



Bernd Elementary, Where Rigor Is Routine!



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GADOE IDENTIFIES BERND FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

As required by federal law, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has identified Bernd Elementary Leadership Academy for additional support. The purpose of the identification is for the GaDOE to partner with us to increase outcomes and opportunities for our students.

There are several reasons for us being identified, including data related to Grades 3-5 Georgia Milestones Assessment (Content Mastery, Progress, and Closing Gaps) and attendance data (PreK-5th Grade).

We urge you to support everything we undertake to do for each student, and that begins with attendance. Consistent attendance allows us the opportunity to support student learning and growth. Regardless of all other factors, if your child(ren) are at school consistently, putting forth his/her best effort, they should at a minimum show growth from one year to the next. We are all in this together (staff, students, parents)!

BE PROACTIVE: CIRCLE OF CONTROL

What is the Circle of Control? Instead of reacting to or worrying about conditions over which one has little or no control, proactive people focus their time and energy on things they can control. The problems, challenges, and opportunities we face fall into two areas--Circle of Concern and Circle of Influence/Control.

Proactive people focus their efforts on their Circle of Influence/Control. They work on the things they can do something about, while reactive people focus their efforts in the Circle of Concern--things over which they have little or no control. Gaining an awareness of the areas in which we expend our energies is a giant step in becoming proactive.

Talk to your child about ways he/she is being proactive in school. Student leaders must learn early on that they must take responsibility for their actions so they do not become adults believing that nothing is their fault. Stay in your Circle of Influence/Control!

BERND GOES GREEN

Our students are creative and enjoy a good competition. On **Wednesday, March 13th**, our students are invited to pay **\$5** and wear as much green as possible in recognition of St. Patrick's Day. The three most creative, greenest students will win cash prizes.

MARCH MADNESS IS HERE

Friday, March 08, 2024, our students will have an opportunity to participate in March Madness, 3-on-3 basketball tournament during Specials. **To play** in the tournament, students should pick their teams and pay their **\$3 per person entry fee. To watch**, students will need to **pay \$2**.

MILESTONES MADNESS

Spring Break falls during the week of April 01st-April 05th. Upon returning to school, we will have two weeks before the Georgia Milestones Assessment begins. We have been working feverishly to prepare our students for the assessment; however, we still have some work to do. How can you continue to help at home? **Support us by not only supporting your student(s), but also holding them accountable for putting forth their best effort at school on all assignments.**

Accompanying this newsletter, you will find essential standards and skills to utilize with online platforms such as iReady and Freckle that can be accessed through ClassLink. Although only Grades 3-5 will take the Georgia Milestones, these resources are invaluable to all grade-levels. Use them often! Please call your child's teacher with questions!

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.

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

March 04-08: National School Social Work Week,
National School Breakfast Week,
Read Across America Week

March 08: March Madness (\$3 each to play; \$2 to watch)

March 13: Go Green Day (\$5 to Participate)

March 14: Raider Readiness

March 14: 3rd Grade Field to Trip to GA Aquarium & Zoo

March 15-24: Cherry Blossom Festival

March 18-22: School Board Appreciation Week

March 22: Pink Out for Cherry Blossom (Wear Pink)

March 22: (9:30-12:00) Smooth Move to Appling

March 22: (2:15-3:05) Synergy Squads

March 22: (5:00-7:00) Masquerade Ball (\$10 each)

March 29: PBIS Celebration

April 01-05: Spring Break