



Bernd Elementary, Where Rigor Is Routine!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR GOALS (TLIM EDITION)

Research has shown the simple act of writing a goal greatly increases the chances of accomplishing the goal. If the goal is broken down into action steps and the action steps tracked, goals have a greater chance of success.

At Bernd, your child writes his/her academic goals in his/her Leadership Notebook. Are you having conversations surrounding his/her academic goals at home? With Milestones approaching for Grades 3-5, it is more important than ever to set and monitor goals and hold conversations about the completion of the action steps.

The Leadership Notebook idea can also be used in your home. Create goals such as reading together, eating dinner at the table, or doing an activity together. Involve the whole family ~ choose a meaningful goal and action steps. Post the goal and the action steps in a visible place and be sure to track and celebrate progress!

ACADEMIC PARENT TEACHER TEAMS

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 05, 2024, for our second Academic Parent Teacher Leadership Academy meeting. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude around 6:30 p.m. It is an **EXPECTATION** you attend; please be here for the entire class meeting.

The goal of Academic Parent Teacher Teams is to engage the family to strengthen teacher-family relationships by focusing on student academic growth and achievement.

At this follow-up meeting, the grade-level will discuss where each student should be at this point during the year, discuss where students are now regarding the previously identified weakness, before having students share with their own parents regarding their individual results, all through the use of activities and the student leadership notebooks. See you **AND** your student there!

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

As the new year begins, it's not a bad idea to be reminded of promotion requirements. In July 2003, the state passed the Georgia Promotion, Placement, and Retention law. This law requires 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade students to pass parts of the state assessment.

In addition to successfully passing certain parts of the state assessment in 3rd (Reading), 5th (Reading & Math) and 8th grade (Reading & Math), students must also meet other promotion requirements.

- Students at all grades (K-5) must have a passing grade in BOTH ELA & MATH to be promoted to the next grade-level.
- Additionally, students must pass (or meet) either Science or Social Studies to be promoted.

NEW YEAR: NEW NUMBER, NEW INFORMATION?

We would like to encourage you to **update your contact information. You can do this through Parent Portal!**

When it is necessary to reach out to parents, we require the most current contact information.

Often, announcements are made through School Messenger and/or Remind, either by the school or by the district.

If we do not have your current information, you may not be well-informed regarding events at Bernd or within the district.

Please be reminded the **TARDY BELL** rings @ 8:20 a.m. Students arriving at 8:20 a.m. are tardy and begin their day behind. Students leaving at any time before 3:20 p.m. are also tardy and miss instruction.

School ends at 3:20 p.m. Students should be picked up no later than 3:50 p.m.

#eastsideoutloud

#wearebernd

#raiderpride

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 03: Professional Learning Day

January 04: Students 1st Day Back

January 05: Progress Report #3 Posted to Parent Portal

January 12: (1:45) Spelling Bee

January 15: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 19: (2:15) Synergy Squads

January 26: (2:15) PBIS Celebration – Old School Game Party

January 31: Student Lighthouse Team Meeting

February 02: Leadership Day

February 02: (2:15) Raider Rally

February 05: (5:00) Academic Parent Teacher Leadership Academy for ALL Parents AND Students