

# Bester Elementary School

## November 2011

### *Educating ALL for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

#### ATTENDANCE NEWS –

Attendance continues to be an important initiative at Bester Elementary. In order for your child to receive the maximum amount of instruction required for their success, it is extremely important that they arrive on time and are present every day. Individual students and classes receive awards for having excellent attendance! For example, did you know that the classes with the highest weekly attendance receive extra recess! For the month of November, all students with Perfect Attendance will receive a certificate as well as a free kids meal from Golden Corral or Olive Garden!



Also, McDonald's coupon books will be given away in a drawing for students who have earned 96% or better attendance! **Be cool – Come to school!**

#### Special November Dates:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Conferences
- 6<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time ends
- 8<sup>th</sup> Monkey Joe's fundraiser (4 to 7 pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program (6:30 pm)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chick-fil-A fundraiser (5 to 7 pm)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> PBIS Reward Activity
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break  
(No School)
- 28<sup>th</sup> No School



**Counselor's Corner:** *The following students were selected for a character award for being Trustworthy:*

#### Kindergarten-

Ankeney: Ana Small-Simmons  
 Carosella: Eden Kerns  
 Hartman: Jaziah McKenzie  
 Mason: Branden Quarles  
 Mullican: Trenton Ott

#### First Grade-

Dunn: Jesse Briscoe  
 Matan: Elijah Cadet  
 Ryan: Camaryn Riffe  
 Stroppe: Addison Luther

#### Second Grade-

Babb: Savana Adams  
 Hirsch: Matthew Miller  
 Hubstenberger: Justice Smith  
 Stottlemyer: Christina Roberts  
 Davis: Kevin Chavez



#### Third Grade-

Butler: Danielle Wolf  
 Kelley: Destiny Miller  
 McGee: Ciera Miller  
 Miller: Tanner Miller  
 Vanassa: Mikayla Plummer  
 Blevins: Aubrey Ebersole

#### Fourth Grade-

Gillespie: Benjamin Harrison  
 Leifer: Jaheim Williams  
 Sandell: Oshane Thorpe  
 Smith: Alexis Smith

#### Fifth Grade-

Buhrman: Jeffrey Resseger  
 Giancola: Alex Whittington  
 Hess: Abigail Henson

*\* Character Counts "Student of the Month" continues in November. Students will be selected based on their positive Character in the cafeteria. The Character Trait for November will be Citizenship. During November we will be looking for students who are cooperative in the cafeteria have the courage to do the right thing, follow school and cafeteria rules, and are good classmates. We'll be watching!*

**Books for Babies** - Look for information on this 10 year old fund raiser to come home! It is a wonderful fundraiser that raises money so that every baby born in Washington County Hospital can leave the hospital with a book. Please read the information carefully and consider having your child participate in this worthwhile cause. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nancy Hollobaugh, Bester SAS @ 301-766-8008.

## **PBIS Updates:**

For the month of October, all Bester students who “paid” 25 Bester Bucks and did not have office referrals were able to enjoy our Ice Cream Social. For the month of November, we have another surprise activity planned. We ask that students continue to work hard and earn Bester Bucks, Class Cash, and Cafeteria Cash. We also ask that students make good choices at school so they are able to enjoy our monthly PBIS rewards.

Please continue to encourage your children to do their best and show good character each day!



## **News from the SAS** - What is a SAS?

A SAS is known as a Student Achievement Specialist. What is a SAS’s job? The SAS’s job includes working with students, teachers as well as parents. The goal is to help so that students can do the best job they can with their grades and schoolwork. Who are Bester’s SAS? Mrs. Nancy Hollobaugh and Mrs. Kris Pearl are the SASs at Bester. You can reach them by calling 301-766-8008 or email them:

[hollonan@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:hollonan@wcps.k12.md.us) or  
[pearlkri@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:pearlkri@wcps.k12.md.us).

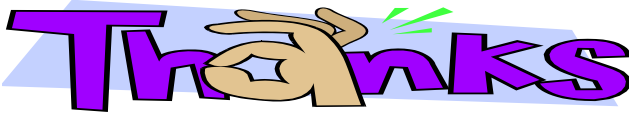
**Hint for the month:** *The best way for your child to become a better reader is for them to read. If you need help getting books that your child can read, please contact the SAS ☺.*

## **From the Title One SFL -**

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

Also, a BIG thanks to Staples for their donation of school and office supplies!  
**We really appreciate you!**

*Ms. Lushbaugh*



**THANK YOU TO SAM’S CLUB OF HAGERSTOWN FOR THEIR DONATION OF GIFT CARDS! TEACHERS ARE USING THESE TO PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY, STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES, PAPER, INDOOR RECESS SUPPLIES, AS WELL AS INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!**



## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

1. Our doors open at 8:30 in the morning. Please do not drop off your child or children before it is time for them to enter school.
2. Daily dismissal begins at 3:25 p.m. / 12:55 p.m. on early dismissal days.
3. Our school email has changed. Instead of **wcboe**, use **wcps**. For example, to contact Mr. Allshouse, use [allshkei@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:allshkei@wcps.k12.md.us)



## **Exciting News from the PTA –**

*Monkey Joe's fundraiser is on  
November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

*Chick-fil-A fundraiser is on  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

**We hope to see you there!**

### **REMINDER:**

The Board of Education prohibits bullying, harassment, or intimidation of any student on school property or at school-sponsored events or by the use of electronic technology at a public school.



Any student or parent/guardian who wishes to report an incident of bullying, harassment, or intimidation should report the incident to the classroom teacher as soon as you are able.

### **Bullying: The bystander's role –**

**Question:** My child came home from school upset because some kids were picking on a classmate and wouldn't let her play with them. What advice should I give my daughter?

**Answer:** Tell your child that her classmate was being bullied – and that she has the power to stop it! There are several things she can do. She could start by standing up to the bully and saying "That's not nice." Then she might ask the child who is being bullied to join HER in a game or other activity. Also, remind your child to report bullying to a teacher or other adult when she sees it. Let her know that this is NOT tattling, but a way to help someone who is being hurt. It's like asking to see the nurse for an injury.

Thanks to all the students and families who came to our McTeacher's Night on October 12<sup>th</sup>! It was great to see you there and we hope you had a lot of fun too. Because of your support, we were able to raise nearly \$375! We plan to do another McTeacher fundraiser and we really hope that you can make it!

**THANK YOU!**



### **Enrichment News**

**Battle of the Books** has arrived at Bester! We will have two teams meeting on Friday afternoons during school to prepare to compete in a Battle of the Books at Williamsport Library on March 3, 2011. More details to follow!

**Destination Imagination** is an innovative and creative approach to demonstrate critical problem solving skills. A team of 7 students will meet on Friday afternoons during the school day to prepare for a countywide competition early next year. Stay tuned for more information!

It's that time of year again! The Geography Bee will be held in the cafeteria on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Fourth and fifth grade students will be taking a short test to determine who will compete in the Geography Bee.

### **Bester Elementary is a tobacco-free site!**

There is no smoking or other tobacco products allowed on school property. Thank you!



**Dogs are NOT PERMITTED on school property. This is to protect our students as well as the dog's owner.**



***Bester Elementary – Where success happens every day for students!***