

Friday Note 3/3/2017



If you have called either of the Bessemer Area Schools buildings this week, you know that our new telephone system is up and running. When you call the main Washington School office, 663-4515, you will now be prompted to enter a selection on your telephone keypad. To leave a message regarding your child's absence or tardiness, please press 1 and you will be directed to the attendance voicemail. If you need to talk to Mrs. Simcoe, press 0 (zero) or remain on the line through the rest of the options. If you need to talk to Mrs. Bergquist, please press 4. There are other options available also. You can dial directly to an extension if you know the number and you can dial by name. This is an internet-based telephone system so if our internet is ever out, our phone system will be also. We are still working on a few "glitches" with the system and learning all about it along with the new extension numbers so we do ask for your patience while we all learn how to work with this system. We apologize in advance for any hang ups or other errors. They are not intentional.

We are still celebrating Dr. Seuss and the 20th anniversary of Read Across America next week. Monday, March 6th will be "Animal Day" to coincide with our Dynamic School Assembly of exotic animals, and Tuesday, March 7th will be "Mustache Day". There is also a Parent/Grandparent Open House on Tuesday from 2:00-2:50 for parents or grandparents to come to the school and read with their child.



Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Friday, March 31st from 8-11 am and 12-2:30 pm. THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS THAT DAY. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age before September 1, 2017 and plan to enroll them in the Bessemer Area Schools for next school year, please contact Mrs. Simcoe with your contact information along with your child's name at 906-663-4515 or by email at: jsimcoe@bessemer.k12.mi.us. Registration packets will be sent out soon.

If you have any questions regarding the May 2nd Bessemer Area Schools Bond proposal vote, please refer to our website at www.bessemer.k12.mi.us. We will also be posting some information on our Facebook page or you may contact Superintendent Dave Radovich by phone at 906-667-0802 or by email at: dradovich@bessemer.k12.mi.us. Just a reminder, you must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election. To vote in the May 2nd school election, you must be registered by March 31. Michigan law does not allow you to register on line. You can also google "Michigan voter registration form" and print a form if needed. Completed forms can be turned in to: City of Bessemer - Jim Trudgeon (for city residents) or Bessemer Township - (Ramsay and other township residents) - Deb Janczak.

Our Jump Rope for Heart event this year raised \$1,190 for the American Heart Association. The two top donation earners were Chase S. in third grade and Bella C. in second grade. They each raised \$125. Mrs. Hellman is very proud of all of the students for participating in this awesome event! Thank you gifts will arrive in a couple of weeks. Good job, everyone!

On Monday, March 6th, the students at Washington will be watching a presentation titled “Animals Around the World and Wild About Books” from Dynamic School Assemblies. Here is some information from their web page:

Animals Around the World & Wild About Books

An exciting look at live animals from different countries and diverse ecosystems. While exploring desert, rainforest, and other locations, students observe and learn about the animals indigenous to those areas. Similarities, difference, and unique attributes of each animals are discussed, as well as their characteristics and behavior patterns. This program is up-close, hands-on, safe, and fun; truly an unforgettable experience! It is one of our most popular animal programs! Presented as "Wild About Books" with a focus on reading during Reading Month and Right to Read Week.

The presentation is being paid for by the Washington School PTO. Here is a statement from the PTO: “The PTO is happy to provide to our students a chance to get up close and personal with some animals from all over the world. We love our students and are happy to give back to them!!”



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.

TOURNAMENT



There is a Double Elimination 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament next Saturday, March 11th, at the Ironwood Schools. There are divisions for grades 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12. There are registration forms at the Washington School. For more information, please contact Ben Schmandt@ 906-932-0932 ext. 217 or Heather Sbraggia @ 906-932-0932 ext. 226. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, March 8th.

There will be early dismissal for students in the Bessemer Area Schools on Tuesday, March 28th due to Parent/Teacher Conferences at Washington School. Dismissal will be at 11:17 and buses will run their normal routes.