



October 5, 2018

Fall Edition



Dear BES Families,

It is hard to believe October is here already! Even though we had a little bit of a late start, we have had a very strong month of September while accomplishing a great deal. October promises to be a very productive month as well! October typically begins to show us the face of chilly weather to come and then quickly gives us a glimpse of the summer just past. With this in mind, please be sure to have your children dress in appropriate layers for school as needed. Children will continue to go out for recess on fine weather days, even when cooler temperatures prevail. Please also be reminded to stop by the main office and check our "Lost and Found" bin for any missing clothing as this is the time of year that our bin fills up quickly!

Please be aware that Monday, October 8th (Columbus Day) will now be an early dismissal day. Also, there will be no Open House this year but we will have a Back to School Night scheduled for Thursday, October 25th. There will be more information to follow about this and please check our website regularly for the latest information. In addition, please take some time to read our October issue of Home and School Connection! It contains some wonderful information and ideas for setting expectations, suggestions for offering homework support, finding a balance with school and after-school activities, and how to have serious discussions regarding lockdown drills. I hope that you continue to find our Home and School Connection useful and helpful.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and remember..... Family is the first school for young children, and parents are powerful models! ~ Alice Sterling Honig

Sincerely,
Bruce P. Leal, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS...



- Oct.8-Early Dismissal-1:15pm
- Oct.15-School Pictures
- Oct. 18-7pm- BOE Meeting-Library
- Oct.25-6pm- Back to School Night
- Oct.26-Early Dismissal-1:15pm
- Oct.31- 2pm- Halloween Parade

COMMUNITY NEWS...



BLAIRSTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Blairstown Department of Recreation is currently accepting registration for following Fabulous Fall programs opening in October: Register today! Opening in November are: **Eyes SPY** for grades 3 through 6, **Once Upon A Book** for Grades 1 & 2. Adult workout programs Yoga and Zumba, opening in September – through December. Various fee packages are available. Please visit our website for detailed information on all the programs and happenings (dates, times, fees, & description). www.blairstowntownship.org and click on Recreation or contact the Recreation Office at 908-362-6663 ext 232 Patricia M. Sagan, Director

Blairstown Rec. Youth Basketball, Warren County

League: Registration for the 2018-19 season is open now through **Oct. 5**. This program is open to all 3rd through 8th grade girls and boys from Blairstown and Hardwick. Registration fee is \$105 for the first child then \$85 for each sibling. Season will run Nov. 2018 through Mar. 2019. Registrations forms have been sent home. Online registration is also available at: www.leaguelineup.com/blairstownyouthbasketball; mail-in forms are also available in the Blairstown Municipal Building lobby. To have a registration form emailed to you or for more information, send a message to: blairstownyouthbasketball@yahoo.com. In-person registration nights will be Sept 27, Oct 1, 4 & 11 (Late registration ends on Oct 12 with a late fee.) All in-person registrations will be from 7-9 pm in the BES gym. ****Blairstown Rec. Basketball Registration Deadline is **Friday, Oct. 5******



SKI CLUB: Blirstown Elementary School Ski Club will be holding an informational meeting on **Tuesday, October 23rd** at **7:00** in the Blirstown Elementary School Library. The BES Ski Club is for ALL members of our community that are interested in joining, **(children 6 & under, by January 2, 2019, are not eligible for this program)**. We will be skiing on **Tuesdays** this year! There is bus transportation available for BES grade 5 and 6 students **only**.

Details regarding Ski Club will be outlined at this meeting and registration forms will be handed out. The Camelback enrollment portal will be open October 22 through November 25, 2018 The on-line registration portal will close at midnight **11/25** and no registration can be processed after that date, no exceptions.

Plan to attend the organizational meeting and get yourself ready for a great ski season. Instructions on how to navigate the enrollment portal will be provided at the **meeting on 10/23**. Please contact Mrs. Reynolds for more information at: reynolds@blirstownelem.net



PTG General Members Meetings: Please mark your calendars! Thursday November 1, 7pm BES library. We strongly encourage you to attend. Hope to see you there!

PTG GERTRUDE HAWK CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER will run **10/29-11/9**. Please lookout for our Fundraising packet for all your holiday gift needs!

CRAFTERS & VENDORS NEEDED: The 2018 Santa's Secret Workshop will be held on Saturday December 1, 2018 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the BES gym. Last year, the Blirstown PTG hosted a record number of children and families with a wide array of amazing vendors exhibited! Registrations for vendor tables are now open. Please contact Jen Unick for a registration form at SSWBES@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP: Saturday December 1st from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the BES gym. Join us at our Annual Santa's Secret Workshop! The only venue that allows your child to shop independently in a safe environment! All gifts in our Kids Holiday Shop are \$12 or under, many for under \$5!! There is something for everyone on your list at a budget YOU set for your child! Be on the lookout in the next few weeks for more details on this unique event!!



Fish/Chicken & Chips Dinner by Tastefully British

The First Presbyterian Church of Blirstown at 1 Main St. will be holding its 3rd Tastefully British Fish (or Chicken) & Chips Dinner on **Friday, Oct. 5 from 5 to 7 PM**. Advance ticket sales only. Dine in or take out. Adults \$15; Children (10 & under) \$8. For tickets or more information, visit www.fpchnj.org or contact the church office at (908) 362-5254, email fpcb@ptd.net.

Safe Trick or Treat

October 30 @6:00pm-7:30pm. 145 State Park Road, Hope, NJ Please wear your costumes! Our residents would love to see all the children dressed up! We will have tons of treats for everyone! This event is hosted by Forest Manor Healthcare Center. Any questions Please contact Dave Vandenheuvell, Activity Director. (908) 459-4128 ext. 3026.

Blair Academy students are hosting Melanie's Miles 5K trail run/walk on Sunday, November 11, at Blair Academy to raise money for the Melanie Humphrey Breath of Life Fund. This fund supports families affected by lung cancer by providing money for their day-to-day expenses. Melanie Humphrey, mother of Blair Academy students, Tanner and Logan was a Blirstown resident who fought courageously against the disease but passed away in 2012. To honor his mother, Tanner established the Breath of Life Fund in partnership with Lehigh Valley Health Network. **The public is welcome to participate in Melanie's Miles which includes a 9 a.m. "fun run" around the Blair track for ages 12 and under and a 9:30 a.m. 5K run/walk on the cross country course for ages 7 through adult. The entry fee is \$10 for the fun run and \$25 for the 5K. Please visit the Melanie's Miles Facebook page for additional information.**

Links for online:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1650383578605781/>
<https://www.active.com/blirstown-nj/running/trail-run-races/melanie-s-miles-5k-run-walk-2018?int=>

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