

The Hawk Eye



Bloomer Elementary School

January 2017

A Message from Mr. Hartman...

Welcome back! I hope you were able to enjoy some time with family and friends over our winter break, and that your new year is off to a great start. The break itself went fast as it always does, as will the second half of our school year. That being said, we are all excited to have the kids back here and we are looking forward to a great month of learning as we begin 2017!

This month in particular is often looked at by educators as a month where students demonstrate a great deal of academic growth. Now that the excitement (and stress) of the holidays are over, we are able to settle in to more consistent daily and weekly schedules, and that consistency bodes well for kids. This is also a time of year where teachers will be taking time to review *The Blackhawk Way* expectations with our students in various locations in our building. Reviewing these expectations is one way we can help ensure all of students are ready to learn each and every day.

Also worth noting is the fact that our P.I.E. organization continues to be a great asset and service to our staff and students. This month, P.I.E. is hosting another *Family Movie Night* which will take place on Friday, January 13th. Additionally, information was recently sent home regarding our *Spell-a-Thon*. This fundraiser will serve to not only provide needed funding for student activities and field trips, it parallels with some of the instruction going on in our classrooms throughout the year. Thanks in advance for any pledge amount you might be willing to make for the benefit of our kids.

Lastly, the week of January 16th-20th is *Wisconsin Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week*. During this week in particular, let us be reminded of the job these folks do helping our students get to school safely each and every day. There is nothing more important than student safety, and our adult crossing guards deserve a big THANK YOU from all of us at Bloomer Elementary!

Warm wishes,

Josh Hartman - Principal
Bloomer Elementary

***Be Respectful * Be Responsible *Be Safe
IT'S THE BLACKHAWK WAY!**

Attendance Reminders

If your child will not be in school on a particular day please make sure that you call the school number and leave a message on the attendance line (715)568-2800 stating your child's name, the date and the reason for absence. Students that do not have a phone call or note from their parents will be marked unexcused for the day.

Bloomer Elementary students begin instruction in their classroom at 7:50 a.m. It is important that all students arrive at school before this time and are in their classroom ready to learn at 7:50.

Keep Sick Students Home



Parents are reminded to keep sick children home from school until 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F or greater) without the aid of medications such as Tylenol®. This is the safest way to prevent the spread of any illness.

Department of Health Services is also encouraging parents to have a prearranged plan for caring for a sick child at home for the duration of a school exclusion period. All sick people should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events and public gatherings.

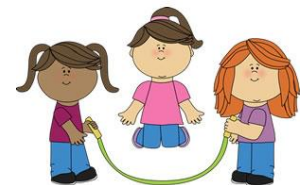
Lost and Found

Our lost and found is **over-flowing** with hats, mittens, snow pants, boots and jackets. If your child is missing something please take a look at the lost and found closet located near the front entrance doors. Remember to label your child's clothing 😊



Jump Rope Competition

On Friday, January 13th students from the Elementary and Middle School will be bused over to the High School at 9:30 am for the annual school "jump-off". This determines which students will be representing the School District of Bloomer at the Jump Rope Championship that will be held on Saturday, January 28th at the Bloomer High School. The top two jumpers in each Division will qualify for the Championship. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend this event



Dates to Remember

January 9th - P.I.E. Meeting 7:00 pm

January 16th - 20th - Crossing Guard Recognition Week

January 26th - 4pm-8pm - Parent Teacher Conferences

January 27th - No School - Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-noon



Counselor's Corner

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

During January, classroom guidance lessons will center on the Theme of FAMILY DYNAMICS and The Blackhawk Trait Of The Month-ACCEPTANCE. Students in grades 5K-4th will learn several examples of accepting themselves, accepting others, etc. Students will also be learning about various types of families, dynamics within a family, what makes a family a family, building stronger family relationships, sibling rivalry and problem solving, as well as how families around the world are similar to or different from our families. ☺

Coming later in January, the school counseling 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: "Does Wednesday Mean Mom's House Or Dad's? Parenting Together While Living Apart by Marc J. Ackerman, Parenting Through Crisis by Barbara Coloroso, The Stepparent's Survival Guide: A Workbook For Creating A Happy Blended Family by Suzen J. Ziegahn, PhD, Our Family Meeting Book: Fun and Easy Ways To Manage Time, Build Communication and Share Responsibility Week By Week, by Elaine Hightower & Betsy Riley and The Co-Parenting Survival Guide: Letting Go Of Conflict After A Difficult Divorce by Elizabeth S. Thayer, PhD & Jeffrey Zimmerman, PhD. Please stop in and take a look!

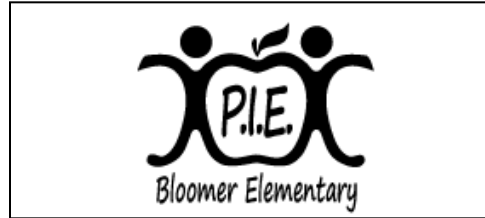
Happy New Year! Welcome 2017! ☺ As you reflect on the past year, what family memories had you laughing and smiling together? What was your family's greatest accomplishment? Biggest challenge? What can you work on together? Perhaps your New Year's resolution can be based on how you answered those questions. Whichever resolution you make, may it bring your family closer and give you increased resolve to make your bond stronger. "Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life. No matter what." ☺

BE RESPECTFUL

**BE RESPONSIBLE
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BE SAFE

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JANUARY

Welcome back! We hope you were able to enjoy the holiday break and spend time with friends and family! Also hoping it rejuvenated you enough to meet the New Year and all that we have planned! Make sure you SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming dates:

1/6: SPELL-a-THON PLEDGE SHEETS DUE

1/9: MEETING (7 pm) Cafeteria

1/9 – 1/20: SPELL-a-THON TESTING

1/13: FAMILY FUN NIGHT ~ MOVIE NIGHT!

The students will vote on what movie we will be watching this night. As usual, we will have full concessions, raffles, music and a movie to watch! More details to follow!

1/19 – 1/27: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our last book fair was the BIGGEST we have ever had! We love that your students love to read! And when you buy from Scholastic, we get money to buy books to give back to the classrooms, so thank you for your support as well!

We are still in need of volunteers to help make this event a success. Please contact us at bloomerpie@gmail.com if you have some hours available on these dates to help out.

1/28: ROPE JUMP COMPETITION

Our P.I.E. organization runs the concessions for this event and we could use some help. Again, please email bloomerpie@gmail.com if you are available this Saturday for a couple of hours!

1/30: SPELL-a-THON TESTS / PLEDGE SHEETS SENT HOME

2/10: SPELL-a-THON MONEY DUE

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!