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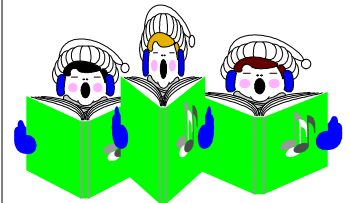
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As we all busily prepare for the upcoming holiday season, please

- ⇒ read ALL the information included in this newsletter
- ⇒ keep the calendar included on the last page posted for everyone in the family to see and use as a reference
- ⇒ plan to participate and be a part of our festivities.



Several events have been planned for your enjoyment. We hope you can arrange your schedule to join us.



Students are eagerly preparing for the Holiday Music Program which will surely delight all in attendance.

Please take special note that this year's performance will take place at **Triadelphia Middle School on Dec. 11th**. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Grades K-2 will perform at 6:00 p.m., followed by Grades 3-5 and Chorus at 7:00 p.m.

More information will be coming home soon.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. You won't be disappointed. Also, this will be a great opportunity to begin the holiday celebration.

NOTE TO PARENTS

Be sure your child is dressed appropriately for weather conditions. We may continue to go outside for recess if it is not too cold. Also, be sure to pay particular attention to the article on page 2 regarding school procedures for closing of school.

Thank You!

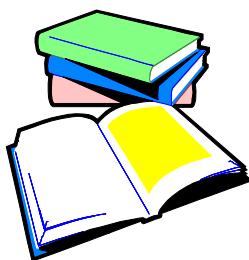
"THANK YOU" to all the parents, grandparents, and PTA mothers who helped make our American Education Week activities such a success. We received an overwhelming number of visitors to our school on Wednesday evening, Nov. 15th, as grandparents and "special persons" were invited to visit our school.

Also, the response to our annual Book Fair was a huge success, and teachers were able to add books to each classroom. During Open House, a drawing was held from a listing of student enrollment, and the following winners received gift certificates to choose books of their choice:

\$10.00—Alyssa \$15.00—Katie \$20.00—Luke

The "One For Books" campaign raised \$40 for books for our Media Center. Scholastic will also match these funds and will be donating \$40 to several charities.

Mrs. ME would like to send out a huge "THANK YOU" to all of the volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you!!!!



As part of our week activities during American Education Week, an employee of American Electric Power came to Bethlehem to read to the Kindergarten and first grade students. The books written by West Virginia native, Cynthia Rylant, and read to the students (**Scarecrow** and **In November**) were then donated to our school library.

We appreciate AEP for showing their support for our school and for reading.

ISE DAY, Friday, December 22nd (NO SCHOOL)

8:00-10:00	Parent Conferences
10:00-12:00	Staff Development
1:00-3:00	Faculty Senate

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photographer

Individual School Picture **RETAKES** are scheduled for Thursday morning, Nov. 30th.

If you would like your child's photo retaken, please send in the original printed package to school with your child on the date of the retake. Also, if your child was absent from school and you wish to order photos, please call the office at 243-0350 and a payment envelope with prices listed will be sent home.

Payments must be made when the photo is taken. Make checks payable to: Chaps Photography

Ohio County Schools' Procedures for Closing of School

With cold weather upon us, it is important to review the Ohio County Schools' procedures for closing of school. Abnormal conditions which would require temporary suspension of school activities include inclement weather, failure of electrical power, gas or water supply, breakdown of heating systems, etc. If conditions warrant, the Superintendent, or his designee, may announce a two (2) hour delay of school opening. The announcement of school status will be posted on the **HOTLINE**, 243-0325, **BEFORE MEDIA NOTICIATION, WHICH WILL OCCUR PRIOR TO 6:00 A.M.** In the event of a two hour delay:

1. All school students will begin school **two hours later than originally scheduled.**
2. All buses will run **two hours later than usual.**
3. Breakfast **WILL NOT** be served. **Lunch will be served at the regular time.**
4. **Any changes from two hour delay to closure will be made prior to 7:30 and posted to the HOTLINE and news media.**

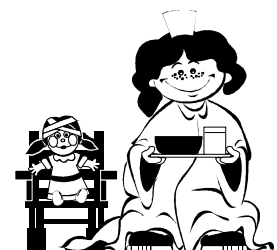
If an emergency occurs after school has begun for the day and early dismissal becomes probable, the decision will be communicated to all news media from the time of the decision until 2:00 p.m. or until the time of dismissal, which ever is earlier. Early dismissal time will apply to all students — including Aftercare.

