**Blooming Prairie** Elementary

 **Awesome** **Blossoms** **Bulletin**

Janua January/February/March 2018



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**BP Education Foundation Auctions**

**March 25th**

**Silent - 3:00 p.m. & Live - 6:00 p.m.**

***Monthly Matters & Highlights***

***January***

January 10 Spelling Bee 1:00 p.m.

January 15 Teacher In-service-No School

January 16 School Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.

January 19 End of 2nd Quarter-1 p.m. Dismissal

January 24 Report Cards Sent Home

***February***

February 8 Family Bingo Night

February 16 Teacher Inservice-No School

February 19 Presidents’ Day-NO SCHOOL

February 20 School Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.

March

March 2 Read Across America Day

March 5 Conferences 4:30-8:00 p.m.

March 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 12 Science Fair Judging 4:30-6:30

Public Viewing 6:30-7 p.m.

March 13 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

March 19 School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 23 End of 3rd Quarter-1:00 p.m. Dismissal

March 24 BP Ed Foundation Auctions

March 28 Report Cards Sent Home

March 30-April 3 Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

April

April 11 Spring Picture Day

April 13 PTO Sock Hop

April 16 School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 28 Regional Science Fair

May

May 4 Spring Concert 1:30 p.m.

 Grades 4-6, Band and Choir

May 6-11 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 13-18 PTO Play “Alice in Wonderland” Tryouts

and Rehearsals - Performances: TBD

May 21 School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 31 End of 4th Quarter

1:00 p.m. Dismissal

Student absences may be emailed to:

jnaatz@blossoms.k12.mn.us

Lunch Account information or questions may be directed to: lhefling@blossoms.k12.mn.us

BP Education Foundation Auctions

March 24th

Silent – 3:00 p.m. & Live – 6:00 p.m.

***Comments from Chris***

**by Chris Staloch, Elementary Principal**

Happy New Year! I am truly proud of the education that takes place at BPES! There are many pieces that are necessary in order to provide a quality education. It takes our staff, students, parents, and our community to come together to make it happen. I want to thank everyone for all that you do! We have a great school and it is because of the collective efforts of all!

It is very important for administrators, teachers, and parents to partner together to create a successful environment that promotes quality reading habits. Reading is an important skill that is necessary for all jobs. In school, we are continually working to use best practice in reading instruction to best educate our students. We work in grade level teams and professional learning teams to provide our students with quality reading instruction and quality reading opportunities. We continually use professional development to enhance our staff’s knowledge of quality reading instruction, and apply that new learning to our practice. Our reading instruction includes: phonics instruction, phonemic awareness instruction, vocabulary instruction, comprehension instruction, fluency instruction, and writing instruction. We use our Reading Streets curriculum, guided reading, and other methods to provide a quality learning experience for our young readers.

We recently had a professional development day where staff continued their learning of best practice in reading instruction.

We also were reminded of the importance of our students reading outside of the school day. According to The Literacy Company, 2017:

* Out-of-school reading habits of students has shown that even 15 minutes a day of independent reading can expose students to more than a million words of text in a year.
* Students who reported having all four types of reading materials (books, magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias) in their home scored, on average, higher on standardized tests than those who reported having fewer reading materials.

Together we can create a rich reading environment for our students to be successful readers now and in the future. The more reading opportunities that we provide our students inside and outside of school the better readers they will become. Our work together can create a brighter future for the students of BPES!

Our preschool census (birth to kindergarten age) is continually being updated. If you have any new or updated information, please let us know.

**Note from Blooming Prairie Elementary Health Office**

**To help keep our students and families healthy I am asking you to do me a favor.**

**Important facts when calling your child in sick to school:**

1. You can call school or email Julie Naatz: jnaatz@blossoms.k12.mn.us
2. State specific illness symptoms (report any positive strep or influenza)
3. Keep your child home 24 hours after starting any antibiotic for an illness.
4. Keep your child home 24 hours after the last time your child has vomited or had diarrhea
5. Keep your child home 24 hours after the last fever noted that is >100, (without fever reducing medications)
6. If your child presents with a rash, please have it evaluated prior to sending your child to school.
7. If you ever have any questions on whether or not is is safe to send your child to school feel free to call or email me.

Thank you for all your help in creating a healthy school environment for all students!!! Have a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Thank you,

Nurse Amanda

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