

BIGLERVILLE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

PRINCIPAL POINTS FROM MR. KERSTETTER

We've had a great start to the school year! Hopefully, your children have been coming home telling you all of the new things that they are learning this year. I know that the whole Biglerville faculty is excited to be working with your children, and we want to provide every child with a wonderful educational experience.

Please be supportive, and if you have questions don't be afraid to contact your child's teacher. Newsletters will be sent home bi-monthly to keep you up-to-date on school programs and events. I would also encourage you to get involved with our PTO to support the many events and activities they sponsor. Your interest and support help your child know that their education is important.

Finally, please take some time to visit the **Biglerville Elementary School Website**. It can be found by visiting the District site at www.upperadams.org and then clicking on Biglerville Elementary on the schools menu at the top of the page. The site includes a variety of resources including: a calendar of events, teacher pages, PTO information, newsletters, staff listing, contact information, a photo gallery, and a page to access school forms.



ABSENTEEISM REMINDERS

- Parents are expected to **notify the school office by 9:05 AM** when their child is going to be absent. You may call the office at 717-677-5200 or email Mrs. Trostel at d.trostel@upperadams.org to report an absence. Parents who do not notify the school office will be contacted by our parent notification system to verify that they are aware that their child is not in school. A written note or doctors note must also be provided when your child returns.
- **Within 3 days of an absence**, a note must be received to verify why your child was not in school. This note may either be submitted to your child's teacher in writing or it may be emailed to Mrs. Trostel directly at d.trostel@upperadams.org. **The call-in policy does not**



take the place of a note. You may write a note or use our District's blank absence excuse form which can be found using this link <https://www.upperadams.org/Page/1996>

- If your student needs to leave school early for an appointment, please send in a note with your student stating the time of departure and the reason for the departure. Please keep in mind the District policy regarding excused early dismissals which are listed in the Student & Parent Handbook.

NURSE NEWS

VERY IMPORTANT: Please note due to COVID-19 the nurses will NOT have clothes, shoes, or coats to give out if your child would spill something and need a change of clothes. Please pack them a change of clothing and when it gets colder please send them in appropriate outerwear.

From time to time it may be necessary to send medication to school to be taken during the school day. **All medications must be given to our school nurse upon arrival in the building. All prescription medications should be clearly labeled in the original bottle dispensed by the pharmacy.** An **Administration of Medication Forms must be completed by a doctor before medication may be given.** This is for both prescription and non-prescription medication.

Procedure Should Your Child Get Sick in School - In a school setting where people are in close contact and often share supplies, illness can spread. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is also likely to spread illness to other people. Therefore, please keep your child home when they have any of the following symptoms:

- **Fever** (temperature of 100 F degrees or higher). If your child has a fever the evening or night before a school day, they should remain home from school. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of any fever reducing medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen) before returning to school.
- **Vomiting** - If your child has been vomiting the evening or night before a school day, they should stay home from school. A child should go without vomiting for 24 hours and have held down 2 full meals before returning to school.
- **Diarrhea** (more than three liquid stools) in the past 24 hours.
- **Persistent Harsh Cough**, especially if it has kept the child up through the night.
- **Infections** (such as strep throat, pink eye, impetigo, scabies). A student must be on appropriate prescription medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Head Lice** must be treated, and the school nurse has cleared them to return.

Also keep in mind:

- COVID-19 we follow current CDC guidelines. If your child is diagnosed with covid they should quarantine for 5 days (day zero is the day symptoms started or if they did not have symptoms the day they tested). They may return to school on day 6 as long as they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and their symptoms are improving. They must wear a mask for the next 5 days.
- If your child was exposed to covid they may come to school if they are symptom free, but they must wear a mask for 10 days. If they develop any symptoms (especially sore throat or runny nose) keep them home and have them tested.
- Please be sure the school has working phone numbers, and you have a plan in place for childcare in case you are unable to come for your child. If you have changes to your

phone numbers, please contact the school immediately.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture re-take day is on Thursday, November 3rd.