WELL DOLL CLINIC



Kindergarten students will have an opportunity to participate in Wheeling Hospital's "Well Doll Clinic" on Monday, December 4th. The students will be transported to Wheeling Hospital by county bus at 10:00 a.m. and return to school in time for lunch.

The purpose of the visit is to provide a special opportunity for children to talk to a doctor as their favorite doll or stuffed animal friend (brought in by the child) is given a free medical check-up. This encourages each child to verbalize any concerns or fears he or she may have about seeing the physician or nurse when it is time for their check-up or when they are ill.





PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM THEME: My Favorite Place

Thank you to all students who participated in the PTA Reflections Program. Entries are displayed in the hallway of the school near the media center and will be judged in the near future. Winners of the various categories will be listed in the January newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who achieved academic excellence the first grading period of this school year. The listings of "Honor" and "High Honor" students are included on the school web site, as well as those students who achieved perfect attendance from August 28th through October 31st. Stop by our site at www.BethlehemSchool.net

A special "THANK YOU" to all parents and grandparents who attended the assembly to recognize our students. We are truly proud of their accomplishments, and appreciate the time you took to help us honor them.

DECORATE THE SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, December 6th has been scheduled for the school's "Decorate the School Night". This is a fun event and a great family night. In addition to several crafts, there will be Christmas music, cookies and punch.

Remember to bring your art box, glue and a small school photo.

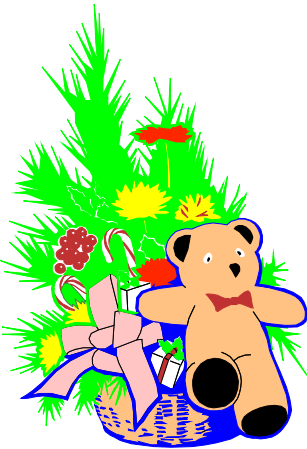


SANTA'S SHOP

Santa's Shop has been scheduled for December 18-20 during school hours. Students will have an opportunity to buy gifts for family and friends at this time.

This is a good experience in how far a dollar really goes! There will be PTA volunteers available to help the students with their shopping, and gifts purchased will be wrapped and ready for giving.

More information will be sent home as it gets closer to the shopping dates.



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 November birthdays were:

Kristein
Bryan
Alyssa
Dougje
Tyler
Karyn
Nadjula
Sam
Adreanna L

Eric
Tyler
Meg
Abigail Y
Kailee S
Madison O
Melina
Vinna
Courtney P



Hope your day was as special as you are!



ELKS HOOP SHOOT CHAMPIONS

Bethlehem Elementary School's winners in the Hoop Shoot competition held recently at school are:

8 to 9-year-old girl:	Morgan B
8 to 9 year-old boy:	Jared G
10 to 11-year old girl:	Alyssa G
10 to 11-year old boy:	Israel P
12 to 13 year-old boy:	Kenneth V



CONGRATULATIONS, and good luck in county competition!



Wellness Tip of the Month

Your food and physical activity choices affect your health—how you feel today, tomorrow, and in the future.

These tips and ideas are a starting point. Choose a change that you can make today, and move toward a healthier you.

- ◆ Make half your grains whole
 - ◆ Vary your vegetables
 - ◆ Focus on fruit
 - ◆ Get your calcium rich foods
 - ◆ Go lean with protein
 - ◆ Find your balance between food and physical activity

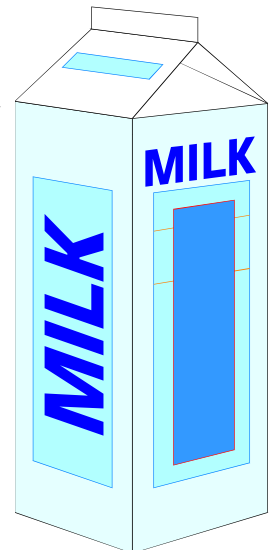
REVIEW OF LUNCH ROOM PROCEDURES

During the 2006-07 school year, breakfast and lunch will be charged and billed through the county central billing office on a monthly basis. However, there is a change in the procedures for purchasing milk. It is as follows:

- Students bringing packed lunch and wanting to receive milk **MUST PAY \$0.30 PER MILK WHEN THEY RECEIVE IT.** Milk will no longer be charged and included in the central billing procedure.
- Students wishing a second milk with their hot lunch **MUST PAY FOR THE SECOND MILK AT THE TIME THEY RECEIVE LUNCH (\$0.30).** Milk will no longer be charged and included in the central billing procedure.

We will not begin a charge program through the school for milk purchases due to the extra accounting it would require. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in sending correct change for milk with your child if/when needed.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS