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THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

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A Note from the Principal

Parents,

Thank you all for your flexibility with our two heat days. Now that we are through the heat, students are not permitted to wear shorts any more, per our dress code policy. If for some reason we have anymore calamity days please make sure that you have your child logging onto I-ready, Achieve 3000, ALEKS and Study Island. As always, encourage your child to read 20 minutes a day.

This month is an important month for our third graders, as they will be taking the Ohio AIR assessment on October 28th and 29th. Parents please make sure your child arrives to school on time.

Please plan to come to our Homework Help night on October 7th from 6-7pm. This is an event that will provide you with resources that can help with homework. This event is being put on by our Parent ambassador, Mrs. Holbert.

I look forward to seeing parents at "Muffins with Mitchell" on October 8th at 9:30 in the library.

PTO meeting - October 14th from 6-7

Don't forget that we have early release on October 9th at 2pm.

No School on Friday October 18th for a Professional Development day.

As a friendly reminder, we still haven't hit our attendance goal of 96%. We are improving, we hit 94% this week, which is a 2% improvement !!! Let's do this!

Vision Statement

Impacting the future through strong leadership that supports accountability, pride, and respectful, transparent communication to produce a continuous expectation of excellence for all stakeholders.

Mission Statement

Berwick is a place where excellent students are rooted in a tradition of family and community. Berwick students are:

Challenged through high-quality, data-informed, innovative lessons designed to meet student needs;

Encouraged to explore, to be flexible, and to be independent; and

Empowered to be collaborators, creators, communicators, and critical thinkers.

Motto

We Learn. We Achieve. We Lead.

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Students OF THE MONTH

Each month this section will be dedicated to our "PAWS"istive student leaders. These are students that are proactive, accountable, willing to help others and safe with words and actions.

Tunga Alsop	Joi Johnson	Aliya Stewart
Myah Brown	Rickayla Jones	Treasure Teasley
Madelyn Burgess	A'Leah Jones-Wilson	Macaela Young
Harmoney Cleveland	Christian King	
Aliyah Coston	Kyah Lucas	
Justin Figueroa	Fatoumata Ndiaye	
Yannick Foster	Kennedy Penn	
D'ajanique Grooms	Camille Shellow	
Deswon Horton	Malaya Smith	



Hello All its Fall! For the month of October, we will continue to work on improving Berwick's attendance percentages through incentives and interventions with students and families. Our goal at Berwick is to achieve a 96% in attendance, this means we need every student to attend every day. If students are sick or have doctor's appointments, please continue to send in notes and make phone calls to the Secretaries so that we are able to accurately mark your student's attendance. In the month of September, Pre School had the leading percentage of 97.97 This month I will be continuing to provide social emotional support to students through weekly check-ins, walk-ins, or as needed conversations. I meet with students individually and in a group setting. During these check-ins, the students and I are creating short-term and long-term goals for their future. Somethings that I am currently meeting with students for are building coping skills, conflict resolution, managing stress and anxiety, coping with grief and loss, and building resilience. If you would like your child to meet with me please call the school at 614-365-6140 and ask to talk with the school social worker Ms. Courtney Birkhimer.

As it gets colder outside we want to make sure the students are well prepared for the weather and school! Mrs. Lucetta Holbert and I have organized the school closet we have a few new and gently used uniform pants and shirts. We also have new hats, gloves, and coats ranging from size 6X through 16. We have other resources in the community, please call for more information about clothing, food, and housing. If you are interested please call the school at 614-365-6140 and ask to talk to Mrs. Holbert or Ms. Courtney.



Homework Help

Having troubles with homework?
Are you fighting your child to get homework done?
We're here to help!



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When: Monday, October 7, 2019
Where: Berwick Alternative Library
Time: 6-7 p.m.

Come to a homework help session and get tips to help your child complete their homework and learn about available resources.

For more information, call Mrs. Holbert 614-365-6140 or email me at lhobert@columbus.k12.oh.us



Mrs. Hale and Ms. Doherty

Hello Berwick Families—

As your Middle School counselor, I am very excited to share some of the activities that we are going to do this school year. Our focus this year is not only on academics and communication, but also on college and career exploration.

