

Friday Note 10/14/2016

Please remember to check your child's lunch account balance often. Any student who has a negative balance of \$20 will NOT be allowed to eat a school provided meal until the balance is brought current. Automated calls are sent out to notify the families of anyone with a negative balance.



Please do not enter the building during normal school hours unless a staff member lets you in. NO STUDENT is to allow anyone in the building unless a staff member is present and allows them to do so. Students have been informed of this restriction so please do not ask them to open the door. ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

There has been an outbreak of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease in one of the area schools. As far as we know, it has NOT spread to the Bessemer Area Schools. To help prevent the spread, please encourage your children to wash their hands often. If your child experiences a fever, sores in the mouth, and a rash with blisters, please keep him/her home from school until he/she is seen by a medical care provider and notify the school of the reason for the absence.



Midterm report cards for Washington School were sent home on Wednesday. If you did not receive one, please contact your child's teacher.

Washington School students and staff will be participating in Walk to School day next Wednesday, October 19th. Families are welcome to walk with students and staff. School buses will drop participating students off at the BP in Bessemer and students will walk to the school in groups with staff members. If you choose NOT to have your child participate, please sign the form on the back of this page and return it to the school BEFORE Wednesday and he/she will be dropped off at the school as normal. More information is on the back of this page.

All Washington School students were sent home with a turquoise colored 1/2 sheet of paper last week for a PTO Membership Drive. The form and your \$1 donation was due on Thursday, October 13th but we will still gladly accept them next week. The more members we have, the better it is for our kids. The class with the highest percentage of members to sign up will receive a free Dilly Bar party and the teacher will receive a prize, also. Together we can make a difference!

The Believe Fundraiser was once again a success. The class with the highest percentage of participants was Ms. Johanson's third grade class. They will be getting a pizza party in the near future. The student with the highest amount of sales was Brock H. in Ms. Jaskie's Kindergarten class. He was also given a prize for his achievement. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this fundraiser!!

The Mobile Dentist visited our school on Monday and Tuesday. We had a long list of students who signed up to see the dentist. We were very happy with the number of families who took advantage of this great opportunity. They will be visiting again for a 6 month follow up for those students who were seen this week and for any other students who want to sign up. Those dates have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11th and 12th.

DUE TO A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TEACHERS, THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FOR THE BESSEMER AREA SCHOOLS.

**There will be an early dismissal of ALL students in the Bessemer Area Schools on Wednesday, November 9th. Dismissal will be at 11:17 am.
Buses will run their normal routes.**