

The Hawk-Eye



Bloomer Elementary School

September 2016

A Message from Mr. Hartman

On behalf of the staff here at Bloomer Elementary, I would like to welcome everyone to a new school year! We are off to a great start and we know that the staff we have assembled will provide each child with the very best learning opportunities possible. Our goal is to ensure that each student shows social, emotional and academic growth throughout the school year. We are committed to supporting and encouraging each child to embrace the new challenges that lie ahead.

As with the start of every school year, we have some new faces in our building. Not only did we welcome 22 new students this fall, we also brought seven new staff members on board. We kicked-off our year with our annual Open House on Tuesday, August 30th where we had nearly perfect attendance. We look at this event as a great way for kids to come in and get comfortable with their new surroundings, and for teachers and parents to develop the open lines of communication which we feel so strongly about.

The first few days of school have gone well as we focused on getting to know our students, and making sure everyone was comfortable in their new environment. We also spent time this last week teaching our students specific expectations in areas throughout our building, as well as on the school bus. In just the first few days, students appear to have settled in to the routines associated with their new grade and new teacher.

Each month we will keep families up-to-speed on the happenings at Bloomer Elementary by sending home a monthly newsletter. This is just one way for us to help build the connection between home and our school community which we recognize as being vital to our success. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all a great school year!

Josh Hartman, Principal
Bloomer Elementary

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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.



Attendance Reminder



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.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Parents/Guardians can begin signing up for parent teacher conferences through our Skyward family access website October 3rd. Go to www.bloomer.k12.wi.us on the right hand side select "Skyward Student and Family Access". After you sign in you can choose the "Schedule Conference" tab. If you have questions about your family access sign in please contact Pam Hebert at the District Office. 715-568-2800 ext 3119.

Lunch Money

Please make sure that when you are sending lunch money to school with your child it is in an envelope with your child's name on it. Thanks for your help with this!

Transportation Changes - Student Messages

We need your help! The end of the day is extremely busy in the elementary office. It is very important that a note is sent to school in the morning if there is a change in your child's normal routine for going home. Although we know that there are times when emergencies arise, routinely calling into school late in the afternoon makes it very difficult for us to insure that your student's teacher is notified of the change. **If an emergency arises, notification prior to 2pm** enables us to inform your child's teacher in a timely manner. Your help with this is very important and appreciated.



Bus Changes

Anytime that your child rides the bus to a different spot than usual a note needs to be sent to school with your child. The note must have the address of the spot your child will be dropped off at as well as your signature. If you have specific bus questions please contact Kobussen at 715-568-4232.

Music Concerts

Grades 5K, 1st & 2nd Grade - Winter Concert December 20th @ 1:30 BES Gym

Grades 3rd & 4th - Spring Concert April 10th @ 1:30 BES Gym



Pick-up & Drop-off

Please know that the drive in front of the main entrance is a one-way street and intended to be a drop-off lane only. The drive was designed this way in efforts to allow emergency vehicles the ability to access the front of the building as needed. Be aware that if you stop in the drive traffic behind you will not be allowed to move and that it is a one lane drive (no passing). Thank you again for your efforts and understanding.

Hearing and Vision Screening

Bloomer Elementary School will conduct hearing and vision screenings for select grades on October 5th and October 6th



Volunteers are needed for the following times:

- Wednesday, October 5th 8:00-11:30, Noon -2:30
- Thursday, October 6th 8:00-11:30

If you are available to help at any of these times, please contact the elementary office at 715-568-2800 ext. 1000. THANK YOU!

September 30th - SPIRIT DAY! Dress in Black and Orange!!!



Join us for the Homecoming football game Friday night, September 30th as the Bloomer Blackhawks take on the Chetek Bulldogs.

7:00 pm!

Did you know??? All Bloomer School District students get into all regular season athletic events for FREE!!!!

Mayo Clinic Health System

Several grief support classes are offered through Mayo Clinic Health System.

Side by Side - This is a five week grief support group for adults. Topics will include understanding grief, memories, coping and adjusting to new roles, self-care, traditions and finding hope. Group times and locations are rotated throughout the Northwest Wisconsin region throughout the year. No charge.

- Thursdays, October 6-November 11:30 am - 1 pm, Ladysmith Care Community, Cameo Room, 1001 E 11th Street N, north entrance and parking lot, Ladysmith.

Common Bonds - These gatherings are for those who have experienced the death of their spouse. Get together monthly at a local restaurant for conversations, camaraderie and support over coffee or a meal.

- The Women's Gathering, second Wednesday of each month, 2-3:00, Deb's Café, 1120 122nd Street, Chippewa Falls (formerly Camille's Sidewalk Café)
- The Men's Gathering, second Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 am, Menomonie Family Restaurant, 2616 Hills Court, Menomonie.

Grief at the Holidays - These sessions will offer participants useful information, a time to reflect and find hope in the holiday season after the death of a loved one. Making a special memento to take away will be included, no charge.

- Thursday, December 1, 3-5 pm, lower level conference room, Mayo Clinic Health System, Barron
- Thursday, December 8, 3-5 pm, Mediation Room, Luther Campus, hospital entrance, Mayo Clinic Health System, Eau Claire.



Nurse Notes

Medication

Just a reminder if your child is in need of medication that might need to be administered at school.

Supply:

The medication to the school

Medication form with parent signature

If medication is a prescription we need Dr.'s order and signature.

