



Dear BES Families,
 Happy Valentine's Day (Next Thursday)! While we celebrate Valentine's Day, few really know how this day actually came about. Being a student of history, I enjoy learning about the past or how and when an event took place. The history of Valentine's Day is obscure and further clouded by several fanciful legends. Nevertheless, the holiday's roots are embedded in ancient Rome. Most scholars believe that Saint Valentine of the Holiday was a priest who attracted the disfavor of the Roman Emperor Claudius II around 270 A.D. According to the legend, Claudius II had prohibited young men to marry, claiming that bachelors would make better soldiers. Valentine believed in love and marriage and secretly married many of the young couples, but was eventually apprehended by the Romans and jailed. While in jail, the daughter of the jailer secretly delivered messages (the origin of the Valentine card) to Valentine's friends and family telling them how much he loved them and to ask for his release. History is unsure of the result. Some scholars say he was put to death and others say that Claudius II felt compassion and released him. One thing is for sure; Valentine's Day was created and represents love and compassion! Wish someone you love a Happy Valentine's Day!

I also would like to remind you of our PTG sponsored, first ever "Pastries with Parents" event scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th from 7:45 – 8:15 in the gym for parents that RSVP'd only. The theme for Valentine's Day is "Love of children, love of parents." Because of the overwhelming response, I must remind you that parking must be in the parking lot across from the school by the Fire Department station. **No one is permitted to park in the main parking lot** as that is reserved for teachers and they will be arriving to school between those times as well. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing those families that responded on the 12th!

Sincerely,
 Bruce P. Leal, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS...



- 2/15-Early Dismissal
- 2/18-No School-Closed
- 2/20-1st & 2nd Grade Musical- 9:15am
- 2/21-BOE Meeting-7pm

COMMUNITY NEWS...



BES PTG is having a TRICKY TRAY in June!! Date to be announced soon. If you would like to personally donate a basket, item or gift card please contact us via the email listed below! If you work for a business that might be interested in donating an item, gift certificate, or service please contact us via the email listed below!
 Email: bestrickytray@gmail.com. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help with this event!! We would love for you to join our team! Message us if interested.



Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Spring Fundraiser

will run from 3/1-3/12 with delivery the ~week of~ April 8. Order your Easter Basket treats and support BES PTG!



Box Top contest is here! Submitting Box Tops is easy. No need to cut or glue, just send them in bags or envelopes to your child's teacher. Please make sure that the Box Tops have not expired and that the expiration date is fully visible on all Box Tops. The goal for the school is to collect 5,000 Box Tops which will earn all the kids pajama day! **The contest ends Wednesday, February 13th.**

Questions? Please contact Jamie Oatley at Jamiedoatley@yahoo.com or Nanette Maertens @ nanetteenari@hotmail.com



SCHOOL NEWS.....



**BES Musical Theater Program Presents
Disney's "Aladdin" KIDS on May10th and 11th**

The after school BES Musical Theater Program is open to all students in grades five and six and there is no cost to join. PERMISSION SLIPS ARE DUE at either mandatory Parent Meeting located in the BES Library. Please plan to attend the final Parent Meeting if your child wishes to participate in the musical. (Parents of Stage/Tech Crew need **not** attend the meetings. Crew permission slips will go out in April) **Monday 2/11: at 6:30 for returning members and at 7:00 for new members (Snow date 2/12)** For more information and permission slips, please visit: <https://pascullimusic.weebly.com/aladdin-kids-2019.html>



SPRING RECREATION SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS:

Attention all K - 9 girls! Registration is now open for the spring 2019 season! Blairstown Youth Softball teams will be playing in the Warren County League at the K-2, 3-4, 5-6, & 7-9th grade divisions. Registration includes 3 Sunday preseason Clinics! Sign-up on-line at www.blairstownyouthsoftball.org or Mail in forms available at the Town Hall Lobby.



North Warren Junior Lacrosse Club

is holding registrations for all kids, Kindergarten to 8th Grade. Please reach out to Alison Perst @ nwjrlacrosse@yahoo.com for more info and a registration form. Follow us on Facebook at North Warren Jr. Lacrosse Club









