

# Principal's Update

Bethlehem Elementary School Week of 10/9



## School Pledge

At BES, we practice KINDNESS, remember SAFETY, and DO OUR BEST! We are Bulldog proud!!



## Vision of a Learner

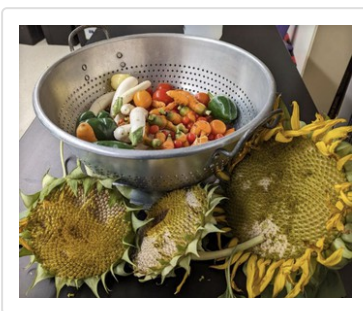
<https://www.ctreg14.org/teaching-learning/vision-of-a-learner>

**Region 14 BOE/District Goals:**  
Academic Performance,  
Communication, Safety and  
Budget.



## Our History

Built in 1926 and established in 1927, the original elementary school remains part of our larger complex. Steeped in tradition, many of our students are in fact second and third generation BES students!



## Important Information

Greetings BES families,

This past week was a wonderful weather week, and children enjoyed outdoor PE ! Our BES Garden is winding down and we have picked our last harvest-see photo to left! Garden Club will be available in the spring again to students in grades 3, 4, and 5.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to Open House on 10/12 (parents only). You will receive a sign up sheet shortly; we are offering two sessions and ask that you sign up for one: the first at 6:00 PM **OR** the second at 6:40 PM. Alternate sessions will be held concurrently in the Library with specials teachers highlighting their programs.

We will be practicing an evacuation drill as an entire school in October.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments please feel free to contact me directly at [wyatsenick@ctreg14.org](mailto:wyatsenick@ctreg14.org)

BES Snack/Celebration Form :

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1694093541/region14/119ww0omuwwhlii65hgy/ClassroomCelebrationSnackRequest9-7.pdf>



## Library Happenings

This year we are grateful to have a full time librarian on staff, Mrs. Kelleher. Here is an update: I am Caitlin Kelleher, your Library Media Specialist at Bethlehem Elementary School. I am so excited for the opportunity to expand my role this school year to full-time, with all of our bookworm bulldogs. Our Library Media Center is a vibrant, busy, learning environment. Students visit the LMC through their one book exchange period per week and one library/media class on the specials rotation. Students also may come in as needed, for tech troubleshooting, small group learning, or for book recommendations. I strive to create a flexible, welcoming environment in our LMC, where everyone in our school community feels comfortable to ask for and locate whatever they may need. We are fortunate to have a 1:1 technology model for instruction, and part of my job is to ensure that our students understand

how to use all of our tech tools. For the next few months our upper grades will focus on how to locate what they need in the library, digital citizenship, and intro to coding and what it is used for. Primary grades are fostering a love for reading, literature, and libraries through read alouds, book discussions, and small projects. We are becoming stronger users of technology through practice with our Google Classroom, Google Slides, Seesaw, and interactive choice boards. BES is a special place and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to be here everyday with your wonderful kids.

## Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Programs for BES Students

Our very popular partnership with Parks and Recreation is expanding, and four new sessions will begin October 16th, including Capture The Flag! Link to form :

[https://bethlehemct.org/vertical/sites/%7B5308EA3E-1589-494E-AA0B-0BABEF8025FD%7D/uploads/BES\\_Jackson\\_10-17-23\(1\).pdf](https://bethlehemct.org/vertical/sites/%7B5308EA3E-1589-494E-AA0B-0BABEF8025FD%7D/uploads/BES_Jackson_10-17-23(1).pdf)

## Planning Ahead ...



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### Important Dates to Remember:



#### **BES Fall Open House**

**Thursday Oct. 12th 6-7:15 PM**

Meet your child's teacher, see their classroom  
and learn about school happenings and curriculum.

#### **PTO COSTUME SALE**

**Friday, Oct. 13th 3:15- 6PM BES Cafe**



#### **School Picture Day: Tuesday Oct. 24th**

Order Forms will be sent home in student folders

Make-up day is Nov. 20



#### **PTO Halloween Bingo**

**Tuesday Oct. 24th, 6 PM in the BES Cafe**

**Wear Your Costumes & win prizes!!**

#### **Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Nov. 14, 16 and 17 afternoons (evening Nov. 16)**

- All three days are 12:55 dismissal for students.

\* Sign Ups for conferences will be sent out by teachers.



News from the PTO- please see our PTO website :  
<https://besct.ptboard.com>