

The Hawk-Eye



Bloomer Elementary School

March 2017

A Message From Mr. Hartman

Greetings BES Families! Believe it or not, our second trimester officially comes to an end on Thursday, March 2nd and report cards will be sent home the following week. Yes, the school year is really going fast and it will continue to do so, especially considering the breaks coming up in both March and April. Our next round of parent-teacher conferences will take place at the end of April and will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. Please remember, however, that if a question or concern arises in between conferences at any point in time, do not hesitate to contact us.

This past month our P.I.E. organization sponsored a Valentine's Dance which was extremely well-attended, and our students had a blast! It was the most well attended Family Fun Night in a long time. This month P.I.E. is sponsoring a Family Fun Night *Carnival* on Friday, March 10 beginning at 5:30pm. This event will take place in our gymnasium and will go until 7:30pm, and food will be served that evening. I want to thank our P.I.E board members for their continued work in helping support our school and for providing great opportunities and experiences for so many kids.

This past week we wrapped up our student council (S.P.A.R.K.S) food drive. Staff and students participated in dress-up days throughout the week, and we re-scheduled our Tropical Island Dance that was scheduled to take place on Friday, February 24th. This dance is one small way to reward our students for their contributions of non-perishable food items in our main office which we collected in our main office in a large swimming pool - which was over-flowing with food, I might add. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to help our students and local families in need.

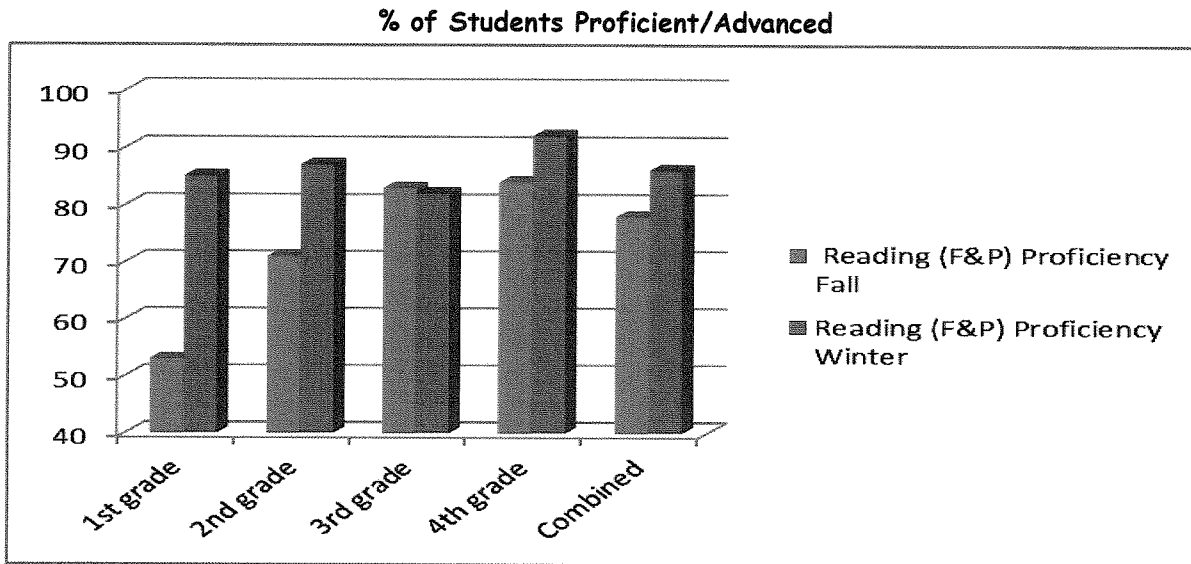
On another note, as you begin making your plans for summer, please consider enrolling your child in summer school. Summer school will begin the week after school is finished, with the first day slotted for June 12th. The summer school session will conclude on July 20th this summer, and as always we have a variety of course offerings for students. A summer school informational packet will be sent home with children towards the end of this month. We hope your child can make it this summer!

