

# Principal's Update

Bethlehem Elementary School Week of 11/6



## 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,

Congrats to our BES Woodbury U9 Soccer girls on their fabulous, season ending 5-2 win this Saturday over Pomperaug (photo to left). What a gritty, determined bunch!

This week is a busy one! As a reminder, there is no school on Tuesday 11/7 and Friday 11/10. On Thursday, we will host our special family members who are veterans for coffee and donuts at 9:30 AM in our cafe and a ceremony at 10:00 AM.

October Student of The Month awardees are: K: Ryan Venditti and Theordora Peterson. Grade 1: Dylan Lanese and Leah Taranovich. Grade 2: Jackson Lasky and Hunter Rowe. Grade 3: Johnny Siemon and Robbie Girgasky. Grade 4: Daniela Garzon and Logan Gannon. Grade 5: Francis Cuccia and Kristopher Cuccia. Learning Center: Desmond Ambruso. Congratulations to these Bulldog stars!

Also, Student of The Month Breakfast for Sept. and Oct. will take place at 9:00 A.M. on Friday 11/17 in the BES cafe. All family members are welcome to attend.

Please remember to sign up for parent conferences the week of November 13th. You should have received an email on 11/2 to use Sign Up Genius for this purpose.

Pie Fundraiser pickup will be Thursday, November 16th from 1:30-3PM.

Next, we are looking to add several parents to our Parent Advisory group. We will meet periodically to discuss initiatives, concerns and suggestions for continued positive progress in all areas. This is an excellent opportunity that is a minimal time obligation that allows your input at BES! Please email Mrs. Y at [wyatsenick@ctreg14.org](mailto:wyatsenick@ctreg14.org) if you are interested.

Thank you to all of our guests who made last week's Halloween activities and parade fun for our children; we could not do it without your support!

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>



## School Highlight-BES Reading Rally

On Thursday, November 2nd, students Pre-K to grade 5 participated in their very first Reading Rally led by Instructional Leader Caitlin Jurkowski and Library Media Specialist Caitlin Kelleher. The assembly opened with a celebration of our author of the month: Eric Carle. We learned about his life, watched an interview explaining the success of his very famous book [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#), and Mrs. Kelleher read an Eric Carle story. The technology she used while reading the book listened to her voice and created sound effects based on what was being read. After celebrating our author, we then celebrated our very own authors, illustrators, mathematicians, and scientists. One student from each classroom stood in front of the crowd sharing a piece of work that they are very proud of. We celebrated their achievements and are proud of their efforts!

## 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>

