



Dear BES Families,

I hope this greeting finds everyone well as you are coming off an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday break with family and friends! December is upon us as we eagerly await the coming holiday season. While it is important to enjoy the time of the season, please be reminded that it is also important that we encourage our children to maintain a strong work ethic during this time of excitement. With the marking period coming to an end and parent/teacher conferences right around the corner, we have much to accomplish over the next few weeks. To help you with this, please refer to our December edition of "Home and School Connection" attached to this newsletter. There is a great article to share on connecting a love of learning, teaching your children some "stick-to-itiveness" and other areas related to school and home!

In addition, please pay close attention to our "Calendar of Events" on our website as we have our Winter Concerts approaching and you won't want to miss them. We have many activities taking place in school and in the community sponsored by our PTG during the month of December and I would encourage you to support us whenever possible. Many of the best gifts we can give our children are the gift of time, love, support, and education! As we approach this holiday season, and throughout the year, let us all remember to continue to work together for all of our children! Remember....."While developing a passion for learning and educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts as well! If you do, you will never cease to grow!"~ Dalai Lamma~

Sincerely,
Bruce P. Leal, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS...



- Nov.30- 1st Marking Period Closes
- Dec. 7- Early Dismissal 1:15pm
- Dec.9th thru 14th - Fall Book Fair
- Dec.10- 5th& 6th Grade Winter Concert -7pm
- Dec.11- Snow date for 5th & 6th Grade Winter Concert-7pm
- Dec.12th thru 14th- Early Dismissal 1:15pm/ Conferences
- Dec. 24th thru Jan. 1st- Winter Break
- Jan. 2nd- School Resumes

SCHOOL NEWS.....



SKI CLUB ENROLLMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED!- Camelback is having technical issues with their website so they have extended the registration deadline to 12/3/18

The Blairstown Elementary Ski Club is for all members of our community that are interested in skiing or snowboarding, (children 6 & under, by January 2, 2019, are not eligible for this program). There is bus transportation available for BES grade 5 and 6 students **only**.

The Camelback enrollment portal will be open through December 3, 2018. Please note** The on-line registration portal will close at midnight 12/3 and no registration information can be processed after that date.

Skicamelback.com
group login is: **ppd5669**
password: **btownele1819**

FYI- Season passes are also available through the club.
RETURNING THIS YEAR- The Night Rider Pass for \$109.00

- Direct to Lift Access
- Available to students age 6-18
- Ski from 3:00pm=close, 7 nights/week- Valid once night skiing begins
- Ski open-close 7days/week beginning March 1, 2019
- 25% off retail rental rates
- 20% off retail repair rates
- Free ski check

Please contact Mrs. Reynolds for information on how to purchase your season pass now at:
reynolds@blairstownelem.net



The Blirstown Elementary Chess Club begins on Thursday, Jan. 10th, and will continue every Thursday until Feb. 28th (3:15-4:15). Pick up is promptly at 4:15. Grades 2-6 are able to participate. Newcomers to the game are welcome! Permission forms will be in the main office. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Dell at ext. 113.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS WITH BLAIRSTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Snow Globe & Tree Cookies



This very special fun workshop is awesome and sure to kick the holidays into full gear! Our participants will be making the ever so popular Snow Globe Cookies and then decorating an amazing Cookie Tree – to bring home and display! Holiday fun for all! For Boys & Girls grades K – 6th Thursday, December 6th, 3:15 – 5:00 pm B.E.S. Small Cafeteria. Fee: \$25.00 REGISTRATION CLOSES – November 29th!

Outrageous Ornaments



Using cutting edge technology, awesome chemistry, and cool electronics our participants will make awesome ornaments, cards, and more to celebrate their favorite winter holidays. Make one-of-a-kind creations using the power of science and your own amazing imagination. These will be the coolest and most festive creations! For Boys & Girls Grades 1st – 6th Tuesdays, December 11 & 18, 3:15 – 4:30 pm. B.E.S. Small Cafeteria Fee: \$25.00 REGISTRATION CLOSES – December 4th!



Santa Claus Is Phoning Our Town!



The Department of Recreation is happy to report that again we will be arranging special personal phone calls from Santa to any resident child who wishes to speak with Santa. In order to receive a phone call from Santa a postcard must be sent to: Recreation Department, 106 Route 94, Blirstown, NJ. The postcard must have the child's name, age, address, & **telephone number**. Please note information such as; siblings, pets, and special hobbies that may be of interest to Santa. The North Pole will be connecting Santa's phone calls to Blirstown on Sunday, December 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Make sure you are available. Santa does not leave messages. Deadline for postcards is December 6th.



Santa Letters: Any resident child can write to Santa Claus c/o. Recreation Department, 106 Route 94, Blirstown, NJ. Santa will answer all letters so make sure the return address is listed along with the child's name & age. Letters must be received by December 11th. Registration at the Recreation Office in person, mail-in or drop off box. Recreation Department 106 Route 94, Blirstown, NJ 07825. Further info please check our website for all our Happenings at or contact. Patricia M. Sagan, Director – 908-362-6663 ext 232.



COMMUNITY NEWS...



PTG:

Bear Wear "Limited Edition" sale is here! Go to the online shop at <https://www.agpestores.com/expressivestiches/groups.php> and place your family's order by 11/30/18. Orders will be ready for pick up the week of December 20th. Spirit wear items will make great gifts!

Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Fundraiser: The PTG holiday fundraiser will be delivered by mid-December. Please keep in mind when planning your holiday gifts!

PTG Book Fair:

Save the Date for the Book Fair at BES December 10-14. Children can shop during school hours; families can shop after school at family night!

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!!

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.

GREETINGS FROM SANTA!!! HO HO HO on December 8th from 8-12pm come to North Warren Regional High School for Breakfast with Santa! It's only \$6.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for kids includes a hot breakfast, play fun games and meet Santa! Kids under 3 are free.

The December edition for "Home and School Connection" is posted on our website under the News and Resources tab.











