

The Hawk-Eye



Bloomer Elementary School

October 2016

A Message from Mr. Hartman...

It is hard to believe that the month of October is upon us and that we are already a month into the school year. Everyone at Bloomer Elementary has settled in and we are ready to embrace the fun and challenges that lie ahead. The start of a new school year can often present our students with some anxiety. In particular, making new friends, learning new routines, getting to know teachers, and completing schoolwork every day can be a bit overwhelming. Hopefully, by now some of those "new school year" worries have subsided.

October will certainly prove to be a busy month for all of us at Bloomer Elementary. Teachers will be finalizing fall assessments and screeners, and we are beginning to make preparations for our first round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. We also have a 4K Art Night scheduled, along with Hearing and Vision Screening, a Dental Clinic, our Book Fair, Fall Picture Re-takes, and also Red Ribbon Week taking place this month.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we recognize the importance of establishing open lines of communication with parents. Communicating regularly about the progress of students is paramount to their success. That being said, we strongly encourage each of you to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences as scheduled on October 20th - 21st. This is a great opportunity to have deep conversations about your child's progress and address any concerns you may have.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to spend time each day with your child, specifically talking to them about their day and what they learned. Although it sounds simple, these conversations are important to students, and they offer us as adults the opportunity to encourage kids to always do their best!

Josh Hartman, Principal
Bloomer Elementary

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



Dates to Remember

October 17th-21st Scholastic Book Fair

October 20th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00 pm

October 21ST - **NO SCHOOL** Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-Noon

October 26th - Picture Re-take Day

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.

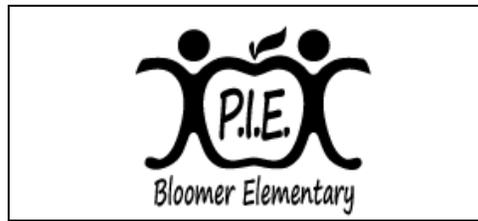
P.B.I.S.

The P.B.I.S. focus is on the classroom setting. Students are helping fill the school wide bucket by following the rules and expectations in all the classrooms they visit throughout the day. Students are learning the routines in these classrooms. Students are learning how to follow "The Blackhawk Way" through modeling of how to be respectful, responsible and safe at school in our classrooms.

The P.B.I.S. team has also created a suggestion box located by the Hawk's Nest and school wide bucket under the P.B.I.S. bulletin board. If you have a suggestion or question for the P.B.I.S. team, please leave us a note in the box. We are always looking for celebration ideas and feedback from our community.



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OCTOBER

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our September Family Fun Night a success! There was a great turnout, fun raffles, awesome face painting and an overall amazing time had by all. Don't miss out on the next one!

Spiritwear orders have been placed and will be coming home shortly from school with your student. If you want a different delivery, please contact us at bloomerpie@gmail.com

Upcoming dates:

10/17 – 21: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

~ volunteers still needed! Please contact bloomerpie@gmail.com if available!

11/11: FAMILY NIGHT ~ MOVIE NIGHT

**** more information coming home as date gets closer ****

11/14: MEETING (7 pm) Cafeteria

11/15: FAMILY FUN NIGHT ~ CESA NIGHT / MATH NIGHT

**** more information coming home as date gets closer****

Please note: December will be busy!

Shopping is almost done for Santa's Secret Shop! Dates will be released soon for shopping, along with instructions for students / parents on how to shop.

Our annual fundraiser will again begin in December, closer to the Holiday break. This year we will be doing a Spell-a-Thon and we are thinking of something EVEN BETTER for Mr. Hartman to do after we reach our goal!

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!



Counselor's Corner

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

During October, classroom guidance lessons will center on the Theme of **FRIENDSHIPS & BULLYING** and The Blackhawk Trait Of The Month-**RESPONSIBILITY**. Students will learn about peer pressure, making and keeping friends, the difference between tattling and reporting, identifying bullying behaviors in others and in themselves, how to handle bullies and bullying situations and more! We will read stories, role play, use videos, sign a pledge and play some games to learn the importance of these skills to help us be good friends and prevent and stop bullying in our school! We will also discuss how to report bullying in our school and why it is so important to tell/ask for help. **October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Please encourage your children to be respectful towards and accepting of others. Please also support them in reporting when they or someone else is being bullied or harassed. Review the included pledge and S.T.A.N.D. strategies regarding bullying. We are here to help!**

The Bloomer Community Mentor Program is a wonderful program offering extra academic and social support to deserving students in grades 4K thru 10th. Mentors and their student matches meet during the school day at school for 30 minutes each week. Together, they read, play games, visit, enjoy the playground and develop a friendship. This program is currently in need of mentors! If you would like more information on how you can make a difference in a child's life, please contact the counseling office. Thank you! ☺

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: [Who's Raising Your Child? Battling The Marketers For Your Child's Heart & Soul](#) by Laura J. Buddenburg, [Good Friends Are Hard To Find-Help Your Child Find, Make & Keep Friends](#) by Fred Frankel, PhD, [Bully Blocking: 6 Secrets To Help Children Deal With Teasing & Bullying](#) by Evelyn M. Field. [Creating A Mindset That Our Digital Actions Are Public & Permanent](#) by Richard Guerry and [Don't Pick On Me-Help Kids Stand Up To & Deal With Bullies](#) by Susan Eikov Green. Please stop in and take a look!

