

The Hawk-Eye



Bloomer Elementary School

December 2016

Season's Greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already into our second trimester of the school year. As I reflect back on all that has taken place at BES over the course of the last three months, it is amazing to think of how much was accomplished in such a short amount of time. Beyond the classroom learning experiences for our kids, many of our students took part in at least one field trip this fall. These field trips offer students learning experiences that are difficult to replicate in a traditional classroom. That being said, we appreciate the support we get from P.I.E., as this organization makes many of these field trips possible.

Also worth noting from this fall were our P.I.E sponsored *Family Fun Nights*, one of which was our Family Math Night held in mid-November. Families that attended had a meal and had an opportunity to explore some fun math games together! Parents also listened to two experts present on how kids best learn math and how that can be facilitated at home.

As we enter the month of December now, there is a great deal to look forward to. Santa's Secret Shop is scheduled to take place at the beginning of the month in our 4K/5K wing, and we have another *Family Fun Night* scheduled. At this event, kids will have the chance to make Holiday Crafts with Santa himself! Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our 5K, 1st and 2nd grade Holiday Concert which is scheduled for December 20th at 1:30pm.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and invite you to attend the special events taking place at our school during this winter. We look forward to seeing you around this holiday season, and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us here at school!

Josh Hartman, Principal
Bloomer Elementary

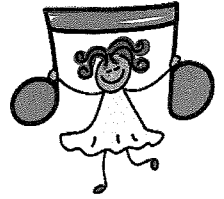
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Important Dates to Remember!

December 20th – 5K, 1st & 2nd Grade Holiday Music Concert
@ 1:30 in the BES gym

December 23rd-January 2nd No School ~
School Resumes on January 3rd



BRRRRR.....

As we dig out our winter coats and mittens, it's a reminder that we need to begin preparation for the onset of winter weather. As part of that preparation, we need a plan in place should it be necessary to cancel school or dismiss school earlier than our normal schedule. We will utilize local TV stations and local radio stations to inform the district's staff, parents and children of emergency school closings, whether they are total or partial school day cancellations. In addition to reliance on the media, the district will utilize a telephone calling system to contact everyone affected by the closing.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

During the recent 2-week Penny Harvest conducted at Bloomer Elementary School and sponsored by our S.P.A.R.K.S. Student Council, students, staff, parents and community members came together and emptied their pockets and couch cushions for a VERY worthy cause! Drum roll, please...

Together, we collected an outstanding **\$2,557.56** to be donated in large part to the Graden Hansen Medical Fund (Graden is a 4K student here at BES), with the remaining funds being used to assist families as need or crisis arise. ☺

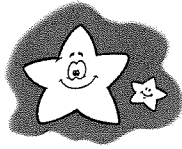
Mr. Rosenbrook's 4th Grade class collected the most loose change! They collected \$302.38! Graden's 4K class (Mrs. Lang's class) collected the next highest amount of \$243.81. Each of these classes received a dilly bar party. **Even though ice cream tastes yummy and is a nice treat, the MOST AWESOME reward in a contest like this is the feeling you receive knowing that you had a part in helping someone else! There truly is no greater gift than giving to others!**

Bloomer Elementary S.P.A.R.K.S. Student Council would like to extend a very gracious THANK YOU to you and your families for contributing your loose change (and dollars) to this Penny Harvest. A BIG THANK YOU also to Security Financial Bank for helping us count the money and to Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. Wubker (SPARKS Student Council parents) for helping collect the containers and taking them to the bank.

Together, we DO make a difference! We know that our friends touched by our generosity appreciate our efforts!

With Thanks & Appreciation,
Bloomer Elementary S.P.A.R.K.S. Student Council





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"Savor the moments...your child will travel this path just once..."

