



BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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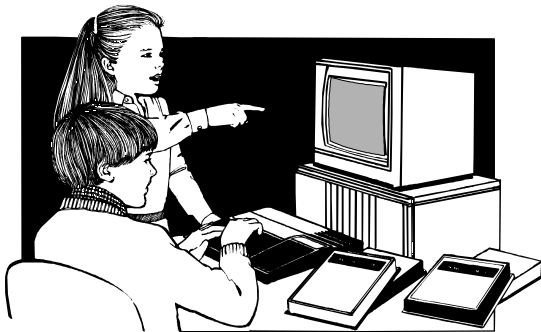
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CONGRATULATIONS, Bethlehem students! The second grading period ended and certificates of achievement were presented to those students who earned perfect attendance and academic excellence during this period. THANK YOU to the parents and grandparents who attended the Awards Program in support of your child's academic achievement.

THANK YOU! To PTA and those individuals who helped with or donated items for the students' Valentine's Day parties. We sincerely appreciate all that you do!



COMPUTER LAB UP AND RUNNING!

Each class has at least two forty-minute instructional periods scheduled each week in our newly completed computer lab. Students are able to take advantage of the twenty-eight (28) stations, allowing every child the opportunity to have instruction on their own computer. A whiteboard is also available for teacher's use in explaining the lesson.

Funds to purchase the furniture and equipment for the computer lab were generated from a grant through the Exxon Mobile Corporation, a donation from the hilltop Lions Club, individual donations earmarked for technology, and a County technology grant.

A special "THANK YOU" is given to Ms. Kathy Paulus, Ohio County School Technology Coordinator, for all her assistance in helping make this dream come true.



CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR

As we anxiously look forward to Spring and warm, sunny weather, we also tend to think "Spring Break". As a result of recent 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.

2007-2008 Kindergarten Registration

Call-in registration for next year's Kindergarten enrollment is now taking place.

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.



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100 Days of Learning



Students at Bethlehem Elementary School celebrated "100 Days of Learning" on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Each student was given a painter's hat (donated by Sherwin Williams Paint Co. in St. Clairsville, OH) and was asked to use their imagination and decorate the hat with 100 of their favorite items. Decorated hats were worn to school on Feb. 7th to celebrate the occasion. Also, students performed special "fun" assignments in their classrooms on this date. Pictured are a group of 4th grade students modeling their special creations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR IS CELEBRATED IN THE ART ROOM

Students in grades K thru fifth studied a general theme of Dragons, singing "Puff the Magic Dragon" with kindergarten to studying multi-cultural art with the Chinese New Year.



Art History was investigated on-line at the National Gallery of Art web-site. We studied the master artist, "Weyden", and his St. George and the Dragon. Production activities included murals of dragons stressing cooperative learning. Art concepts were taught as we investigated color, pattern, line, shape and texture. Three dimensional cardboard sculptures of dragons were created by students as well as contour line or continuous line drawings of dragons. Using a thematic approach to teach studio art can be enhanced by linking art across the curriculum and significantly increases student engagement. This is my general method for teaching art and art concepts. Research has shown how effective it is. Here's a fun Museum web-site for your to engage



yourself in with your child. It is the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, www.nga.gov/ go to ngakids.

