



BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our second semester begins, I would like to stress the importance of regular attendance at school. According to Ohio County Schools Policy 3007.01, a parent or guardian is permitted to write excuses for five (5) days absence pertaining to a student illness per semester. When six (6) or more days are acquired with a parent note, another attendance code must be entered, signifying that it is an unexcused absence. If a total of ten (10) or more days are accumulated in one semester with parent excuses, a parent/principal conference is to be held, with a possible referral to our county attendance officer.

Please keep in mind that if you take your child to the doctor for an illness, ask the nurse to provide you with a medical excuse for the school. This can then be entered into our attendance under a different code.

Regular attendance at school is very important for the children. It allows them to learn and to grow into responsible adults. Continue to encourage your children to attend school regularly.

Thank you for your support of educating our students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Snyder
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 25th—Report Cards will be sent home with students.

Feb 1st—Awards Assembly

Feb. 9th—Last day for After Care Program

Feb. 12th—Vision, dental, and scoliosis screenings for Grades 1, 3, 5

Feb. 13th—PTA Meeting

Feb. 14th—Valentine's Day—Classroom card exchange.

Feb. 16th—ISE Day

Feb. 19th—Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL



AFTER SCHOOL CARE DISCONTINUED ... Every family at Bethlehem School should have received notification from the school office that the Orchard Park AFTER CARE program will be discontinued after Feb. 9th. This action was due to the low number of students regularly attending, and the fact that this low attendance resulted in the program not being financially sound. Orchard Park will, however, continue to provide BEFORE CARE services for our students.

Please be sure that alternative after school arrangements have been made with your child/children and they are aware of these plans beginning with the school day on Feb. 12th.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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3RD INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT AND ENHANCEMENT DAY (ISE), FEBRUARY 16TH.

There will be no school for students; however, if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher on this day, call the school office to set up an appointment. Conferences will be held from 8-10 a.m.



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 **WEATHER 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.

LUNCH MENU FOLLOWING CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL

In the event that school is cancelled due to inclement weather conditions, the school menu planned for the closed date will be served on the next day of class.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS

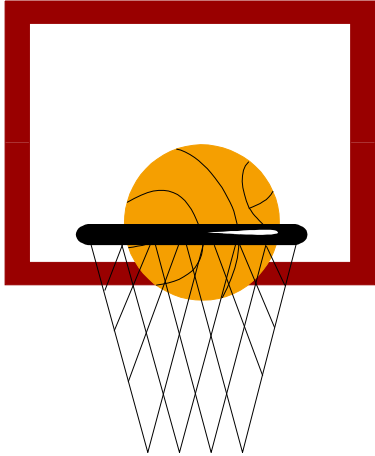


Call-in Kindergarten Registration will begin on Monday, January 29th. Parents of children who will be five (5) years of age before September 1st are asked to call the school to set up an appointment for screening. At this time, you will also need to provide the following information for your child:
Name, address, date of birth, and social security number.

Kindergarten screening is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007. Your child will be scheduled to come to Bethlehem for screening which will last 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 the information requested above on file.



THE ANNUAL ELKS HOOP SHOOT COMPETITION WAS HELD AT BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE "CHAMPIONS" IN THEIR AGE DIVISIONS:

8-9 YEAR OLDS

MORGAN BRUNNER AND JARED GRALL

10-11 YEAR OLDS

ALYSSA GEORGE AND ISRAEL PHILLIPS

12-13 YEAR OLDS

KENNETH VALEUS

ADDITIONALLY, MORGAN BRUNNER WON
1ST PLACE IN THE OHIO COUNTY 8-9 GIRLS DIVISION AND
2ND PLACE IN THE DISTRICT COMPETITION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED.

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM THEME: My Favorite Place

P.T.A. Reflections (Cultural Arts) winners from Bethlehem Elementary School include:

Visual Arts Primary level:	1st place— Luke Beall
Visual Arts Intermediate level:	1st place— Abbey Griffith 2nd place— Keleigh Sidon 3rd place— Darien Beall
Photography Primary level:	1st place— Chayse Stahanczyk
Photography Intermediate level:	1st place— Adreanna LeMasters
Literature Intermediate level:	1st place— Kailee Shelek 2nd place— Abigail Reeves 3rd place— Kylie Clatterbuck

The following students have been selected by the Ohio County Council PTA/PTSA to attend their awards program at Steenrod School on January 24th:

**CHAYSE STAHANCZYK, LUKE BEALL, ADREANNA LEMASTERS,
KELEIGH SIDON, and ABBY REEVES**

Congratulations to ALL Bethlehem winners, as well as ALL students who participated in the Reflections Program.

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 December birthdays were: **Chayse, Zackery, Israel, Kelsie, Kiersten, Emily, Nicholas, Austi, and Kody**

January birthdays were: **Sarah, Bianca, Mariah, Mia, Kelsey, Kyle, Taylor, Matthew, Cody, and Kenneth.**

Happy
Birthday 

Hope your day was as special as you are!



Wellness Tip of the Month



Whole Grains: What to look for on the Food Label
Choose foods that name one of the following whole-grain ingredients first on the label's ingredient list:

"brown rice"	"whole oats"
"bulgur"	"whole rye"
"graham flour"	"whole wheat"
"oatmeal"	"wild rice"
	"whole-grain corn"

Foods labeled with the words "multi-grain," "stone-ground," "100% wheat," "cracked wheat," "seven-grain," or "bran" are usually not whole-grain products.

Color is not an indication of whole grain. Bread can be brown because of molasses or other added ingredients. Read the ingredient list to see if it is a whole grain.

Use the Nutrition Facts Label and choose products with a higher % Daily Value (%DV) for fiber – the %DV for fiber is a good clue to the amount of whole grain in the product.

Read the food label's ingredient list. Look for terms that indicate added sugars (sucrose, high-fructose corn syrup, honey, and molasses) and oils (partially hydrogenated vegetable oils) that add extra calories.

Choose foods with fewer added sugars, fats, or oils.

Most sodium in the food supply comes from packaged foods. Similar packaged foods can vary widely in sodium content, including breads. Use the Nutrition Facts Label to choose foods with lower %DV for sodium.

Foods with less than 140 mg sodium per serving can be labeled as low sodium foods. Claims such as "low in sodium" or "very low in sodium" on the front of the label can help you identify foods that contain less salt (or sodium).

Whole Grain Tips for Children

Set a good example for children by eating whole grains with meals or as snacks.

Let children select and help prepare a whole grain side dish.

Teach older children to read the ingredient list on cereals or snack food packages and choose those with whole grains at the top of the list.



AWARDS ASSEMBLY
Bethlehem
Elementary
Thursday, Feb. 1st,
2:45 p.m.
School Gymnasium

The second grading period has ended and the awards program is scheduled for Thursday, February 1st at 2:45 p.m.. Certificates for Perfect Attendance, Academic Improvement, Honors, and High Honors during this period, as well as awards for PTA Reflections, will be given.

All are welcome to attend. We hope you will be able to join us in recognition of our students' continued hard work and efforts.

PRESIDENTS' DAY
HOLIDAY
OBSERVED

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENTS' DAY

