

DECEMBER 2023



# FALCON FAMILY



## FLIER!!

### NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Falcon Families!!!

In his 1926 classic, "Winnie the Pooh," A.A. Milne wrote, "Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude." Our little pink friend was grateful for the abundance he had in his life: great friends, a warm place to sleep and a few tasty "hay corns" to eat.

As we conclude 2023, and break for the winter holiday, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help make BES an amazing place to be. We are a community with many gifts and talents, which we share daily with one another and most important, with our students. From the classroom, to our living rooms and all points in-between, our collective efforts to support the whole child are filled with passion, commitment and a willingness to provide a learning environment that promotes student success for all.

Parents, of course, are such a critical part of all we hope to accomplish on behalf of our students. I am grateful to you for masterfully doing what I know firsthand is the hardest, most rewarding and joyous job of all. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift. I am grateful to our wonderful, talented, creative, inquisitive, optimistic, resourceful and resilient students.

In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school. It is also during this time that I am reminded of my own good fortune to serve as the proud principal of BES.

*Ms. Braun*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

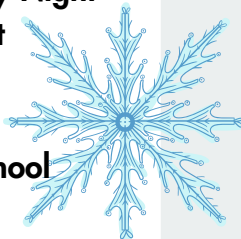
**December 7th - 15th** Benchmark Testing

**December 12th** - Polar Express Family Night

**December 20th** - BES Holiday Concert

**December 21st** - Growth Towards Achievement Field Day

**December 25th - January 5th** - No School  
Winter Break



### SCHOOLWIDE GOALS

- Increase ELA proficiency from 22% to 33% by May, 2024 based on our state assessment data.
- Increase Math proficiency from 14% to 24% by May, 2023 based on our state assessment data
- Increase schoolwide K-4 reading data proficiency from

### FEATURED GRADE

#### LEVEL

#### 3RD GRADE

THIS TEAM IS WORKING ON MOVING FROM LEARNING TO READ TO READING TO LEARN ALONG WITH HIGH LEVELS OF PROBLEM SOLVING



**MS. GRUNOW  
MRS. COOK  
MRS. ALVAREZ  
MRS. SHAFFER**



### SCHOOL VISION/ MISSION

Vision: Promote academic excellence by building an effective, positive, and safe learning environment.

Mission: Support the whole child through collaboration, motivation, mentorship and strong instructional practices to advance each and every student toward academic success.

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## Benchmark Testing

**DECEMBER 7TH- DECEMBER 15TH**

December 7th (2nd, 3rd, 6th grades) NWEA ELA

December 8th (2nd, 3rd, 6th grades) NWEA MATH

December 11th (4th/5th grade) NWEA ELA Test

December 12th (4th/5th grade) NWEA MATH Test

December 14th (7th-8th grade) NWEA ELA

December 15th (7th-8th grade) NWEA Math

## Field Day!!!

### GROWTH TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT

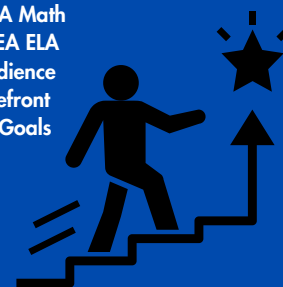
**December 21st!!**

We are committed to celebrating ALL growth towards high levels of achievement!!

Students have the opportunity to earn their ticket to our Color War Field day by showing growth on their Benchmark Testing.

We will look at these assessments to identify areas of growth

NWEA Math  
NWEA ELA  
Acadience  
Forefront  
IEP Goals



## POLAR EXPRESS



### Family Night

December 12th from 6pm-8pm

Buckeye Gym



The classic Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg will be read aloud to students and families.

Tables will be set up around the gym for crafts

We will be handing out bells and candy canes to each person, while supplies last. Snacks and hot cocoa would be for sale if families would like to purchase as well.

## Winter Break

**December 25-January 5**

**No School**

**Enjoy the break with your loved ones!**

**See you "Next Year"**

## Buckeye PTA

PTA October general meeting date

**December 15th**

**4:00PM**

**Buckeye Elementary School Library**

Families are encouraged to join the PTA meeting even if you are not a current PTA Member

BES PTA Contact - Bonnie Cook - bcook@besd33.org



# BES Winter Events

Sponsored by Student Council

27  
Candy Grams for  
sale

28  
Candy Grams for  
sale

29  
Candy Grams for  
sale

30  
Candy Grams for  
sale

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7  
Candy Grams for  
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8  
Candy Grams for  
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11  
Candy Grams for  
sale

Candy Grams for  
sale  
Polar Express  
Family Night 6-8  
12

13  
Candy Grams for  
sale

14  
Candy Grams for  
sale

15  
Candy Grams for  
sale  
Winter Dance  
6th-8th Grades

Spirit Week

18

Spirit Week

19

Spirit Week 20  
BES Holiday  
Concert 6-8

Spirit Week 21  
Field Day for  
Growth Towards  
Achievement

Spirit Week 22  
Reindeer Run



Happy Holidays!