

Barnum's BEST

Barnum Elementary School News September 2019

News from the Principal

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year!

The smiles, fresh haircuts, warm hugs and high fives energize our hallways. Here at BES, we welcome our students, families, and new staff members. School is a place where everyone belongs and we strive to create positive experiences for our community throughout the year. Along with approximately 30 new students, please join me in welcoming new staff:

Brady Youngberg, kindergarten teacher

Al Lund, 2nd grade teacher

Matt Berg, music teacher (K-3 every day; 4-6 on Wednesdays)

Dylan Reed-Fuglestad, music teacher (4-6 M,T,TH,F)

Joanie Kociemba, para-professional

Kristine Salzer, para-professional

Teresa Head, K-3 Reading Corps Member

Beth Cisar, K-3 Reading Corps Member

Catherine Sheets, 4th-6th Math Corps Member

Homecoming Dress Up Days:

Monday, September 16 - PJ Day

Tuesday, September 17 - Red, White, and Blue Day

Wednesday, September 18 - Dress up Day (school pictures)

Thursday, September 19th - Hobby Day

Friday, September 20th - Bomber Pride Day

October Conferences:

Look for a letter this week, September 9-13th! It outlines our new format and answers some questions that we anticipate will come our way. In the meantime, mark your calendars for October 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Electronic sign up window starts this Friday, September 13th and will remain open until Friday, September 26th. We look forward to visiting with you!

Cafeteria Updates

Giggles or Groans? You may have heard some groans or some giggles about our cafeteria seating this year. And if you haven't, here's the scoop! At BES, we are committed to building community, and one way we ensure a solid start is for kids to build strong relationships with

students in their classroom. Lunch is an opportunity to practice our core values - KIND, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE. What about friends that are in other classes? Rest assured, students will mix and mingle once cafeteria routines and classroom relationships have been established.

Communication

You can expect monthly newsletters from the office that will be posted on our website and shared on Facebook. We will have paper copies available as well. Visiting in person is my favorite way to connect, so if you'd like to sit down and chat, please call the office to make a date (I'm out and about a lot, so you might not catch me).

How can I help at home?

At educators, we get this a lot. We appreciate that families want to support learning & conversation beyond the school day, so here are a few tips:

- Connect with your child's classroom teacher for ideas that will support your child in learning.
- After school, ask open ended questions like, "What was the most creative thing you did?" "How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you? "Describe a book you are enjoying." "Let's see what you brought home today."
- Establish healthy limits on electronics
- Mistakes are OK - they are proof that learning is taking place!
- Help your child build independence - natural consequences like going without gym shoes for day help your child build perseverance, responsibility, and decision making skills.
- Establish homework routines and quiet work spaces

As always, we look forward to working with your child and supporting your family. Please reach out to us for support, if you have questions, or just want to connect with BES.

In Partnership,

Mrs. Vitito

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 9th - PTO meeting at 6:00pm in the media center

September 16th-19th - Homecoming Dress Up Days

September 18th - Picture Day

September 27th - Vision & Hearing Screening

October 1st, 3rd, 4th - Goal Setting Conferences

October 11th - Grandparents' Day at 1:00

October 14th-16th - 6th grade to Wolf Ridge

October 17th, 18th, and 21st - No school

October 23rd - Picture Retakes

Barnum PTO – Making BES the BEST it can be!

Many hands make light work - John Heywood

Are you new to BES? Are you looking for ways to get involved? Our PTO is seeking volunteers for various events throughout the year. Can't make the monthly meeting? That's OK - there is always the behind the scene work that needs to be accomplished.

Interested in volunteering? Send us the following information to barnumpto@gmail.com, text 763-568-2816 or find us on facebook.

Areas you can help:

Box Tops...Fundraising...All Arts Day....Community Calendars....All School Shirts....
Open House...Teacher Appreciation....Conference Meals....Spring Fever Days

You Matter!

 @principalvitito

At BES, we value our people...little people and big people. We look forward to connecting with you!

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