Halloween tips: children should wear costumes that fit properly and abide by school rules relating to appropriateness (**PLEASE NO weapons, etc.**), trick-or-treat at homes you are familiar with, check the candy in your children's treat bags and make sure your kiddos brush their teeth after all that candy! ☺ Happy Halloween!

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

IT'S THE BLAKCHAWK WAY

October is NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

Bloomer Elementary School

STAND Against Bullying Pledge

We, the students and staff of Bloomer Elementary School, agree to join **TOGETHER** to **STAND AGAINST BULLYING** at our school.

We believe that everybody should enjoy our school equally and feel **SAFE, SECURE** and **ACCEPTED** regardless of race, gender, ability, etc.

Bullying happens when behavior is intended to hurt other persons' feelings or body. Bullying can be physical, verbal or nonverbal acts against another person (pushing, hitting, kicking, pinching, name-calling, teasing, excluding, ignoring, lying about, etc.). **BULLYING CAUSES PAIN AND STRESS TO VICTIMS AND IS NEVER JUSTIFIED OR EXCUSABLE!**

By signing this pledge, we agree to **BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE AND BE SAFE** and **STAND AGAINST BULLYING! We WILL:**

1. Value differences and treat others with respect.
2. Not become involved in bullying or be a bully ourselves.
3. Be aware of our school's rules and support system regarding bullying.
4. Honestly and immediately report bullying to a staff member.
5. Be alert in places around school where there may be less supervision.
6. Support students who are victims of bullying.
7. Talk to teachers, parents and other students about bullying concerns and what to do as a bystander.
8. Be a good role model of The Blackhawk Way.
9. **STAND AGAINST BULLYING:**

Stand tall and walk in a way that shows you are a person deserving of respect

Tell an appropriate adult

Avoid being in harm's way

Say **No** to the demands of a bully

Develop friendships and stand up for each other

Bloomer Elementary School Peer Mediation Program

Bloomer Elementary School is proud to have our PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM! Peer Mediation is a violence prevention program intended to enhance the climate in a school. SPARKS Student Council members have been trained as Peer Mediators. They have been trained in specific strategies of conflict management to help students problem-solve. Peer Mediation is intended to clarify the nature of a dispute. Peer Mediation is available for ALL students to resolve their issues with one another from harassment to exclusion and teasing to gossip.

~Peer Mediators DO NOT solve problems for students. Instead, they help students think of ways to resolve problems themselves in a peaceful manner. Emphasis is on listening and understanding the perspective of others. Peer Mediators act as facilitators, not as police officers or judges. Peer Mediators remain neutral and do not take sides. They treat all people and problems with respect, listen to both sides, keep discussions confidential (unless intervention is needed), help disputing parties reach a solution and help find positive solutions to problems. Peer Mediation teaches children skills to problem-solve on their own. Concepts used in Peer Mediation can also be carried over and used on the bus, in the lunchroom and even at home to help with sibling squabbles

~Peer Mediation is POSITIVE! Across the country, schools that utilize this program report decreases in suspensions, reduced tensions and improved school climate!

*BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS: gain problem solving, critical thinking & communication skills, learn a collaborative style of conflict resolution and develop leadership skills, assume personal responsibility and enhance self-esteem

*BENEFITS FOR STAFF: reduces tension, improves climate, provides alternatives to standard disciplinary procedures and creates more time for instruction

*BENEFITS FOR SCHOOL: decreases violence, empowers students to resolve conflicts and reduces time spent on discipline

*BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES & COMMUNITY: resolves home conflicts more effectively, builds life & employment skills and reduces conflict and violence by teaching understanding

~Students in any grade (4K thru 4th) may voluntarily sign up to attend Peer Mediation to assist them in resolving a conflict. Staff may also refer students for participation in a Peer Mediation session. A Peer Mediation Resolution Agreement is signed by all parties and either the School Counselor or the Peer Mediators follow-up with the students involved.

~Peer Mediation will be available in the Counseling Center (Room 007) every day we are in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:40 am - 12:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 pm - 1:50.

~We are looking forward to the success of the Bloomer Elementary School Peer Mediation Program! Thank you for your support of this beneficial program!

Featured Community Resource

Family Grief Retreat

Sponsored by Mayo Clinic Health System

WHEN: Saturday, October 15

TIME: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

WHERE: Beaver Creek Reserve
S1 County Road K
Fall Creek, WI

Lunch will be provided

There is NO CHARGE to attend

CALL 715-464-5086 TO REGISTER

Family members of all generations are welcome to attend. This workshop is offered for families who are grieving the death of a loved one. Through art, music and storytelling, participants will be able to share their experience, learn about the grief process and work on special projects together.

Micheal Perry, a New Auburn, WI native and New York Times Bestselling Author, will be present to share readings from some of his writings that pertain to grief.

Are you being picked on or bullied?

Here are 5 things
you can do
to help avoid being a target

S *tand tall and walk in a way that shows you are a person deserving respect.*

– Your body language can help prevent you from being a target.

T *ell an appropriate adult.*

– Telling to prevent a dangerous situation is not tattling.

A *void being in harm's way.*

– Getting away from a dangerous situation is not being a coward. It's being smart.

N *Say NO to the bully's demands from the start.*

– If you give in to small things, he'll demand more. EXCEPTION: If you are in physical danger, go along until you can report it.

D *evelop friendships*

– Stand up for each other. Support others and ask for support. If someone is being bullied, speak up. If someone is being excluded, include them in your group.

Source: http://www.bullyproof.org/bullyproof_stand.php

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