



Cub Report



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A Note from the Principal

Happy new year everyone! I hope you enjoyed time with your families and friends over the holidays and are ready to get back to normal school routine. We are ready to hit the ground running this month. In fact, one of the first things we will do is take winter benchmark assessments. Results from these tests will show how much your child has learned since the beginning of this school year. On test days, please make sure that your child gets to bed early in order to get plenty of sleep, and that he has a good breakfast each morning. If your child eats breakfast here at school, then you only have to be concerned about her rest. I know our students will do a great job!

Another big event happening in this new year is the addition of a Pre-K classroom! It is my understanding that we gained this class because the demand was so high for our Pre-K program here at BPS. With that being said, we would like to welcome teacher Mrs. Beth Elam and para-pro Ms. Lindsey Holt to the BPS staff. I know that they will do a wonderful job in getting their students ready for kindergarten.

Finally, as we are entering into these cold winter months, please help the school and yourself by making sure that we have your most recent and working phone numbers. We want to make sure that we can contact you as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency such as an early dismissal due to bad weather. We have already had one early dismissal day due to winter weather, and with the way the weather has been recently, another may very well occur.

Welcome back and Go Cubs!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Geoff Rhodes



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 8 Report back to school
- Jan. 10 Benchmark testing begins
- Jan. 11 Doughnuts with Dad at 7:15 a.m.
- Jan. 12 Report cards go home
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL!
- Jan. 18 Renaissance Crazy Hat Day
- Jan. 25 LSGT meeting 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 30 100th day of school



Please put your child's name inside all sweaters, jackets, coats, hats, and gloves. We don't want anyone to be cold due to lost winter clothing.

BPS Mission Statement:

To engage children in learning and to promote their well-being.

BPS Beliefs:

- ◇ All students should have the opportunity to learn.
- ◇ Student learning is our top priority.
- ◇ Students should be provided with a variety of modes of instruction to meet their individual needs.
- ◇ Administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and community leaders should join in the responsibility to provide a safe and supportive learning environment.
- ◇ Students should be expected to strive to achieve excellence by setting goals and working hard to reach their fullest potential.
- ◇ All students should be provided an active learning environment where they can learn respect and build character.

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Trustworthiness

is the character trait for January.

To be **trustworthy** is to be:

- Worthy of Confidence
- Reliable
- Dependable
- Honest



HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER?

We understand that sometimes families move. If you have moved, in order for us to update your new address, we will need a current power bill. Please send this to Ms. Pat in the office. Also, please make sure the office has updated telephone numbers in case we need to get in touch with you.

Chick-fil-A Biscuits

\$ on sale most Thursday mornings in the car-rider line.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow
Let it Snow!



Parents,



Please send correct change whenever possible when making cash payments to the school for ASP, field trips, Spirit Shop, etc. We are not allowed to keep cash on hand and making change can be problematic. When paying by check, payments for ASP, cafeteria, and other items **can not** be combined as these are deposited in separate accounts.

Please make checks payable to the appropriate account - BPS, BPS Cafeteria, BPS ASP, BPS PTO, etc.

Please include the student and teacher's names with ALL payments. Thank you!



We just wanted to send a special thank you to everyone who supported our annual Christmas Toy Drive. We truly appreciate

your kindness and generosity.



EMERGENCY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

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In the event of inclement weather causing early release from school, we will send your child home the way they are typically sent home unless you have told us otherwise. If you want your child to be sent home a different way, please make sure the emergency dismissal form you filled out at the beginning of the year is still accurate. The after school program (ASP) does not operate on emergency dismissal days.

If you come to the school to check out you child on an early dismissal day, please make sure you have your car tag and/or your ID at the ready. If your student's last name starts with letters A-L, you will go to the main office for check out, if your student's last name starts with letters M-Z, you will go to the media center for check out.

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