
B.E. INFORMED

Monthly Newsletter

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3rd Grade Music Concert

January 31st at 1:30 pm

Performing Arts Center

Month at a Glance

January 11 th 4:30-7 pm	Family Skate Night
January 14 th	Late Start - No Breakfast
January 15 th 6:00 pm	PTO Meeting – BES Library
January 18 th 2:15 pm	MLK Jr. Assembly - PAC
January 21 st	No School - MLK Jr. Day
January 28 th	No School - Non-Student Day
January 29 th & 30 th	Talent Show Auditions
January 31 st 1:30 pm	3 rd Grade Music Concert
February 4 th	Late Start- No Breakfast

BES Talent Show!



Auditions are Jan. 29th & 30th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the music room.

Parent permission slips **MUST** be turned in to Mr. Myrick by January 24th.

Mandatory rehearsals for the finalists are Feb. 19th and 20th after school in the PAC.

Finalists will perform for the school on Thursday, February 21st at 1:30 pm.

See our Music Notes Article in this newsletter for further information.



From the Principal's Pen...

Welcome back BES! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break!

Here are some upcoming events this month; on January 15th, we will hold our monthly PTO meeting. We have Late Start on January 14th with students starting their school day at 10:20 am. Please keep in mind that breakfast is not served on Late Start days. We will hold our MLK Jr. Assembly on Friday, January 18th at 2:15 pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King. There is no school on Monday, January 21st, in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. On Monday, January 28th, we will have a non-student day. On this day, staff will be involved in professional development activities as students have a day off from school. That same week, on Thursday, January 31st our 3rd grade students will perform their Winter Concert in the PAC starting at 1:30 pm.



Throughout the school year we are focusing on six different attributes to deepen our understanding of social and emotional learning. To date, we've covered Borderite Pride (citizenship) and Self-Management. Our next attribute assembly will take place on Thursday, January 24th as we introduce the attribute; **"teamwork."** After teamwork; integrity, empathy and perseverance will round out the school year. In this newsletter, you will see another article written by Kelli Alonso about Social Emotional Learning (SEL).



At Blaine Elementary and throughout the school district, we're working hard to help students grow academically, but we also recognize that social and emotional development are critical to a successful life. Focusing in on attributes throughout the year is just one way that we're supporting social and emotional learning at BES. If you have questions about our work in this area, please don't hesitate to ask us to share what else we're doing!

I'd like to wish each of our families a Happy New Year and invite your participation in all of the upcoming events! "Happy New Year" Blaine Elementary School and welcome back!

Craig Baldwin
Principal



Mother & Son Game Night

February 13, 2019

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Blaine Middle School Cafeteria

\$10.00 per person

Tickets on sale soon - Info will be sent home!

Advance Ticket Purchase Required

Students must be accompanied by parent or adult role model

- ☆ Best Glow Duo Costume Contest
- ☆ Cornhole Competition
- ☆ Dice Race
- ☆ Selfie Scavenger Hunt
- ☆ Craft Station

- ☆ Board Games/Chess/Checkers
- ☆ Light Refreshments
- ☆ Photo Booth
- ☆ Music
- ☆ Prizes

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Get your skate on! Come to the BES Family Skate Night and have fun with your friends, family and teachers!

Friday, January 11th - 4:30-7:00 pm

Lynden Skateway
421 Judson St. Alley, Lynden
(360) 354-3851

Skate rental is ONLY \$4.50 per person!

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Dear Blaine School District Families,

Every year we ask families, community members and teachers to refer students to be considered for REACH, Blaine School District's highly capable program. Once a student is referred, additional assessments occur and a Multidisciplinary Selection Committee reviews the student's data and determines eligibility. If students do not meet the eligibility criteria this year, they can be referred again in following years.

If you are interested in having your student considered for REACH, please complete our Parent/Guardian/Community Member Referral Form. Referral forms can be found in the front office of each school and on our website at <https://www.blainesd.org> under "Menu", "Federal & Special Programs", and then "REACH: Highly Capable Program". Referral forms are due to your child's front office by February 15th for consideration this school year. If you are unsure whether or not your student should be considered, please ask your student's classroom teacher. Teachers are also encouraged to refer students, so they may also be considering your student for REACH.

If you have any questions about the REACH identification process or the REACH program in general, please feel free to contact the REACH Coordinator at your student's school.

Michelle Schulz
ES Coordinator

 **MUSIC NOTES** 



BES Talent Show is February 21st at 1:30pm

In order to get an audition time, students will bring home a permission slip for parents to sign. Please indicate on the permission slip, the audition day/time that works best for your family.

Parent permission slips MUST be returned by January 24th to participate. Students who return the permission slip will be scheduled for an audition. Auditions will be held in the music room on January 29th & 30th from 3 – 5pm. Acts should be about 3 minutes (or less) in length. Students should have a routine or plan, provide their own music, all content and songs should be school/age appropriate. If selected to perform in the show, Dress Rehearsal will be Tuesday, February 19th or Wednesday, February 20th in the PAC. Parents wishing to help with auditions, or the show should contact the PTO.

The 4th and 5th Grade Spring Concert will be on Thursday, May 30th at 1:30 in the PAC.

Mr. Myrick
"Let Your Music Out"

FINAL CHANCE!

Borderite Pride Yearbook

Deadline to get a \$20.00 Yearbook is Feb. 1st!
3rd & 4th Grade Only



If you would like to help sponsor a book for another student, it is \$20.00. Teachers will divide and distribute sponsored books in June.

