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BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!

The WESTEST results for Bethlehem Elementary School were excellent. We have met the "No Child Left Behind" requirements for adequate yearly progress (AYP). The parents of students currently in grades 4 and 5 should have received individual student test results in the mail. If you have any questions about these results, please contact Mrs. Snyder.

Congratulations also goes out to our current 5th grade students who did an excellent job on their 4th grade West Virginia Writing Assessment.

Keep up the good work!

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



Reminder:
As you begin to think about Halloween festivities, please remember

to consider appropriate attire for school. **We do NOT want to promote violence.** Costumes should be easy to put on and children should be able to see clearly.

Homeroom moms will be contacted to help with the classroom parties. Students begin to dress around 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31st, followed by the parade and classroom treats.

ISE DAY

An Instructional Support and Enhancement day is scheduled for Friday, October 13th. During this time, the following activities will occur:

- ◆ 8-10 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conference
- ◆ 10-12 noon Staff Development
- ◆ 1-3 p.m. Faculty Senate

There will be no classes on the ISE Day.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 9-12, 2006

We are very pleased that our students are going to have the opportunity to learn first hand about fire prevention. Personnel from the Bethlehem Fire Department will present a variety of activities designed to reinforce fire safety rules.

On Monday afternoon students will receive a classroom visit from the Fire Department Staff. On Thursday, the Fire Department will provide special demonstrations for the students.

We are looking forward to fun and informative presentations.

CE DAY

Also, on Friday, Oct. 27th, there will be no classes due to scheduled in-service for all school staff.

LOCAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The intent of the L.S.I.C. is to facilitate and encourage the involvement of the school community in the operation of the local schools to improve educational quality. Our Local School Improvement Council held its first meeting on Sept. 20th. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact any of the following representatives:

- Principal: Mrs. Michelle Snyder
- Teachers: Ms. Karen Morris, Mrs. Trish Anderson, Mrs. Janet Myers-Eikey (ME)
- Service Personnel: Mrs. Connie Murray, Mr. Randy Kappler
- Parents: Ms. Maryanne McGinley, Mrs. Kelly Schiffer, Mrs. Pam McNeil
- At-Large: Mr. Tom Modra, Steel Works Community Federal Credit Union
Mr. Donald Junkins, Bethlehem Village Council

Thank you in advance for agreeing to help support local initiatives to improve school performance at Bethlehem Elementary School.

Individual School Pictures will be taken on Friday morning, Sept. 29th. Remember to send your payment envelope to school with your child.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Bethlehem Elementary students are going to help make the Holidays brighter for the men and women serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan by stuffing a Christmas stocking to send to them. This program was brought to our attention by Janell Loh, Special Projects Coordinator for Boatsie's Boxes, Inc. Ms. Loh indicated she hoped this project would get students and their families involved in the community, as well as make citizenship fun for the children.

Students recently brought home a participation form which must be returned to school by Fri., Sept. 29th. Stockings will be distributed to these students between Oct. 16-20, and their filled stockings must be returned to school by November 10th. A list of suggested items and other stuffing instructions will be given out with the stockings.



SCROOGE

While thinking of the Holidays, mark your calendar now for the annual Bethlehem "Winter Holiday" program on Monday, Dec. 11th

This year, the Chorus and grades 3-4-5 will present "**SCROOGE**". The show will be at the Triadelphia Middle School Auditorium. More information will be coming home about costumes and show times.

Also, during this evening, the younger students in grades kindergarten, first and second will perform. Additional information will be sent home as we receive it.

Hope to see you there!

PUBLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The State of West Virginia has developed Policy 2525, which requires all counties to provide access to a free and appropriate public preschool program by 2012. Currently, Ohio County has six established universal sites. This preschool program is for all four-year-olds and eligible three-year-olds.

Ohio County Schools is in the process of preparing to expand the current universal preschool program. A survey was sent home with your child recently regarding pertinent information in helping to establish additional universal sites. If you have not yet returned the form to our school office, please do so as soon as possible.

ORCHARD PARK DAY CARE

As you are aware, Orchard Park—our facilitator for the Before School and After School programs—indicated there was a possibility that their After School program at Bethlehem Elementary School would be discontinued **IF** additional registrations were not received to warrant continuation of the program.

We are pleased to advise you that a sufficient number of registrations have been received and **Orchard Park has agreed to continue their services throughout the 2006-07 School Year**. If you have not enrolled in the service, but may require use of the program in the future, it is not too late to complete an application. Call the school office at 243-0350 and Mrs. Amrhein will see that you receive the appropriate forms.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support. Being of service to you and your children is our first concern.





\$\$\$ ATTENTION BANKERS \$\$\$

Student banking will be held every Tuesday in the Art room at Bethlehem to encourage positive saving habits and plan to save for the future! So, grab your bank book, and your money, and come join us!! Remember, \$0.50 is the minimum deposit. Also, each student will receive a special prize just for banking!



If you did not receive the information explaining the program, along with an application for those wishing to participate, contact the school office at 243-0350 and the information will be sent home with your child.

Also, Steel Works Credit Union encourages all Bethlehem bankers to visit their office or mail deposits all year long! Each year, they award Toys R Us gift cards to three of our best summer bankers. The following students had their names drawn from a list of Bethlehem bankers who made the extra effort to continue banking this past summer:

Morgan B	\$50 gift card
Hannah M	\$25 gift card
Shayla K	\$10 gift card

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENT BANKERS!

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 September birthdays were:	Kierra C	Jackson P	Connor S
	Abbey G	Sarah R	Faith R
	Haylee A	Brennan McN	Allison McC
	Kelly McC	Alexandria C	Vincent B
	Justin A	Danelle H	

Hope your day was as special as you are!

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING P.T.A. EVENTS:

SEPT. 30TH	STEAK FRY AT THE EL TOR GROTTA CONTACT PAM OR BRUCE McNEIL AT 243-9259 FOR TICKETS
OCT. 21ST	BETHLEHEM CARNIVAL 11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. CONTACT RACHEL SHIPLEY AT 232-0242 FOR INFORMATION

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR **BOX TOPS** AND **POP TABS**.
SEND THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR COLLECTION.