

# Happy New Year Newsletter

January 2025



## A NOTE FROM MR. KERSTETTER

Biglerville Elementary was once again recognized as a **2025 Best Elementary School by US News and World Report**. US News and World Report has ranked High Schools for a number of years, but this is only the 2nd year that they have ranked and recognized Elementary Schools. Out of more than 1450 Elementary Schools in Pennsylvania, Biglerville Elementary was ranked in the top 350 Elementary Schools.



As we move into the cold winter months, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed properly for the weather. If it is not extremely cold outside, students will be going outdoors for recess. Please make sure that they wear a warm coat and have a hat and gloves for school each day.

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## WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Please keep in mind that with the arrival of wintery weather, unexpected early dismissals become a possibility. Please take time NOW to make any alternate arrangements for your child should an early dismissal occur. Make sure that your child is aware of what to do or where to go if school is dismissed early and please contact the school office with any changes.

**School Closings and related announcements will continue to be generated through our Parent Notification System.** If you have changed your phone number or email address since the start of school, please be sure to call or email the office to update your information so that you get important messages when you need them! School closing information will also continue to be aired on local television and radio stations.



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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025

Upper Adams School District will commence Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year with our **Kindergarten Roundup** (part of our KinderStart program) on **February 4th** at 6:00 pm. If you have a child who will be age 5 before September 1, 2025, please call the Biglerville Elementary School office to be included in the KinderStart activities and Kindergarten Registration. You may call Biglerville Elementary at 717-677-5200 ext 5210 or email [c.ritchey@upperadams.org](mailto:c.ritchey@upperadams.org). Please visit the UASD website for more information.



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## SPRING PICTURE DAY

**Save the date!**

Spring  
PICTURE DAY  
IS COMING!

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Hello, Heart Heroes! Kids Heart Challenge is coming to our school soon! We have exciting things planned this year to get us moving, helping others and having fun. Our event will kick off on 1/31/25! More information will be sent home mid-January. Visit our school website <http://www2.heart.org/goto/biglervilleK-3kidsheartchallenge> or scan the QR code that will bring you directly there! Don't forget you can download the app as well!



Mrs. Gaston

## NEW SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER

### Welcome Mr. Eric Cleland To Our School Community!

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We are excited to introduce Mr. Eric Cleland as the newest member of our school community, serving as a district-wide school security officer. Students and staff can expect to see Mr. Cleland throughout our buildings, dedicated to maintaining a safe and inviting atmosphere for all.

#### About Mr. Cleland:

- Eric Cleland possesses extensive experience in public service and security. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University in 1998. His professional journey began at the Loysville

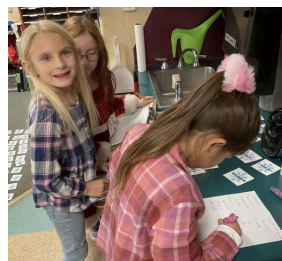
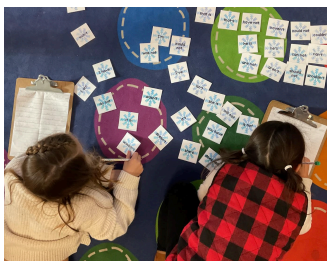
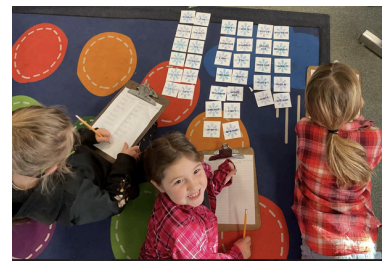


- Mr. Cleland then dedicated 25 years to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a Parole Agent. His extensive professional training includes certifications as a Defensive Tactics Trainer and expertise in Firearms, Tactical Operations, Night and Dim Light Firearms, and Room Entry techniques.
- In his free time, Mr. Cleland leads an active lifestyle that includes hunting, mountain biking, playing slow-pitch softball, weightlifting, and playing his guitar.

