



## BLAIRSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Spring Edition

Greetings everyone!

What a year we have had! In so many ways this has been a milestone year which we all will not soon forget. Although sometimes our focus on student achievement has been distracted by weather, power outages, enrollment issues or other area tragedy, it is important that we all reflect on the many wonderful achievements, projects and activities that our school's students have attained this year.

One of our major achievements, among many, was when our community came together this year to create our new Strategic Plan, which will help guide us as we continue to move forward in teaching and learning for all our young learners over the next three years.

This year I have provided an overview of the many experiences, month by month and it is titled, "What a Year We Have Had." We plan to continue this new tradition each year to help us remember the many wonderful experiences in which our students have participated. While no list is ever totally complete, we hope that we have captured the essence of our experiences.

As we close for the summer, and all our summer projects begin, on behalf of the Board of Education, the Administrative team, faculty and staff, I wish you all a peace-filled summer of adventure, discovery and rejuvenation. See you in September.

Mark Saalfield

Superintendent

# Oh What a Year We Had !!

## September

*September 5<sup>th</sup>, another year begins!*

*National Preparedness Month*

*Commodore Barry Day*

*Back To School Night*

*September 11<sup>th</sup>, Moment of Silence*

*School Pictures*

*Bus Safety Assemblies*

*Student Council Candidate Speeches*



## October

*Week of Respect / Red Ribbon Week / Violence Prevention Week*

*SpiritWalk*

*Columbus Day / Teacher In-Service*

*Paws to the Pavement*

*Posse Training*

*Fall Open House*

*Interim Reports*

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade visits YMCA Camp Mason*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade visits Blairstown Library*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade visits DaVinci Center*

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade visits Waterloo Village*

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gate visits Fonthill Castle*

*PS & Kindergarten visits Donaldson Farms*

*BSI Parent Meeting*

*Student Council Elections*

*Halloween Parade*



## November

*NJEA Convention*

*Fire House Visit*

*Staff Pictures*

*PRIDE Family Science Night*

*PTG Fall Book Fair*

*1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period Report Cards*

*Parent Teacher Conferences*



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE to Battle of the Minds Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Grade visits Crayola

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade visits Fairview Lake

5<sup>th</sup> Grade visits AMC Rockaway

Thanksgiving Holiday

## **December**

PTG Santa Secret Workshop

6<sup>th</sup> Grade visits Museum of Jewish Heritage

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chime & Chorus Club visits Barn Hill Nursing Home

6<sup>th</sup> Grade MD class walking tour visits Blirstown Post Office and Fire Hall

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Professional Learning Communities Day

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Winter Concerts

Bears & Cubs Awards

Elf Olympics

Winter Break



## **January**

New Year's Day

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shakespeare Performance

School Spelling Bee

No Name Calling Week

MLK Jr. Day ~ Teacher In-Service



## **February**

2nd Marking Period Report Cards

President's Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Musical Assembly

PTG Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

PTG BMX Assembly

PTG Author Visit ~ Sarah Mlynowski

6<sup>th</sup> Grade All Star Band



## 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebrations

### March

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gate visits Lincoln Center  
Warren County Consortium Chess Tournament  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade MD Class to Oakwood Lanes  
Phabulous Physics Competition ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Gate  
Grades 1 & 2 Musical & Art Show  
CAP Program ~ Grades K – 2  
Spring Book Fair  
PTG Book Bingo  
Gate Debate Competition  
Family Literacy Night  
Professional Learning Communities Day  
Read Across America  
Living Museum ~ Grade 3



### April

Spring Recess  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gate visits Sterling Hill Mineral and Mining Museum  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade visits Centenary University  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical  
Kindergarten Screenings for 2018/2019  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books  
Administrative Assistants Day  
Jump Rope for Heart  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair  
Take Your Child to Work Day  
PARCC testing begins  
Volunteer Appreciation Celebration



### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade visits Weis Supermarket  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade visits NJ Sea Grant Consortium  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gate WCCSE Convocation  
National Nurses Day

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Food Pantry Collection Drive  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books  
 Ps & K visits NWR ~ Barnyard Day  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade visits Space Farms  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Orientation  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade viisits Turtle Back Zoo  
 Strategic Thinking Day ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gate  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert at Blair Academy  
 Teacher Appreciation Week  
 BES Theatre Club Performance ~ The Music Man Jr.  
 EMS Visit ~ Grade 2  
 Career Day ~ Grade 6  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert  
 BES Talent Show  
 PARCC Testing ends  
 NWR Triad Assembly