During December, classroom guidance lessons will center on the Theme of PERSONAL WELLNESS & STRESS MANAGEMENT and The Blackhawk Way Character Trait Of The Month-COMPASSION. Students in grades 5K-4th will learn various ways to show compassion, how to define stress, how to identify personal stress triggers, how to manage worry and anxiety, how to take care of their brains and bodies when they feel stress, anxiety or worry and also learn several useful relaxation techniques! ☺

In January, the guidance department will be offering a SMALL GROUP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY focusing on FAMILY CHANGE for students experiencing parental separation, divorce, blended families, etc. If you would like your child to participate or if you would like more information about this group, please contact me.

The Guidance department offers many terrific resources for parents covering a wide range of topics. Some of these resources are available for parents to keep and others are available for checkout. Featured resources this month include: Stress Busters For Kids: A Parent's Guide To Helping Kids Cope With Stress by Bonnie Brown, Freeing Your Child From Anxiety by Tamar E. Chansky, PhD and Chicken Soup For The Parent's Soul by Jack Canfield. Please stop in and take a look!

With the weather turning colder and the holiday season approaching, now is a wonderful time to create a new winter family tradition! Create a list of winter/holiday activities to do together and choose a handful to do each week. Include things like going sledding, building a snowman, decorating cookies together, watching a holiday movie, drinking hot chocolate and sharing a favorite holiday book or story from your childhood, driving around and looking at the holiday lights and more! Share laughs as you make memories with the wonderful people in your life. These activities may become a holiday tradition for years to come! It will be something you all will look forward to and it will make being together such a special time! ☺

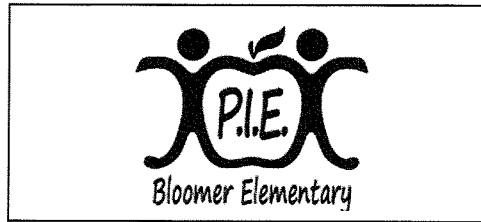
Warm Holiday Wishes To All Of You!

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DECEMBER

We hope you enjoy the upcoming holidays and family time! We are thankful for all of the support you have shown towards our events and your kiddos school year, we couldn't do us without you! We are gearing up for a busy and exciting 2017...make sure you stay up-to-date on what we have planned!

Upcoming dates:

12/6 and 12/8: SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

The Shop will be open on Tuesday, 12/6, and Thursday, 12/8, from 10 am – 1 pm. The students can shop during their lunch. Please send money in a sealed envelope with the following information written on the front:

- ~ student's name
- ~ amount of money
- ~ who they are shopping for (and ages if shopping for siblings, please)

12/9: FAMILY FUN NIGHT: CRAFTS WITH SANTA

- ** watch your student's folder for more information **
- * 6 – 730 pm, ES Cafeteria
- * Admission \$1 / person with concessions available for additional purchase
- * Raffle items include CHAOS Water Park passes, a large wreath, children's books AND MORE!
- * SANTA will make an appearance and read to the children...bring your cameras!
- * Make some holiday crafts with the family!

12/12: MEETING (7 pm) Cafeteria

12/20: SPELL-A-THON KICK OFF!

Our annual fundraiser this year is a Spell-a-Thon. What will Mr. Hartman do this year if we raise \$ 10,000?! That announcement and other information will come home with your student on December 20. Make sure you take it along to holiday gatherings over break; this fundraiser is a huge part of our budget that helps with events and field trips for the students. Thank you for years past support and please help make THIS YEAR just as HUGE!

To get more information on our activities or to be more involved, please attend our monthly meetings. We keep them short but informative so that everyone knows what's going on and can still make it home for our student's bedtimes! ALL ARE INVITED!



Cancer Survived is a Life Revived!

In an effort to help those going through cancer or if you're a recent cancer survivor, Midwest Physical Therapy and Fitness Center would like to offer a free 3 month membership. See details below.

Program Details

- 3 month fitness center membership
- 1 free personal training session
- 1 free screen by a Physical Therapist

Who Qualifies

- Any adult 18 years and older with a cancer diagnosis or survived cancer treatment within the last year.

Benefits

- Increase cardiovascular endurance
- Decrease cancer-related fatigue
- Increase strength and balance
- Improve overall wellness

Referral from a cancer center or physician is required