We want your child to be able to stay in school as much as possible. We cannot administer a medication that is not here or we do not have signed consent from you to give. We have these checks to make sure that your child receives the needed medication, properly.

If your child had medication here last year, we cannot carry that over to the new school year. We need new orders and medication.

Vaccinations

Just a reminder:

Please make sure that your child has had the necessary vaccinations for age and grade level. The school is required to follow the law. If your child is not up to date we will be sending out letters to let you know what they are missing and the time frame you have to get them.

If you do not wish to have your child vaccinated or can not do it in the time frame, a waiver needs to be signed.

The requirements are:

Ages 2-4 – 4 DPT, 3 polio, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 MMR, 1 Varicella

Kg - booster of Polio, MMR and Varicella

6th Gr. – a TDaP

Please remember - vaccinating your child now could save them from having a nasty disease in the future.

What is PBIS???

PBIS stands for **P**ositive **B**ehavioral **I**nterventions and **S**upports. PBIS is a school-wide approach that involves teaching behavior expectations throughout the school. It is based on a model that focuses on teaching, reinforcing, and recognizing appropriate student behavior. When students struggle to demonstrate appropriate behaviors, we have ways to support those students to learn and demonstrate the expected behaviors.

We ask the students to show “The Blackhawk Way”, which means being respectful, responsible, and safe in all environments in the school. We truly believe that being responsible for ourselves, respectful to each other, and stressing safety, Bloomer Elementary will continue to be a great place for children to learn.





Counselor's Corner

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

Welcome back to another wonderful school year at BES! I hope your summer months were filled with family, friends and great memories! Inside these walls children and adults are learning and growing together. We make a great team! ☺ Thank you for your support of and dedication to the success of our kiddos!

During September, classroom guidance lessons will center on the Theme of **CHARACTER EDUCATION** and the Blackhawk Trait Of The Month-**CITIZENSHIP**. Students will learn about honesty, listening, respect, rules and consequences, following directions and more! We will read stories, participate in various activities and play some games to learn the importance of these traits to help us be successful in school and beyond!

The Guidance department will be offering a small group learning opportunity in October. This group will focus on **SOCIAL SKILLS** (listening, cooperation, friendship, etc.) for students in grades 5K-4th. If you would like more information about this Social Skills Success group, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact me for more information.

Please contact me if there is any issue you would like me to discuss with your child to offer extra support. An individual counseling time with me once or more a week can be scheduled. I can be a trusted friend who listens and helps students with self-esteem, feelings, conflict resolution, family change, being new to our school, friendships, grief and loss and more. ☺

Several Bloomer community organizations have generously donated school supplies to our school. Wow! Thank you very much for being such caring friends to our school! These supplies are available in the School Counseling office. Students needing assistance obtaining required supplies are welcome to any items they need. ☺

**The School Counseling department offers many resources for parents, covering a wide range of topics. Featured resources this month include: [Helping Your Child Overcome Separation Anxiety or School Refusal](#) by Andrew R. Eisen, PhD & Linda B. Engler, PhD, [The School-Savvy Parent 365 Insider Tips To Help You Help Your Child](#) by Rosemarie Clark, M.Ed, [Character Building Day By Day: 180 Read-Alouds for Elementary School and Home](#) by Anne D. Mather & Louise B. Weldon, [Raising Children Without Losing Your Voice Or Your Mind](#) DVD produced by BoysTown Press and [Moving Past Perfect: How Perfectionism May Be Holding Back Your Kids \(and You!\) and What You Can Do About It](#) by Thomas S. Greenspon, PhD. Please stop in and take a look! Resources are available for check-out!

My hopes and dreams for this school year are that we all come together to challenge and empower “our” children, help them achieve and do all we can to provide them a safe, enriching, nurturing environment to learn and grow! Enjoy the school year! Happy Fall!

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MEET THE COUNSELOR

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Greetings Bloomer Elementary School families! ☺ My name is Ms. Jenny (Kramschuster) Tarnowski (Ms. T.) and I am the School (Guidance) Counselor at our beautiful school! I am very proud to be a part of this hard- working team and to start my 16th year working in the district I used to attend! I'm also very grateful for our community and parent involvement and the support and impact all have on our incredibly deserving students! ☺ We are going to have an outstanding year growing and learning together! I look forward to all the memories we will make this school year!

Here's a little bit about me...I was born and raised right here in Bloomer and had the privilege of growing up in a wonderful family! My Mom was a teacher and my Dad was the postmaster. I'm the oldest of three kids. I have a 7-year old daughter and a 4-year old son. As a family, we like to be outside playing, having fun with friends and relatives, learning new things and reading together. We laugh a lot and my heart is so full of love for them! ☺

I became a School Counselor because I want to help all children feel successful and believe in who they are! My family unexpectedly lost my Dad several years ago. His death also influenced my decision as I wanted to be a resource for kids who struggle with feelings and life's challenges. My philosophy is that ALL of us are valuable and valued members of a team working to ensure the best for OUR kids! My door is always open! ☺ Here are some fun facts about me!

I Love...making wishes on shooting stars, smiles, a good laugh, reading and cooking!

My Favorite Color is BLUE

My Favorite Season is FALL

My Favorite Food is FRENCH FRIES

My Favorite Sport is FOOTBALL

My Favorite Candy is REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER CUPS (YUMMY!) ☺

My Favorite Holiday is THANKSGIVING

My Favorite Animal is a DOG

My Favorite Book is LITTLE GORILLA

My Favorite School is OUR School! ☺

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