end of the school day. She announces the birthday students, then they report to the office to receive a small card with a pencil. Weekend birthdays are covered on the following Monday, and summer birthdays will celebrate around their "half" birthday.

The March birthdays were:

**TATE, ALEXANDRA T, GARRETT,
DALTON A, MIKAYLA,
ALLISON C, TREVOR, HANNAH**

Hope your day was as special as you are!



OHIO COUNTY COUNCIL PTA ANNOUNCES WINNERS

The Ohio County Council PTA has announced winners from Bethlehem Elementary School from the "Reflections" cultural arts program.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:

Primary Level Awardees -

Photography, 3rd place, Chayse (1st grade)

Intermediate Level Awardees -

Literature, 1st place, Abby R (5th grade)

Photography, 1st place, Keleigh (5th grade)

Photography, 4th place, Adreanna (3rd grade)

Visual Arts, 4th place, Luke (2nd grade)



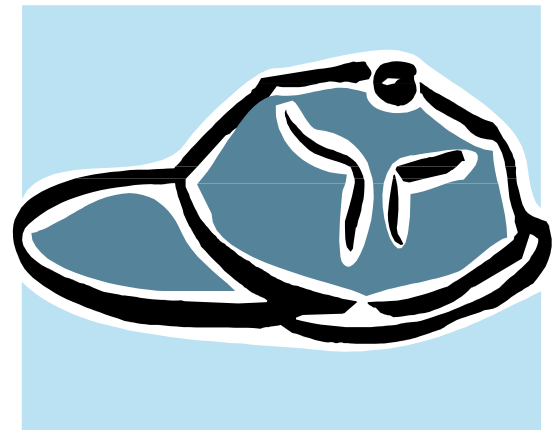
D A R E

Deputy H. J. Haglock of the Ohio County Sheriff's Office visits the fifth grade class each Friday to present the D.A.R.E. Program. This is a ten-week program of study, and the goal of the program is to teach the prevention of drug abuse and violence. Also, the program helps promote the understanding concerning present and future roles of students as productive members of the community.

Welcome Deputy Haglock!

"HATS ON FOR HEADS UP" APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

On Wednesday, April 11th, all Ohio County Public schools will be participating in "Hats on for Heads Up". Each child will be allowed to wear a hat at school for the day and in turn donate \$1.00 to Harmony House. "Hats Up" is a term we use to show an abused child that he or she can walk in our community and hold his/her head up high with no feeling of shame or guilt about what has happened. It also encourages our community to be pro-active in helping these victims.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

APRIL 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 MOCK TRIAL GRADE 4 | 3 MOCK TRIAL GRADE 4 AWARDS PROGRAM 2:45 | 4 | 5 ISE DAY NO SCHOOL PARENT CONFERENCES 8-10 | 6 SCHOOL CLOSED | 7 |
| 8 | 9 SCHOOL CLOSED | 10 | 11 "HATS ON FOR HEADS UP" (HARMONY HOUSE) | 12 PEPPERONI ROLL PICK-UP (3-6 PM) | 13 D.A.R.E. 5TH GRADE | 14 |
| 15 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK | 16 | 17 PTA @ 6:30 P.M. | 18 | 19 | 20 D.A.R.E. 5TH GRADE | 21 |
| 22 | 23 OGLEBAY INSTITUTE PLAY 10:00 AM | 24 WHEELING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT | 25 5TH GRADE TENNIS | 26 - 2007-08 KINDERGARTEN SCREENING NO REGULAR KINDERGARTEN CLASSES | 27 D.A.R.E. 5TH GRADE | 28 |
| 29 | 30 SPRING MUSICAL AT BETHLEHEM SCHOOL (CHORUS & BAND) 7:00 P.M. | | | | | |