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BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Dear BES Families,

Well, our 2016-17 school years are well under way. As a school, we are constantly reminded of why we are here when we see such happy, smiling young faces each and every day! This is a very busy place and it is exciting to see and feel the energy! Thank you for sharing your children with us as we take our responsibilities very seriously!

Please be reminded of our upcoming events for next week as I am sure they are important to you. We will have our "Back to School" night for Grades 4-6 on Tuesday, September 20th. We begin with a parent assembly in the Gym @ 7:00 p.m. Please enter through the Gym Lobby. Tuesday is also an "Early Dismissal" @ 1:15 p.m. as well! Please mark your calendars!

In addition, please review our September edition of "Home and School Connection". This first edition has some excellent tips for being "Organized for Success" as well as "Goal" setting which are helpful to our children. So please take a look and enjoy!

Remember... "What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul!"

~Joseph Addison~

Sincerely,
Bruce P. Leal, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS...



Sept. 20 - BTSN Grades 4-6, 7:00p.m., 1:15p Dismissal

Sept. 21 - Student Pictures - More info to follow

SCHOOL NEWS ...



September 21st- School pictures- Forms will be coming home soon!



COMMUNITY NEWS...



TRICKY TRAY- Friday, October 7, 2016 at Knowlton Elementary School doors will open at 6:30p.m. With the first drawing at 8:00p.m. This is a major fundraiser to benefit the Knowlton Elementary PTO and the Knowlton Township Fire and Rescue. Please come out to support these two organizations. Advance admission tickets \$12.00 (include 1 sheet of tickets at the door) available by calling Kathy Garriques at 908-475-2498. Admission at the door is \$15.00 and includes 1 sheet of tickets. Our Grand prize is a Large flat screen TV!!!!!! Many more great prizes-gift cards, gift certificates, baskets galore and more! See our ad on TrickyTray.com as updates will be posted!

BLAIRSTOWN RECREATION

Blairstown Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for Fall Programs. For Pre-Schoolers Parent & Me Soccer ages 2 & 3, Soccer Squirts ages 3 – 5, and Golf Squirts ages 4 & 5. For grades Pre-K through 6th – Golf Senior Squirts ages 5 – 8, Clay Animals grades 4-5-6, Kid Show Cupcakes grades pre-K – 4, Eye Spy grades K – 6, and Cool Candy Chemistry grades 3 – 6. For Teens and Adults for the Fall – Beginner & Intermediate Tennis Instruction, Workout classes for Yoga, Zumba, and Pilates available at package rates. For detailed information on all programs please visit the website at www.blairstown-nj.org and click on RECREATION or contact Pat Sagan at the Recreation Office at 908-362-6663 x 3.

September is:

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Let your little ones explore the wonders of the world with their very own library card!

Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11am to 3pm &

Tues, Sept. 27 from 3:30pm to 6pm

Drop by the Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch to sign up for a library card, and join North Warren National Honor Society students as they host activities, library tours, & give away prizes!

Please note: In order to get a library card, a child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and they must be able to sign their first and last names. The adult must provide proof of address.

Catherine Dickson Hofman Library

4 Lambert Road

Blairstown, NJ 07825

908.362.8335 www.warrenlib.org

Blairstown Rec Youth Basketball, Warren County League- Registration for the 2016-2017 seasons is open now through **October 7**. This program is open to all 3rd through 8th grade girls and boys from Blairstown and Hardwick. Registration fee is \$140 for the first child then \$125 for each sibling (fee includes \$45 security deposit). Season will run November 2016 through March 2017. Mail-in forms are available in the Blairstown Municipal Building lobby. To have a registration forms emailed to you, or for more information, send a message to blairstownyouthbasketball@yahoo.com. In person registration nights will be September 29 and October 6 from 7-9 pm in the BES gym. ******Blairstown Rec Basketball Registration Deadline is Friday October 7th******

ROY'S HALL PRESENTS:

ROY'S KIDS -A Student Theater Workshop to be presented at Roy's Hall!

Students ages 8 to 14 are invited to a five week long Student Theater Workshop introducing all aspects of theater production including Theater Terminology, Theater Games, Improvisation, Mime, Acting Readiness, Use of Props, Theater Makeup, Set Design, Staging and Blocking, and an Intro to Musical Theater.

TUITION: The five week program will cost \$165 per participant with a sibling participation discount of \$140 per subsequent family member.

DATES: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM OCTOBER 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 2016; NOVEMBER 1 and 3, 2016. Space is limited! Please contact Roy's Kids Theater Workshop via the link below to register. All applications must be received by Sunday, October 2, 2016.

For your convenience, In Person Registration at Roy's Hall will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 10 AM to noon.

Back to School Dance!

Friday, 9/16/16 from 7-9pm @ the Knowlton Lions Club, Rt. 94 Knowlton NJ.

For all 4th, 5th and 6th Graders. \$10 at the door. Snacks and drinks included.

Sponsored by NW Midget Football.

The Pioneer Girls mother/daughter club

Will be hosting a complimentary dinner to introduce programming on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:00p.m. Moms and girls from K to 8th grades are welcome. Please join us at the Evangelical Free Church. R.S.V.P. by 9/20/16 to Lily Wilson 908-362-8466 or email: lily.wilson@embarqmail.com

Clothing Drive benefiting NWHS Football

Sept. 19&20 from 5-6p.m. at NWHS rear parking lot
Contact kristithatcher@embarqmail.com

Community Celebration - *The First United Methodist Church of Blairstown will host a community celebration in honor of their 205th year of ministry at the church on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 1-9 p.m. The festivities will include live music, chicken barbecue (4-7 p.m.), children's activities, exotic animals, and various vendors from the community. FMI - firstumcblairstown.com/index.php/205th-anniversary-celebration/*

Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others - *The First United Methodist Church is hosting a free community discussion titled, "Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others" on Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m. The discussion will offer practical ways to more effectively respond to people's needs, while ensuring that you do not become the person in need as you do so. FMI contact the church at [908-362-6693](tel:908-362-6693) or visit us at firstumcblairstown.com*

The Girl Scouts at Blairstown Elementary School are gearing up to start a fun-filled adventurous year! For more information on how your daughter can become a Girl Scout or if you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout Leader, please contact: Northwarrenserviceunit@gmail.com

PTG news:

Your opportunity to get involved with your child's school begins with the PTG! Membership forms are due 9/23. Please send them in asap. Additional member forms can be obtained through the office. You are invited to join us for our first PTG meeting of the school year on Wednesday October 5th at 6:30pm in the BES Library.

We welcome participation from every family! Your PTG board, Erinn, Annie, Elisa & Renee ptgblairstown@gmail.com

Reminders:

PTG Fall plant order forms have been distributed. Orders must be received by 9/21. Gift certificates are also available. Extra forms are in the school office.

Bear Wear school spirit apparel orders have been taken. All orders received after 9/14 are not guaranteed for Spirit Walk delivery. The second Bear Wear sale will begin at the end of October and include additional items.

Our first annual Boo-Hoo /Yahoo breakfast was a success! Thank you to the families who attended. Please look out for future social opportunities this school year- we hope you will be able to attend!

Also don't forget to check out the Attachment of the September Edition of "Home and School Connection" .