--Josh Hartman, Principal

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2016-17 BES Reading Growth

Now that we are past the mid-point of the school year, I'd like to take time to point out the academic successes of our students and share some literacy achievement data with all of you. We spend time as a staff analyzing student achievement on a very regular basis. While this data is only one part of what we are trying to accomplish in educating the whole child, I think it is important to recognize the progress made by our students and the hard work of our staff. The graph below shows the reading growth our students have made since the start of the school year using pre-determined benchmarks. Keep working hard Mini-Hawks!!



Important Dates to Remember

March 10th - TROPICAL DAY!!!!!!

March 10th - Report Cards sent home with students

March 15th - 5K Registration begins for 2017-2018

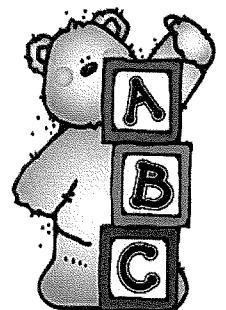


4K Registration

4K registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. If you have questions or would like a registration packet please contact the Elementary Office at (715)568-2800.

5K Registration

5K registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin March 15th. Registration packets will be sent home to all students who are in our census. *A reminder to current 4K parents, your child will automatically be enrolled in 5K at the Bloomer Elementary School unless the office is notified of a change.* Please contact the Elementary School if you would like more information.



Spring Music Concert

The upcoming spring concert for 3rd and 4th grade students will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the elementary gymnasium. Please mark your calendars!

Summer School

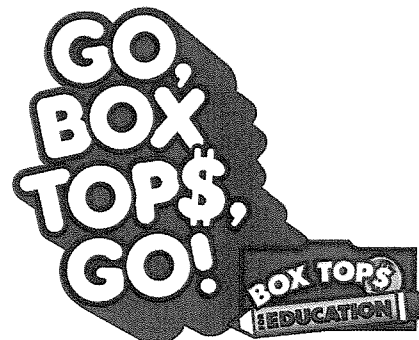


Planning for the 2017 Bloomer Summer School session is underway. Once again, students in the Bloomer School District will have an opportunity to enroll and participate in a variety of enrichment and remediation courses, swimming lessons, open gym, weight room and many other programs.

Dates for the summer session are as follows: Monday, June 12th-Thursday, July 20th. Courses will run in 2-week blocks (Session 1: June 12th-June 22nd, Session 2: June 26th-July 6th *No school on July 4th, Session 3: July 10th-July 20th) each summer school day runs from 7:45am-12:00pm. If you don't have a calendar set in stone for June and July, please consider enrolling your child in our summer school program. **Specific enrollment and course information will be sent home with students towards the end of March.*

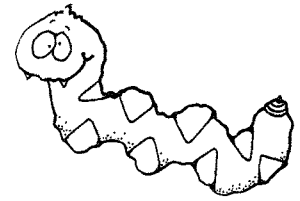
Start Saving Your Box Tops!

WE'LL BE HAVING ANOTHER BOX TOP CONTEST IN APRIL! START SAVING YOUR BOX TOPS NOW! MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME REGARDING THIS CONTEST IN APRIL.





Are you ready for...



"Laughing with the Animals"

Sponsored by: The Bloomer Women's Club & Bloomer PIE. This event has NO cost!

Monday, March 13th at 5pm

Bloomer Elementary Gym

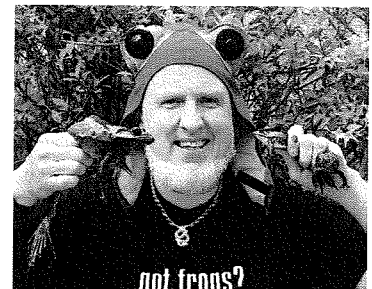
All Bloomer Elementary families are invited to "Laugh with the Animals" as David Stokes (a naturalist, humorist, and educator) takes Bloomer on a wild adventure.

The students at Bloomer Elementary will get a "brief" show during the school day, in hope FAMILIES will join in the fun and laughter at night! David will use LIVE CREATURES, animal artifacts, stories, songs, and more to help children explore reptiles and other animals.

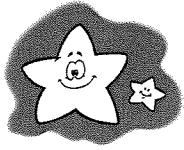
If You Love Laughter and Animals...
this is for YOU!