If you would like your child's picture re-taken:

- Please return the entire packet to school on Nov. 3rd, and another photo will be taken of your child. Another packet (identical to what was ordered before) will be printed for you free of charge. If you would rather have a full refund, please contact Lifetouch directly



If your child was absent on picture day:

- All students who were absent on picture day will have their picture taken. You may order pictures online at <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/>. When ordering online, be sure to use Picture Day ID: **EVT8C9PX6**. Order forms are also available in the school office.

If your child's picture was taken on picture day, but you didn't order a packet, it's not too late to order. You can still order pictures of your child online at

<https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/>

RACE FOR EDUCATION

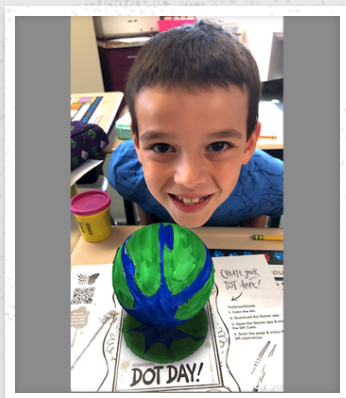
On Friday, October 21st, our school will be participating in our 7th annual **RACE FOR EDUCATION**. Families are welcome to come cheer on their student! Please park in the back lot and proceed to the football field behind the building. The schedule is as follows:

- 1st grade - 9:20 - 10:20
- 2nd grade - 10:30 - 11:30
- 3rd grade - 12:55 - 1:55
- Kindergarten - 2:00 - 3:00

**Mrs. Weigle's class made a wind chime
from recycled water bottles to add to our
playground!**



DOT DAY!



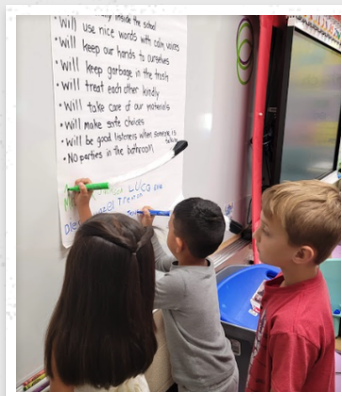
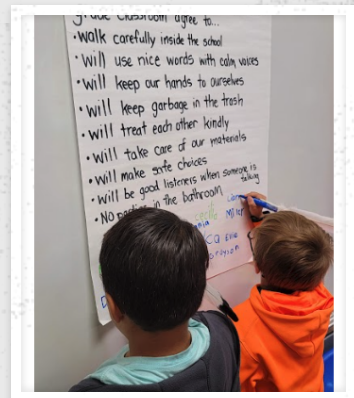
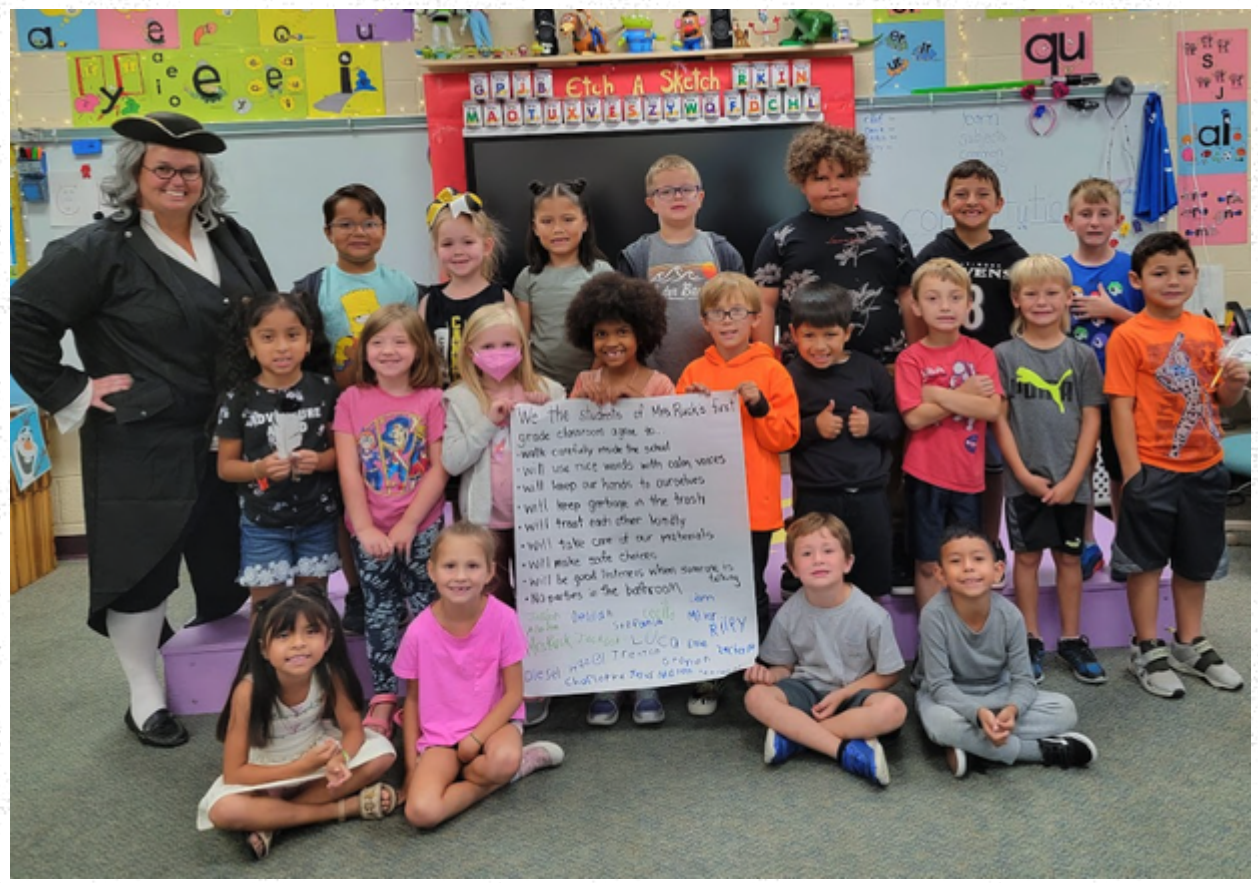
• Mrs. Pelc's •
• class celebrated •
• International •
• Dot Day by making •
• our "dots" come •
• to life in 3D using •
• the Quiver app! •



