

# Principal's Update

Bethlehem Elementary School Week of 10/30



## 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>

In support of our mission, we want the students in our Region 14 communities to be future ready. To ensure that all of our learners are prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century, we have developed a common understanding of the skills and qualities that will help them to thrive in life.



## 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!

## Region 14 BOE/District Goals

- **Academic Performance** - The district will strive to improve academic performance for all students on multiple assessment indicators and the staff will be committed to continuous improvement.
- **Communication** - Region 14 will develop partnerships with all stakeholders in the school community to highlight the exemplary programs the district offers.
- **Safety** - Region 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology, enabling a 21st century learning environment that supports the values of the district.

- **Budget** - Region 14 will prepare a budget that meets the needs of every student and communicates the needs and priorities of Region 14 in a clear and concise manner.



## Important Information

Greetings BES families,

Halloween Bingo was a huge success, and as many may know by now, our launch of the BES Barkery was a success!

Thank you to our fabulous PTO, yet again for our Pumpkin Patch Friday and apple snacks for the children (photo to left). March Farm supplied the pumpkins and apples-THANK YOU!

Our BES Halloween parade is on Halloween (10/31) at 10 AM. Please park in the front circle, grass area and along the roadside per Officer Mark's directions upon arriving. Children will parade around the circle several times for parents and guests. This will be short, but entertaining! So far, the forecast looks favorable.

On Thursday, November 9th, we will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at BES. Students are working on activities and we have joined the Wounded Warrior Project as a school. Any family members of our students who are veterans are invited to join us at 9:30 for coffee and light breakfast ahead of the 10 AM ceremony. More to follow!

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/region14/119ww0omuwhlii65hgy/ClassroomCelebrationSnackRequest9-7.pdf>

## School Highlight-Math Enrichment

As part of Math enrichment, third grade students are creating configurations for "game night" that work logistically given certain parameters. This included the use of bar graphs to demonstrate their thinking. They took it to the next level by designing their own board games that included mathematical concepts. Pictured below is the "Dot Game," which consists of 4 levels of mathematical operations in ascending order of difficulty. Children are working to investigate if they can publish their game. Teamwork in terms of agreeing on rules, materials,

and steps was critical! Next up, creating 3D game pieces with the 3D printer donated to our school and testing the games in house! Such creative thinkers!



## Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Programs for BES Students

Our very popular partnership with Parks and Recreation is expanding, and four new sessions have begun, 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)

**\*\*Please remember to send in a note for Mrs. Bernardi [dbernardi@ctreg14.org](mailto:dbernardi@ctreg14.org) if your child is staying after school for Park and Rec. One note for the duration of the specific program is acceptable. Thank you kindly.**

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