DAVID'S PHILOSOPHY:

I believe in entertaining while educating.
I believe no one is too old to get involved.
The secret to life is to participate.
It is never too late to have a happy childhood!
I believe in hands-on/minds-on learning.
The most powerful nation in the world is
IMAGINATION!



For more information please visit:
<http://www.dwstokes.com/>



Counselor's Corner

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

During March, classroom guidance lessons will center on the Theme of SELF-ESTEEM and The Blackhawk Trait Of The Month-HONESTY. Students in grades 5K through 4th will learn what self-esteem is (thoughts, feelings and beliefs we have about ourselves), how it is developed, how it is changed (positively or negatively), what influences it, ways to improve it and more!

The school counseling department will be offering a *SMALL GROUP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY* focusing on SELF-ESTEEM in March and a small group learning opportunity focusing on ANGER MANAGEMENT & TEMPER CONTROL in April. If you would like your child to participate in either of these groups, or for more information, please contact me.

During our recent Food Drive, several pounds of food were collected and donated to our local Bloomer Food Pantry! The words, "thank you," often don't seem adequate enough to express the gratitude felt by all the families, organizations and people you have helped us help! ☺ Together, we ARE making a difference! Students and staff will no doubt enjoy our Tropical Day dance on the rescheduled date of Friday, March 10. It is a great time to shake away some winter blahs! ☺

The School Counseling 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: The Self-Confident Child by Jean Yoder, MD, Hearing Is Believing: How Words Can Make Or Break Our Kids by Elisa Medhus, MD, Parents DO Make A Difference: How To Raise Kids With Solid Character, Strong Minds & Caring Hearts by Michele Borba, EdD and The Power Of Positive Talk: Words To Help Every Child Succeed by Douglas Bloch, MA. Please stop in and take a look!

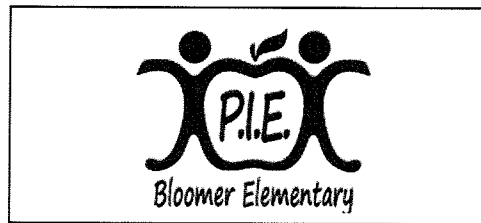
Daylight Savings Time this month reminds us to "Spring Ahead." Let's change our outlook on "losing" an hour and look "forward" to what the new season will bring. Budding trees, seeing the first robin, melting snow, WARMER temperatures! What are you looking ahead to with your families? Take advantage of the warmer weather and get outside! Collect pussywillows, go for a hike on the trails of our local Ice Age Center, map out where you'll plant a garden! Whatever you are looking ahead to, enjoy the company of each other and the simplest moments of joy you'll share. ☺ Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Spring!

BE RESPECTFUL

**BE RESPONSIBLE
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MARCH

Is it March already?!?! We aren't finished yet...and we're hoping you are also ready for the spring activities that are popping up!

SPELL-a-THON UPDATE!

SPELL-a-THON envelopes have been coming in, please keep them coming! If you forgot to pledge your student...you still can! Fill out the envelope attached to their test and return...they will be eligible for a prize and all monies will help towards our goal of \$ 10,000! Make sure to help out, we want to PARTY IN THE PARK in May!

4TH GRADE FAMILIES

Thank you for your help with P.I.E.-sponsored events. Many of you have done your part for your 4th grader to attend the field trip at the end of the year. Thank you! For those that yet haven't signed up, letters were mailed to you. Please respond to bloomerpie@gmail.com so we can get you signed up in the next couple of months; we still have events that could use your help.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT ~ CARNIVAL

We are still having the Fun Fair Carnival that we have typically had at the annual Sock Hop. This will take place on Friday, March 10, in the ES gym. The admission is free...all you need to pay for are your activities: concessions, large raffles and game tickets. Games will be set up as before with special guest Mayo Clinic providing some fun also. Watch for a separate flyer to be sent home shortly with more details!

Upcoming dates:

3/13: MEETING (7 pm) Cafeteria

4/14: FAMILY FUN NIGHT ~ SOCK HOP DANCE

5/08: MEETING (7pm) Cafeteria

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!