

Friday Note 2/17/2017

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

Students at Washington School are dismissed by 3:00 daily. Buses leave the school at 3:05. We are asking families who are picking up their children to pick them up by 3:05 also. Staff members have other commitments and cannot be expected to supervise your child during after school hours.



The students at AD Johnston Jr. /Sr. High School are celebrating Winter Carnival this week. They will have different activities every day. The students/school and the Booster Club would like to invite the community to celebrate with them for the following events. On Thursday, February 16th, the Speedgirls Basketball Team has a home game against Ontonagon. The JV game starts at 5:00 pm and the Varsity at 6:20 pm. On Friday, February 17th, the Speedboys Basketball Team has a home game against Dollar Bay which starts at 5:00 and 6:30 pm. All Senior Citizens (ages 55+) who attend any of the games will receive a free bag of popcorn, courtesy of the Booster Club. Also, families attending the games will be admitted for a special price of \$5 per family. At the Speedboys game, any student (grade K-12) who donates an item for the school such as facial tissue, hand sanitizer, pencils, glue sticks, etc. will be admitted for free. At half time of the Speedboys Varsity game on Friday, there will be a "Hoops at the Half" contest. Students can buy tickets for a chance to take part in a free throw contest. The cost of the tickets is: Grades 6 and under- 25¢ (will shoot from the free throw line - 1 attempt), Grades 7 & 8- 50¢ (will shoot from the 3 point line – 1 attempt), and 9th Grade and up- \$1 per ticket (will shoot from half court – 3 attempts). One male and one female will be picked from all applicants in each age level. There will be Dilly Bars for consolation prizes for each person and there are prizes for the winner in each level.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is wrapping up for this school year. This is Washington Elementary School's 20th year for participation. We are proud to partner with American Heart Association in fighting heart disease and stroke. Students jumped rope this week during their PE classes. During this program your kids will learn about their heart and how to develop healthy habits and have the opportunity to raise funds. We want our kids and our community to take action to prevent heart disease TODAY! Go online at: www.heart.org/jump to set up an online donation account. Envelopes and all donations are due by Tuesday, February 21st.

Little League registration for players residing within the boundaries of the Bessemer Area School District will be held on Tuesday – Thursday, February 21-23 from 6-7 pm in the Washington School cafeteria. For more information, please contact Keith Graham at 906-203-0202 or Sam Gresham at 906-285-0639. Registration forms were sent home with students this week.



Don't forget about the "Snowman Contest" being held by Mrs. Hellman. Just bring picture of your snowman to school and give it to Mrs. Hellman to be entered. The winner will be announced at "Wellness Night" in March.



The Bessemer 4th of July Committee is looking for a volunteer coordinator for the Hometown Run. The ideal person does not have to be a runner, but does have to have good organizational skills. Please contact Linda Nelson at 906-364-0154 if you are interested in this position.

The Michigan State University Extension will be offering free "Cooking for Families" classes. It is a 6 week class designed to help participants learn the basics of planning, shopping, and cooking delicious healthy meals and snacks for you and your family. The classes will be from 4:30-5:30 pm on Wednesday(s) March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 at the Community Action Dining Room located at 100 S. Mill St. in Bessemer. Classes are free, but registration is required. For more information, contact Megan Martell, MSU Extension Instructor at mmartell@anr.msu.edu or 906-663-4045 Ext 621.