I would like to purchase a yearbook for my student _____ in
Grade _____ Teacher _____ Address _____

Address is for spring insert that will come home after school gets out.

Total Books Purchased _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Please make checks out to: BES PTO and return this slip with payment to Mrs. Ellis in the office.



As you walk in the doors of the Elementary School you will notice a lot of stars decorating the walls. **These are our Attendance Super Stars!**

Every month that a student has zero absences, a star with their name will be placed on the hallway wall. If students have perfect attendance for all three months during that trimester, their name will be put up in a different color star (so that it stands out from the rest).



The classrooms with the most students with perfect attendance for that month received a big star on their door. This fall, the winning classrooms received a cup of hot chocolate for each student in the class! Past winners were: Mrs. Arps and Mr. Gasper in September, Mrs. Lawrance in October, Mrs. Barch for November. Check out our "Attendance Thermometer" located on the south wall right outside the office!

Great job Blaine Elementary!

*Mrs. Magnusson
Attendance Secretary*

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Greetings BES Families!

This month we will begin a new character attribute of "Teamwork". Our definition for teamwork is "a group of people working together to meet a common goal." We believe working with others is an important skill in a person's life, so we would like to focus on this trait to teach students about the importance of teamwork and cooperation.

Some of the main ideas we are going to address with teamwork are that working with a team means doing your part and being a flexible thinker. When we are working in groups or teams, we need to do our share of the work so that our team can reach its goal. If everyone takes care of his or her part, then the team can be successful. Another idea with teamwork is that if our teammates do not agree or the majority of the group doesn't agree with me, I might need to be flexible and do what is best for the group. Sometimes in teamwork, we have to sacrifice what is best for us for the good of the group. This concept can be difficult for students, and we are trying to build that idea early because they will work in groups for the rest of their lives. Teamwork might start in small group projects and sports when they are young, but they will also have to work in teams in their jobs and/or higher education as adults.

Sarah Point-Moore
School Counselor

The P.E. Heartbeat

Happy New Year!

I want to start the new year with a message of reminders on expectations for P.E. at Blaine Elementary School. I believe physical education provides the opportunity to learn positive behaviors, values and attitudes, along with sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline and work ethic in a safe, meaningful, and enjoyable way.

We are looking forward to continuing a fun and active year in P.E. at BES. We ask that all students have the proper shoes for days that they have P.E. class. Tennis shoes with laces or Velcro are best. Our expectations in P.E. are to always try your best, do what's right and treat others the right way. Let's continue to have an awesome year in P.E.!



Mr. Krahn
Physical Education

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL learning RESOURCES

This year at BES we are putting an increased emphasis on the area of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Please join us in our learning by reading this column of the B.E. Informed Newsletter each month. If you have questions about current SEL work at Blaine Elementary or would like to get involved in our efforts, please contact Kelli Alonso at kalonso@blainesd.org or 360-332-0653

What skills do socially and emotionally competent children and youth have?

Socially and emotionally competent children and youth are skilled in five core areas:

- They are self-aware. They are able to recognize their emotions, describe their interests and values, and accurately assess their strengths. They have a well-grounded sense of self-confidence and hope for the future.
- They are able to regulate their emotions. They are able to manage stress, control impulses, and persevere in overcoming obstacles. They can set and monitor progress toward the achievement of personal and academic goals and express their emotions appropriately in a wide range of situations.
- They are socially aware. They are able to take the perspective of and empathize with others and recognize and appreciate individual and group similarities and differences. They are able to seek out and appropriately use family, school, and community resources.
- They have good relationship skills. They can establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships based on cooperation. They resist inappropriate social pressure; constructively prevent, manage, and resolve interpersonal conflict; seek and provide help when needed.
- They demonstrate responsible decision-making at school, at home, and in the community. In making decisions, they consider ethical standards, safety concerns, appropriate social norms, respect for others, and the likely consequences of various courses of action. They apply these decision-making skills in academic and social situations and are motivated to contribute to the well-being of their schools and communities.

Source: <https://casel.org/faqs/>



Christie Peetoom - Treasurer

GET TO KNOW YOUR PTO

Hi, my name is Christie Peetoom! I am originally from California, but moved to Washington when I was a baby and then to Lynden at 10 years old. In 2001, I graduated from Lynden High School, then attended Whatcom Community College and Western Washington University. My husband; Mike and I are both self-employed business owners. Mike owns; Mike Peetoom Construction and I own Infinity Dance Company. Together, we have an 11 yr. old daughter; Amberlie who is in 6th grade and a 9 yr. old son; Lance in 4th grade. We also have a dog and 5 cows.

I have been the PTO Treasurer since 2017. In addition to keeping track of the PTO's budget and reconciling the books, I enjoy planning and helping at school events with the other PTO members. I never thought I would join the PTO, but now that I have, I am so glad I did. I have built great friendships with amazing ladies. I have had the opportunity to become more connected with the staff and students at BES. I love being able to help our school do all of the great work it is already doing.

- **Hobbies:**
 - In my spare time.....HAHA.....what's that!? I enjoy going to the beach, hiking and paddle boarding. I love to paint and am currently trying to learn Spanish!
- **Fun Facts:**
 - I played the flute for 8 years
- **What is your spirit animal?**
 - A donkey and a monkey...It's a tie ☐
- **If you could have coffee with anyone (living or deceased) who would you choose?**
 - I would have coffee with my grandma. She passed away 2 years ago and I'd love to have one more visit with her.
- **If you could name a theme song that represents your life, what is it?**
 - "Cheerleader" by OMI. I feel happy when I am lifting others up.