



Principal's Update

Bethlehem Elementary School Week of 1/8/2024



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,

We were so happy to see everyone last week! New After School Academy sessions started today and continue tomorrow after school.

We have begun initiating some changes in our lunchroom aimed at some fun activities that will keep children engaged and encourage positive behavior (PBIS). Each month a class may earn the "Golden Spatula" for exemplary lunchroom behavior. Good lunchroom behavior does not mean sit quietly, rather it means sit, eat, converse, laugh and enjoy your friends with our indoor voices, and also be neat and pick up one's garbage. We are also encouraging children to actually eat, as some become distracted and do not eat, or discard most of their lunches, which we conclude you would not concur with! We have coloring, cards, tic tac toe, and on Fridays we will have movie lunch. This past Friday students enjoyed *Land of The Lost* during lunch, and we will watch more of that this Friday. A copy of our "Cafe Activity Menu" is included below.

Mrs. Strell presented on the Invention Convention to all students in grades 3-5 on Friday 1/5. She also emailed a parent letter outlining this. A participation commitment is due to her by the end of January. Please contact her with any questions at Cstrell@ctreg14.org

This Thursday, January 11 we are celebrating the works of author Jan Brett, followed by a celebration and presentation of our own students' work at our 3rd monthly Reading Rally! Please be sure to ask your children what they learned about Jan Brett and who presented from their class!

As a reminder, our next Student of The Month Breakfast is Friday, January 19th at 9 AM in our BES Cafe.

Back by popular demand is the PTO Grandparents' Dinner! Join us for a nominal fee on February 12th and have your children bring their grandparents on a dinner outing! Stay tuned for more information from the PTO.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments please feel free to contact me directly at wyatsenick@ctreg14.org

BES Snack/Celebration Form:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1694093541/region14/II9ww0omuwhlii65hgy/ClassroomCelebrationSnackRequest9-7.pdf>

Bethlehem Cafe Activity Menu.pdf

Download

128.6 KB

Parent Resources

Please peruse our science and social studies website!

<https://sites.google.com/ctreg14.org/scienceandsocialstudiescurricu?usp=sharing>

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Programs for BES Students

Our very popular partnership with Parks and Recreation continues, please see their website for more information. New sessions start 1/16/24.

Link : <https://bethlehemct.org/park-rec>

****Please remember to send in a note for Mrs. Bernardi 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>



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