

Bester Elementary School

Educating ALL for the 21st Century

ATTENDANCE NEWS –

Student attendance continues to be very important at Bester Elementary. In order for your child to receive the maximum amount of instruction required for their success, it is extremely important that students arrive on time and are present each day.

*** Remember, you never know when we'll have our next Surprise Attendance Day!**

Be cool ~~ Come to school!



Special February Dates



February 3rd Report cards sent home
February 14th Valentine's Day
February 20th President's Day - No school
February 21st Mr. Tony concert/assembly
February 29th Leap Year Day
March 13-14 , 20-21 MSA testing dates



*** We currently have a position open for a qualified lunch assistant. The times are 11:30-1:30 daily. See Mr. Allshouse or Mrs. Winders for an application.**

Counselor's Corner: *The following students were selected for a character award for Fairness.*

Kindergarten-

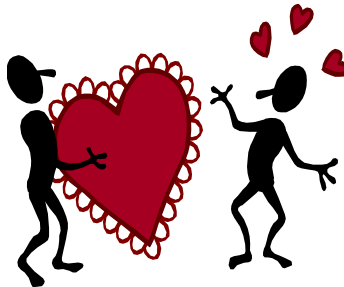
Ankeney: Skyler Ohler
Carosella: Margaret MacLean
Hartman: Jazmine Campbell
Mason: Samaira Jones
Mullican: Angel Lease

First Grade-

Dunn: Kaliyah Creary
Matan: Teriq Morris
Ryan: Maddison Boward
Strope: Israel Fisher

Second Grade-

Babb: Nathan Fann
Hirsch: Jazmine Ortiz
Hubstenberger: Trey Davies
Stottlemyer: Jasmine Staten
Davis: Vernetta Morris



Third Grade-

Butler: Dajor Walden
Kelley: Brett Ricketts
McGee: Alexandra House
Miller: Kayli Kline
Vanassa: Shyanne Sexton
Blevins: Quincy Valentine

Fourth Grade-

Gillespie: Tatyiana Harris-Jones
Leifer: Madison Stanfield
Sandell: Alexis Turner
Smith: Jan Paul Alvarado

Fifth Grade-

Buhrman: Nakiya Jones
Giancola: Kayla Bailey
Hess: Kelsey Ramsey

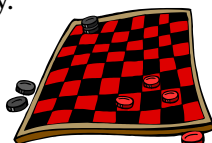
*** Character Counts "Student of the Month" continues in February. The trait for February is Respect This means showing others that they are valued for who they are, for their character, not what they look like or what they have. It means treating others the way you want to be treated, never insulting or making fun of others who are different in looks, ability, race, or religion. A respectful person is polite, does not use bad language, and never hits or uses violence—they seek adult help when needed.**

PBIS Updates:

In January, all students who “paid” 30 Bester Bucks and did not have office referrals enjoyed a reward... “**GAME DAY**”!

For the month of February, we have planned another awesome activity. We ask that students continue to work hard and earn Bester Bucks, Class Cash, and Cafeteria Cash.

Students who make good choices at Bester are able to enjoy our monthly PBIS reward activities. Please continue to encourage your children to do their best and show good character each day.



MSA testing reminders:

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the Maryland State Assessments very soon. The dates for MSA Reading testing -March 13-14, while MSA Math testing will be on March 20-21. Please plan to be at school on time on these dates.

**** We ask that students get plenty of rest (get a good night’s sleep) and eat a healthy meal at home. We will continue to serve our students a free breakfast each morning as well as a snack during testing.**

From our Title One School Family Liaison (SFL):

A HUGE thank you goes out to the wonderful volunteers who help at Bester Elementary.

We really appreciate you!

~ *From Ms. Lushbaugh*

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FYI - Parents of 5th graders:

February 10, 2012: *Middle School Merit Programs — Parent Nomination Forms* are due to 5th grade teachers by this 2/10/12. Teachers will give these forms to the Enrichment teacher on this date. All late forms should be sent to Mrs. Hatcher, Bester’s Enrichment teacher.



IMPORTANT WINTER REMINDERS:

1. As the temperature outside gets colder, remember that **our doors open at 8:30 am.** Please do not drop off your child/children before it is time for them to enter school. **There is no supervision provided before the doors open.** Consider walking to school a little later so you time it when the doors open. 
2. We will have outside recess unless it’s below 32 degrees, so dress appropriately. Students should wear warm coats, hats, and gloves each day. Check to make sure that their coat can zip or button up on cold days. **Please be sure to label all of your child’s clothing.** 



Thanks for making Bester a GREAT place for students to learn!