## **June**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade visits Liberty Science Center  
 Poetry Alive ~ Grade 3  
 NWR Graduation walk  
 Professional Learning Communities Day  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade visits Camp Mason  
 Track & Field Day  
 Bears/Cubs Awards  
 PS Graduation  
 K Moving Up Ceremony  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional Exercise  
 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Report Cards  
 Last Day of School Celebrations



## **COMMUNITY NEWS .....**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - The Evangelical Free Church of Blairstown will be holding its "Babylon" Vacation Bible School program with classes for ages 4 yrs. old - 6<sup>th</sup> grade on **July 16-20th from 9am-1:30pm**. **New this year** - Picnic lunch provided each day followed by a time of outdoor fun. You can register your children online by visiting our church website [www.efcbnj.org](http://www.efcbnj.org). **You can also register your children in person at the church on July 16<sup>th</sup>**. The church is located at 11 Lambert Rd. - right by North Warren Regional. For more information please call the church office at 362-8979. All are welcome!

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**Blair Buccaneer FUNdamental Basketball School**

**Site:** Blair athletic facility- **Time:** 8:30-noon

**Date:** Monday July 16- Thursday July 19

**Cost:** \$165 ( \$120 for each additional sibling)

**Boys and Girls grade 2 to grade 8. Space is limited.**

**Registration Link:** <https://joemantegnabasketball.leagueapps.com/camps>. **Contact:** Nico Parauda (Head Boys JV Basketball Coach) 908-619-3588 or email [parauni@blair.edu](mailto:parauni@blair.edu)

**Free Family Fun Day! Blairstown Hose Co. #1 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Firefighter Skills Competition with Vendor Fair & Flea Market- Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2018** (Raindate Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>) **at Sycamore Park.** Vendor fair and flea market **from 12 noon-7pm. Registration for Firefighters is from 1-3pm. Competition starts at 3pm!** All public is welcome to watch and cheer them on! Food available for purchase. Bounce house, Face Painting and Playground for the kids! [events@blairstownfd.org](mailto:events@blairstownfd.org)

**North Warren Youth Basketball Camp**  **For Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade** Where: North Warren Regional- When: July 23 - 26- Time: 8am-noon- Cost: \$100 per participant- Get registration at [northwarren.org](http://northwarren.org)- Or email [ctillou@northwarren.org](mailto:ctillou@northwarren.org)

**BLAIRSTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT: SUMMER DAY CAMP** - **ATTN:** Please be advised due to the extended school schedule - Our Day Camp will open on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Day Camp Time schedule will be adjusted as follows: Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> dismissal for pick up will be at 12:30 pm. Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> dismissal will be regular time at 12 noon. **STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR OUR CAMPS: Summer Day Camp** - Our popular Summer Day Camp for pre-schoolers & boys and girls currently in Grades K - 6<sup>th</sup>. Register on or before Res- \$100.00 / Non-Res. \$115. June 26 - July 6, Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> dismissal for pick up will be at 12:30 pm. Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> dismissal will be regular time at 12 noon. Don't miss our... Face Painting, Photo Booth, Bubble Mania, Contests, Entertainment & MORE! Registration Closes - June 18<sup>th</sup>! **Band-Tastic Camp** - Boys & Girls entering Grades 5, 6, & 7 in Sept. 2018, who have participated in their schools instrumental program for at least a year. Music, fun & games! Monday - Friday, 9 am - noon - July 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration closes July 3<sup>rd</sup>! **Maker Camp** - Create-Build-Innovate! For boys in girls currently in Grades K - 8<sup>th</sup>. Monday - Friday, 9 am - noon, July 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Registration Closes July 3<sup>rd</sup>! **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. Please visit our website for all our happenings and offerings at [www.blairstowntownship.org](http://www.blairstowntownship.org) and click on **Recreation** or contact the Recreation Office at 908-362-6663 x 232 Pat Sagan, Director.

*Nature Camp, "Edible"--July 9-13, 9 am-1 pm. Come investigate food from dirt to table in this free 5-day kids' camp (ages 4-14) that includes snack and lunch. Meeting in the woods near the banks of the Paulinskill River in Columbia, NJ. Register online at <http://www.knowltonpca.org> or call 908-459-5170.*