



Spring Edition

Dear BES Families,

Spring has finally arrived ever so slowly. Nevertheless, signs of spring are all around us! A great deal has occurred in the past month, including Read Across America Day, All Star Band, First and Second Grade Musical & Art Gallery Show, and the Third Grade Living Museum Projects. But, that has not deterred our children from continuing to have great experiences in their classrooms academically and through our special events.

Please be reminded that the third marking period has ended and report cards will be issued today! Once again, I offer you important tips on discussing your child's report card with them.

- Meet privately with your child, without distractions.
- Be sure you designate enough time.
- Be positive.
- Review each grade/subject and discuss what they mean (strength/weakness)
- Review/discuss other indicators on the report cards (behavior)
- Set goals for the next marking period (last one!)
- Help them plan "how" to achieve their goals.
- Remind them how proud you are of them and of their accomplishments.
- Give a hug, get a hug!

I hope this information remains helpful to you. As always, if you have any questions after your discussion, you are always welcome to call your child's teacher. Don't forget to thank your child's teacher for all of their efforts as well! They go to extraordinary lengths to care for all of our children!

In addition, you will find April's "Home & School Connection" up loaded on our website accompanying this Newsletter. In it, you will find practical ideas that promote school success by learning things at home, effective tips for promoting patience, and positive ways in which you can be involved!

Please remember..... "Teachers don't just teach; they can be vital personalities who help young people to mature, to understand the world, and to understand themselves!" ~ Charles Platt ~

Sincerely,
Bruce P. Leal, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS...



- April 13- Report Cards
- April 16-May 25- PARCC Testing
- April 17 & 18- Kindergarten Screening
- April 19- 4th Grade Concert & Art Show- 2:00p.m.
- April 26- BOE Meeting 7pm- Library

COMMUNITY NEWS...



Mashio Foodservice is looking for Subs please contact Joanne Ashton at 908-362-6111 x108. Thank you!

Blairstown Recreation - Blairstown Recreation is currently accepting registration for more **Spectacular Spring Programs -Duct Tape Does it!** Grades K - 6, Duct tape does it all - from crafts, building bridges, to creating clothes! Tuesdays 4/17-5/8. **The Science of Summer** Grades 3 - 6, this one day workshop will teach kids to cook with solar ovens, create artwork with the power of the sun and more! Tuesday, May 22nd.

Summer Day Camp - Our popular Summer Day Camp for pre-schoolers & grades K - 6th. Register on or before May 10th and Save! Res- \$85.00 / Non-Res. \$100.00 June 25 - July 6, Monday-Friday - 9 am - noon

Work out programs- Yoga & Zumba for teens and adults. Various fee packages available. Get fit and have fun! **Social Connections** - This program is for Teens and Young Adults with developmental disabilities. Social activities are offered on a monthly basis to promote friendship & fun. **Registration for all children's programs closes one week before the start of the program, or if the program fills at an earlier date.** Please visit our website for all our happenings and offerings at www.blairstowntownship.org and click on **Recreation** or contact the Recreation Office at 908-362-6663 x 232.Pat Sagan, Director.



SCHOOL NEWS.....

****BLAIRSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2018-19
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION April 17th, April 18th 9:00
am – 2:30 pm**

Please call Eileen for a Screening Appointment (908-362-6111 x109). Kindergarten pupils must have reached their 5th birthday prior to or on **October 1, 2018.**

Please bring the following documents to the Main Office **by April 1st**

- 1) Completed registration form which can be found on the school website under forms. If you do not have computer access, please pick up a registration form in the main office.
- 2) Child's birth certificate with the raised seal
- 3) Signed doctor's certificate of immunizations
- 4) If you do not have a student registered at Blairstown Elementary School, you must provide proof of residence such as a utility bill.

The 5th Grade Science Fair is Wednesday; April 18th. There is viewing for parents from 5:30-7:30pm.



Camp Coley Presents: Fun Day Open House-Saturday April 21st 2pm- 6pm. Cost \$5, Open to Boys and Girls Grades 3-12. Songs~ Games~ BBQ Dinner~ Parent Q&A~ Closing Campfire
Meet Staff, Leaders, Cits and Learn all about our Program! Contact (973) 989-9199/
Info@campcoley.com/www.campcoley.com Camp Coley is a Non-Profit Organization/ Post 229

North Warren Midget Football will be holding in person registrations for the 2018 Fall Season on **April 24th from 6-7 at the Givens Belet and on April 14th from 10-12 at the Walnut Valley Field.** Registration forms can be downloaded off the website at NWMFL.org. if you have any questions or concerns, please email us at NWMFL@yahoo.com.

SPRING RECREATION SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS: Attention all K-9 girls! Registration is now open for the Spring 2018 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.

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



Plants vs. Zombies 4-H Garden Club is organizing a community food pantry garden at the United Methodist Church in Blairstown this spring and is looking for helpers. It is a great way to give to the community, and get some hands on time with kids in the garden! If you are interested in donating supplies or time to our project, please reach out to Lynn Waclawski at lynnblodnik@yahoo.com. We will also be fundraising to raise money for our project with a family paint day on **May 20, 2018 at 2:00pm at the United Methodist Church in Blairstown.** This is for all ages where families can bring some snacks and learn step by step how to paint their own beautiful canvas to take home. \$30 per painting, please contact lynnblodnik@yahoo.com for more info or to register.

BES PTG NEWS -

Please email ptgblairstown@gmail.com if you are interested in getting more involved or if you have any questions about events & activities! Please mark your calendar for the **final PTG members meeting** of the school year on Wednesday 5/16 at 6:30pm in the library.

BES PTG TRICKY TRAY: CANCELLED

The PTG sponsored TRICKY TRAY, scheduled for **Saturday April 28, 2018**, has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience.

BES BEAR WEAR: Bear Wear is back! Apparel sale April 23-May 4, delivery May 14, with new items for Summer and Fall. Please order with Fall events in mind! The next sale will be in late Fall with December delivery. **The PTG Thanks you for your support!**

Dorney Park Tickets Fundraiser for the Blairstown Elementary School 6th Grade Graduation Fund.

Tickets are \$33. Tickets are valid until the park closes for the season. **Orders must be placed by April 30th.** All sales are final/no returns. Please contact Tracy Leibig for additional information at tleibig@embarqmail.com.

Let's Play it Forward! Sports Equipment Drive: Drop off used Equipment anytime at the Frelinghusen, Blairstown or Knowlton Town Hall/ Municipal Building. **Special Drop off Locations and Dates:** **North Warren High School- April 21st-April 22nd 10am-3pm, May 5th- 6th 10am-3pm and Frelinghusen Town Hall-April 14th-15th 10am-3pm, 28th-29th 10am-3pm.** Accepted Equipment: Footballs, basketballs, kick balls, volleyballs, all baseball/softball and soccer equipment, lacrosse equipment, shin guards, tennis equipment, golf equipment, and any gently used sneakers. **Donate your used sports equipment to communities in need!** Any questions or for more information please contact jzilbie@aol.com or JoshuaColon1212@gmail.com.











