

Friday Note 1/20/2017

REMINDER: THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ALLOWED BEHIND THE SCHOOL AND TO THE RIGHT (EAST) OF THE GREY DOOR MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. THAT AREA IS FOR BUSES ONLY. THERE ARE SIGNS POSTED THAT SAY "BUS PARKING ONLY". PLEASE BE SURE TO OBEY THE SIGNS. TO RUN PROPERLY, THE BUSES NEED TO BE PLUGGED IN DURING COLDER WEATHER SO IT IS A SAFETY CONCERN IF THERE ARE VEHICLES PARKED IN THEIR SPOTS. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE PARK IN THAT AREA FOR ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL. IF IT CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM, WE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE THE AREA TO ALL PARKING OTHER THAN BUSES.



We have had several illnesses "going around" the school. If your child has a fever and/or is vomiting please keep him or her home from school for 24 hours after the fever or vomiting is gone. Keeping sick children home helps to protect everyone else in the school. Remember to report the absence to the office- 906-663-4515.

First semester report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, February 3rd. Please watch for them. If you do not receive one, please call the school.

There will be a PTO popcorn sale on Monday, January 23rd. The cost is 50¢ per bag.

STAR testing has begun for students in the Washington School. Please send your healthy child to school each day well rested, fed, and prepared to test. We will be moving to each grade as the previous grade completes their testing. Some grades will take longer than others so we do not have a definite schedule at this time. Once STAR testing has completed, we will move on to DIBELS testing.

We will still be accepting booklets for the SchoolMall/ Computers for Education fundraiser until Tuesday morning. Students will still receive participation prizes on Monday and Tuesday (morning only) for booklets that are returned. Our goal is 80 booklets and as of Thursday morning, we had 43. That is a great start! Some families have expressed their desire to make a donation rather than fill out the booklets. That is perfectly acceptable, also. The only request the PTO has is that you make the check to Washington Elementary PTO and put CFE in the notation spot. Thank you to everyone who has or will participate.

Another way to help us raise money for this program is to visit www.schoolmall.com, select our school by city and state, and continue to shop at one of the participating merchants. There are over 400 online merchants who donate a portion of your order to our school. Some examples of participating online merchants are: Sears, QVC, Kohl's, Walmart, and Best Buy. It does not cost you anything more, but is a great way for our school to earn money.



TOMORROW, January 21st, from 12 noon to 8:00 pm at the Aurora Athletic Club in Ironwood, there is a Spaghetti Dinner benefit being held for Ryan "Nemo" Niemi. Ryan is the Ironwood Red Devil Varsity Football coach and has recently been diagnosed with Berger's (kidney) Disease. There is also a 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction during the benefit. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased at Northstar Electronics, Rigoni's Inn, Town & Country, or at the door. His condition requires constant travel for treatment and will eventually require a kidney transplant. His family greatly appreciates our community support. If you would like to donate or for more information, please contact Laurie Munn at 906-364-2891.

Spring pictures at Washington School will take place on Thursday, February 9th starting at 8:30 am. If you are having a sibling photograph taken, please come to the school at 8:30 as spring pictures always go much quicker than fall pictures. Only students who are ordering will be photographed. Information should come home soon.

The next regularly scheduled Bessemer Area Schools Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the AD Johnston library.

All students should be using either the cafeteria entrance in the back of the building or the east front entrance (closest to the playground on the hill) to enter the building until 8:00 am each morning. After 8:00 am they must use the west front door and be “buzzed” in by the office. Parents of younger children should accompany their child to the door to help them with this process.

Also, students have been told not to let anyone into the school and we ask for your cooperation with this. Please do not ask a student to let you in the building - you MUST use the buzzer to be let in. We need to keep a record of all visitors for student safety. All visitors must still sign in at the office.

Mrs. Hellman is once again having a “Snowman Contest” continuing until March. Here is what you need to do:

- Wait for good, sticky snow.
- Build the most awesome snowman at home with your family or by yourself.
- Take a picture & bring it to school. It will be placed on Mrs. Hellman’s bulletin board.
- Wait until “Wellness Night” to see if you are chosen as the winner of a neat prize.



There will be no school for students in the Bessemer Area Schools on Monday, February 20th due to the observance of President’s Day.

