

# Barnum's BEST

## Barnum Elementary School News March 2020

### News from the Principal

Hello BES families,

It's hard to believe that spring break is around the corner. At BES, we have been immersed in teaching and learning, trainings, and maintaining the quality of education that you've come to expect at BES.

#### Internet Safety:

##### AT SCHOOL:

At the elementary school, students complete the Common Sense Media lessons on digital citizenship as part of their media class with Mrs. Lembke. This includes media balance and internet safety. Grades K-1 do not use the internet on their i-Pads, grades 2-3 only use it with direct support and supervision. We limit the time students spend on screens and use these as tools for educational purposes.

For the safety of students, we do have several layers of content filters on all devices that help keep students safe. We have a UTM(Unified Threat Management) that acts as an internet filter and firewall. Additionally, we use an internet filter on our student i-pads to help protect them both in our buildings and outside of school. Finally, we have set up the network to force safe searches on search engines (Chrome, Youtube, etc.). If you'd like to learn more about this, I encourage you to reach out to Evan Lembke, Technology Coordinator, at [elembke@isd91.org](mailto:elembke@isd91.org)

##### AT HOME:

Wondering what you can do? There are many internet sites available to help with navigating social media, screen time, and other hot topics regarding devices such as phones and tablets. I've included a few links for your reference.

[CommonSenseMedia](#)

[ChildMind.org](#)

[PsychologyToday](#)

##### PTO Fundraiser:

Support our students and our PTO! The PTO fundraiser kicked off on Monday, February 24th and wraps up on March 6th. The proceeds help fund field trips and special events throughout the year for all students in grades K-12. Your support is much appreciated. Stay tuned for delivery information.

## **Kind, Safe, & Responsible - Behavior Expectations at BES:**

This year we've had a team of teacher leaders attend training on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Through this work we are developing a school-wide system for recognizing positive behaviors and also responding to mistaken behaviors. This training includes developing our school values of Kind, Safe, and Responsible. Another part of the system includes developing "Behavior Definitions" with our staff. We currently use this document, attached to this newsletter, to guide our work with students and mistaken behaviors. This will be added to our handbook for the 2020-21 school year.

As always if you have questions, concerns, or just want to stop in to visit, I enjoy connecting with you.

In Partnership,

Mrs. Vitito



Behavior Definitions (1).pdf

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100.4 KB

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 24th-March 6th - PTO Fundraiser

March 6th - Talent Show at BHS

March 16-20th - Spring Break

March 31st-April 2nd - Reading MCAs

April 2nd - Kindergarten Round Up

April 14th-16th - Math MCAs

April 28th- 30th - Science MCAs

**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](mailto: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!

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

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