Ellen Culler, Art Teacher

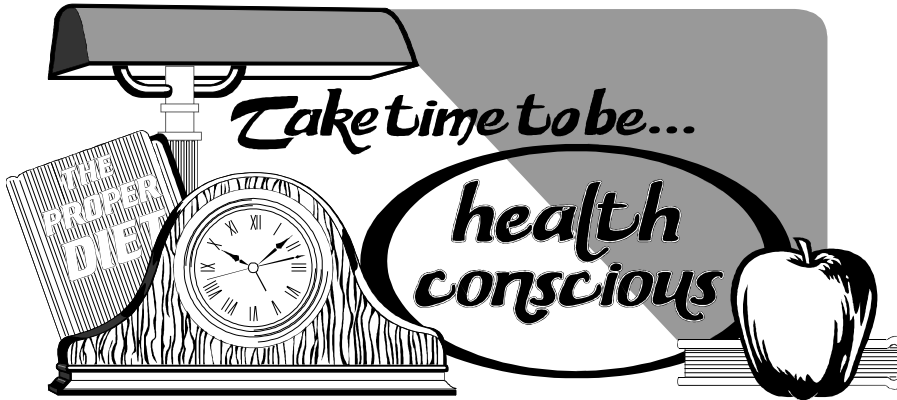


WESTEST for Grades 3, 4, and 5 scheduled for May 14-17, 2007



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 -
March**

**NATIONAL SCHOOL
BREAKFAST WEEK
IS
MARCH 5-9, 2007**

Tips for a healthy breakfast:

- ◆ Eat fruits and/or veggies
- ◆ Have grains that are whole
- ◆ Choose calcium-rich foods
- ◆ Make your protein lean
- ◆ Have food low in fat and sugar
- ◆ Be daring! Try new foods

**A good breakfast each day
is very smart.**

**It gives you the energy
to do your best from the start.**



CLASS GROUP PICTURES

Class group pictures will be taken on Friday, March 16th by Chap's Photography.

More information, including cost and a payment envelope, will be sent home soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 11th
March 13th
March 16th
March 17th
March 23rd
March 29th
April 3rd**

**Daylight Saving Time
PTA
Group Pictures (am)
St. Patrick's Day
End of 3rd Quarter
Report Cards
Awards Program (2:45)**

Ohio County Spelling Bee Saturday, February 24th at Wheeling Park High School

Bethlehem Elementary School's representatives for the Ohio County Spelling Bee include: **Tyler H, Cierra R, Kylie C, and Bryan McK**

Good Luck to these students on Saturday!

Spelling Bee Buzzers

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 February birthdays were:

**Carson, Morgan, Kierra,
Katelyn, William, Cassandra**

Hope your day was as special as you are!

Happy Birthday



Students in Grades 3-5 Participate in St. Jude Math-A-Thon as a Service Project

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, and based in Memphis, TN, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay.

St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization, through events such as *Math-A-Thon*. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 accepted the challenge to make this a service project and help raise funds by their participation. Completing the *Math-A-Thon* problems helped the students become better Math Masters, and the money they collected from their sponsors will aid in research for a cure for the ongoing fight against childhood catastrophic diseases..

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who participated in the *Math-A-Thon*. Remember to collect all your pledges and return the money to school as soon as possible. The patients of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital thank you for your help!

PTA Sponsored Field Trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo Thursday, May 24th

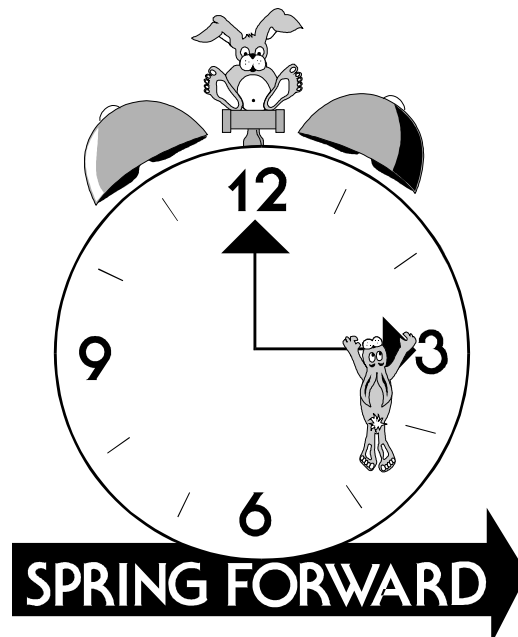
If you are planning to chaperone your child on the field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on May 24th, you **MUST** have a current volunteer application on file with the school. In order to be current, the application must have been submitted and approved after the start of this school year. Applications prior 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 so that we can send them to the Board of Education for approval.

More information about the trip will be sent home at a later date.



**March 11th
Daylight Saving
Time Begins!**



**Remember
to set
your clocks
AHEAD
ONE
HOUR!**