Photos from Mr. Spence's 2nd grade class
field trip to Strawberry Hill.



Mrs. Ruck's class celebrated Constitution Day!



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Mr. Thomas Oakes, a ceramic artist, met with our students during the residency that focused on Spanish Speaking cultures. 3rd grade students were able to showcase their stories and unique sculptures developed during the residency at a program on September 21st. Below are some photos from Mr. Oakes residency.





PTO NEWS

Please "Like" Biglerville Elementary PTO on Facebook for important dates, information, and happenings. <https://www.facebook.com/biglervillepto>

Box Tops: Please continue to scan your receipts via the Box Top App.

RACE FOR EDUCATION: Our PTO is excited for our annual **RACE FOR EDUCATION!** Our race will be held Oct. 21st. What is Race for Education and how does it work? It's a jog-a-thon (or walk-a-thon) where students ask people (family, friends, etc.) to sponsor them by making a flat donation to the school. Students provide the names and addresses of potential sponsors and mailers are then sent to sponsors asking them to make a donation. On race day, students walk/jog for one hour. The school earns \$ and students have the opportunity to earn prizes!! The Race for Education program allows us to do all of this without parents collecting \$ and without doing door to door sales! Best of all, as long as we meet our **\$20,000** goal, this will be the only fundraiser we'll do all year. We exceeded our goal last year – help us meet it again!

We can use your help:

-**Volunteer to help.** We'll need help on race day (10/21), anyone interested in volunteering can contact Meghan Baumgardner, PTO secretary at megbaum8@gmail.com. Be on the lookout as well for a PTO Facebook post asking for help.

-**Donate postage** to help the PTO cut the costs of sending out our mailers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th at 6pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7th - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:00pm

October 10th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

October 17th - School Store

October 18th - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm

October 21st - RACE FOR EDUCATION

October 28th - Rain date for Race For Education

November 3rd - Picture Re-Take Day

November 15th - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm

November 21st and November 22nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00pm - 7:30pm

November 21st thru November 28th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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