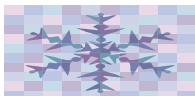


December Newsletter

Principal – Kristi Bachtell
Assistant Principal – Eric Meredith
Assistant Principal – Suzie Winders



As 2009 comes to a close, the Bester staff would like to thank the students, teachers, and parents/guardians for putting forth such outstanding effort on a daily basis in order for learning to occur, students to be challenged, and the safety and well being of all to be maintained. With the holiday season upon us, we encourage everyone to take time to relax with family and friends and enjoy the season. ***Best wishes for a peaceful holiday season, and a prosperous new year!***



Winter Break

Schools will be closed December 24th – January 1st for the Winter Break. Schools will re-open Monday, January 4th 2010.



Wednesday, December 23rd the entire school has been invited to the Maryland Theater for a Holiday Presentation presented by students who attend the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. Please be on the look out for a permission slip and information regarding our trip which will be sent home by your child's teacher.



As we move forward this winter, please consider using the following local means of communication for checking on school closings, delays, or early dismissals due to weather related situations.

www.wcboe.k12.md.us - Click on Delays / Closing. This will provide an extensive list of information regarding WCPS policy for weather related school delays and closings.

Radio – WJEJ / 1240 AM, WCRH / 90.5 FM, WQCM / 94.3 FM, WIKZ / 95.1 FM, WAYZ / 101.5 FM, WPPT / 92.1 FM, WARK / 1490 AM, WWEG / 106.9 FM, WLTF / 97.5 FM, WICL / 95.9 FM, WFMD / 930 AM, WFRE / 99.9 FM, WDHC / 92.9 FM, WCST / 1010 AM, WCBC / 1270 AM, WKZG / 107.1 FM.

Television – WHAG / Hagerstown, WRC / Washington, WJZ / Baltimore, Antietam Cable Channel 99.

Phone – WJEJ Weather Phone – 301-797-9797.



Parents/Guardians are welcome to join their child for lunch in the cafeteria. If you choose to do so, you will be asked to eat with your child at a designated location within the cafeteria which will remove you from other students. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

*A message from our Counselor
Mrs. Pierpoint*

The school year is flying by and it's hard to believe that we are in December already! So far this year I have seen our students make wonderful strides toward becoming more respectful and responsible citizens. In order to keep this pace I will be conducting classroom lessons in the media center this month for Kindergarten through second grade. We will be discussing what it means to be kind and how to make and keep friends.

The following students were selected to eat lunch with Mrs. Bachtell and Mrs. Pierpoint at the "Golden Table" for displaying CITIZENSHIP behavior during the month of November:

<i>Cameron Davis White</i>	<i>Dayne Bryan</i>
<i>Austin Brown</i>	<i>Theriho Thorpe</i>
<i>Peyton Zody</i>	<i>Monet Blue</i>
<i>Summer Quartucci</i>	<i>Kayla Bolinger</i>
<i>Sirr Smothers</i>	<i>Cody Crawford</i>
<i>Nevaeh Washington</i>	<i>Sam Rhoades</i>
<i>Natalie Rolea</i>	<i>Jasmyne Kelley</i>
<i>Darren Williams</i>	<i>Anthony Sierra</i>
<i>Angel Boyce</i>	<i>Megan Peer</i>
<i>Charles Sullivan</i>	<i>CJ Shaffer</i>
<i>Mia Archie</i>	

The Character trait for December is CARING. A person who is caring shows kindness is compassionate and shows they care, expresses gratitude or gives thanks, forgives others for their mistakes, and helps people who are in need.



Congratulations and Celebrations

November's Attendance Wing Leader
Classes were.....

- 1. Mrs. Carosella's Class*
- 2. Mrs. Mason's Class*
- 3. Mrs. Hess's Class*
- 4. Mrs. Beauclair's Class*
- 5. Mrs. Babb's Class*

Happy Holidays