This month, I will be visiting classrooms to work with our students in regards to having a growth mindset and knowing our individual learning styles. We will also talk about how important these are when thinking about future careers and college.

It is never too early to start talking about colleges and careers, so ask your student what their plan is!

Elementary Counseling:

Elementary school counseling update: I have been able to teach an introductory lesson in each class K-5 and I have loved becoming more acquainted with your students. Additionally, it was wonderful to meet so many of you at Open House! This month we will start focusing on respect, friendships, and some testing strategies and skills for our third graders who are starting their 3GRG journey's! As always, please feel free to email me with any questions/concerns - I am at Berwick M/W/F.



October School Health News

Student health screenings will begin this month for Kindergarten and 1st grade. We will be testing vision and hearing, as well as, height and weight of the students. The results of your students testing will be sent home. For any questions regarding screenings or your students results please contact the school nurse.

· Columbus Public Health will be visiting Berwick on the 18th of November for any families wishing to have their student receive their annual influenza vaccine at school this year. The Health Services consent form has been sent home with your student. Please complete and return to the school nurse if you wish to have your student vaccinated on this date.

Healthy students make great learners!

Important Dates for Berwick Alternative Pre K-8

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SCHOOLWIDE THEME:

CREATIVITY STARTS

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OUR MOTTO:

WE LEARN.

WE ACHIEVE.

WE LEAD.

10-9	Early Release Day
10-14	PTO Meeting at 6pm
10-17	Girl Scouts
10-18	No School Professional Development Day
11-4	Parent Teacher Conference 4-7:30pm
11-5	No School Professional Development Day
11-6	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
11-7	Girl Scouts
11-12	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
11-11	PTO Meeting at 5:30pm
11-13	Early Release Day
11-21	Girl Scouts
11-27-12-1	Thanksgiving Break
12-3	Winter Concert K-3 at 6:30pm
12-5	Girl Scouts
12-9	PTO Meeting at 6pm
12-10	Muffins with Mitchell
12-10	Literacy Night 6-7
12-11	Early Release
12-11	Winter Concert 4th and 5th at 6:30pm
12-18	Winter Concert Middle School
12-19	Girl Scouts
12-23-1-6	Winter Break
1-8	Early Release
1-9	Girl Scouts
1-13	PTO Meeting at 6pm
1-15	No School Records Day
1-20	No School Martin Luther King's Day
1-23	Girl Scouts
1-28	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
1-29	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
2-5	Girl Scouts
2-10	PTO Meeting at 6pm
2-11	Muffins with Mitchell
2-12	Early Release
2-17	No School President's Day
2-20	Girl Scouts
2-25	Popcorn kick off
3-5	Girl Scouts
3-9	PTO Meeting at 6pm
3-11	Early Release
3-19	Girl Scouts
3-19	Muffins with Mitchell
3-25	Records Day
4-2	Girl Scouts
4-6	PTO Meeting at 6pm
4-7	1st and 5th grade Heartland Camp
4-7	Middle School Instrumental at 7:30
4-8	3rd grade Heartland Camp
4-10-4-17	Spring Break
4-23	Girl Scouts
5-7	Girl Scouts
5-11	PTO meeting at 6pm
5-12	Muffins with Mitchell
5-21	Girl Scouts
5-21	STEAM Night
5-25	Records Day
5-28	Last Day of School



Saturday, Oct. 12

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Screenings registration ends at 1 p.m.

Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute

2835 Fred Taylor Drive
(State Route 315 and Ackerman Road)

Get a Free Sports Physical

Be prepared for winter and spring sports and get your free annual sports physical at Healthy Community Day. No pre-registration required.

Also get health information and free health screenings* by experts from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, including:

- Height, weight and body mass index
- Blood pressure
- Food and nutrition
- Foot care
- Skin screening
- General health
- Hearing
- Medication review
- Vision
- Smoking cessation
- Sports physicals
- Stroke awareness

**Screenings subject to change*

**ENJOY
FREE**

Hats and Gloves | Flu Vaccinations | Food | Child and Family Portraits | Sports Physicals
Family Entertainment | Giveaways and Raffles | Narcan Training | Parking

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