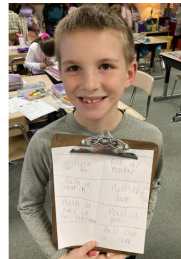
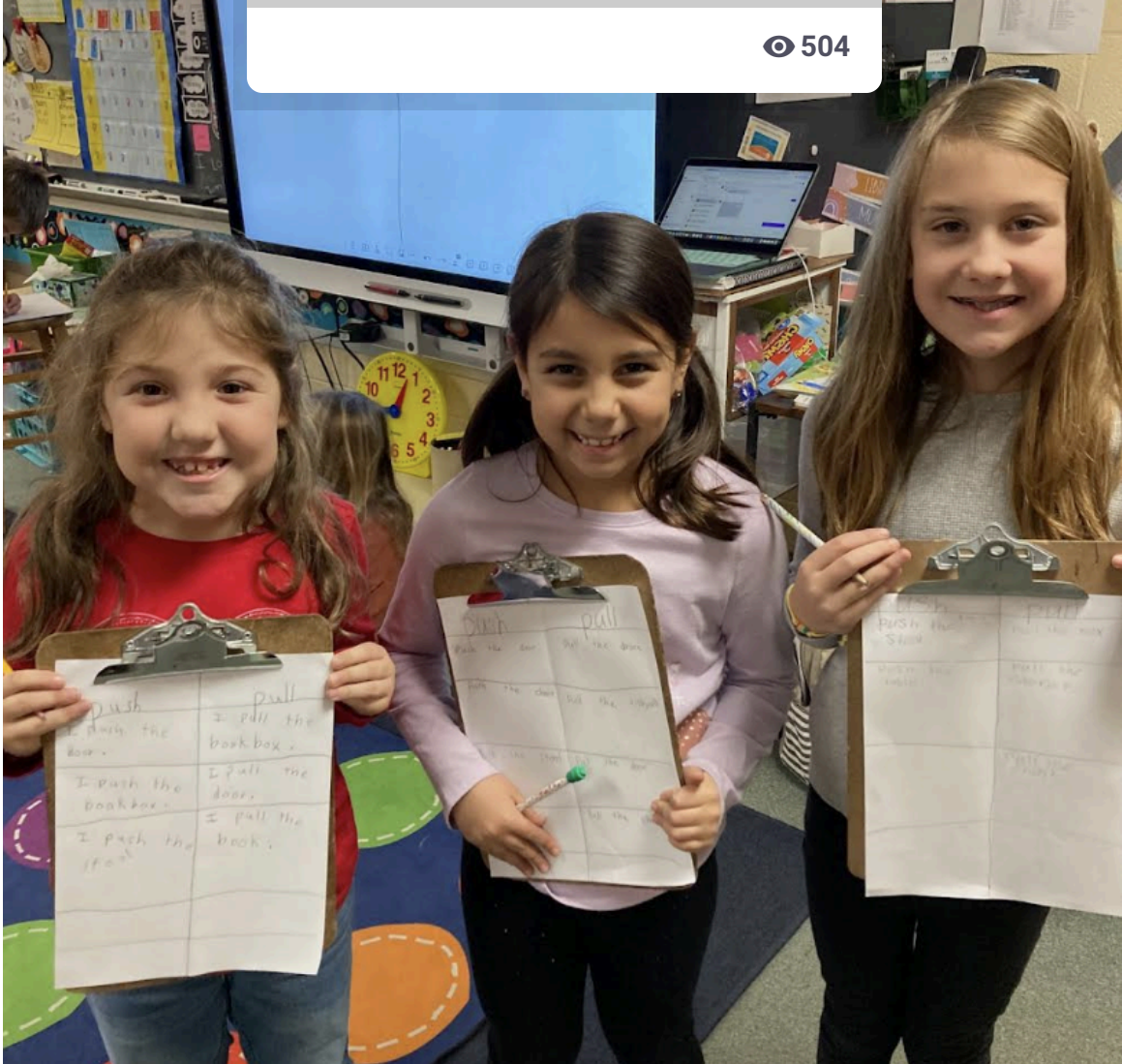
Let's extend a warm welcome to Mr. Cleland as he joins our school district! We are thrilled to have him on our team, dedicated to ensuring safety and security for everyone.

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## Mrs. Pelc's class played Memory Match with snowflake contractions!



## Mrs. Pelc's students read about Earth's forces & investigated push & pull forces



## MRS. BLACK'S CLASS

In math, Kindergarten has been measuring all month long. We have been weighing objects, and measuring items that are long/short and tall/short.



Kindergarten has been working hard on reviewing sight words and practicing CVC words with sensory trays.



## PTO NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Biglerville PTO in 2024! From our Race For Education, and Hollabaugh's Market, to Mamma's Pizza, and the endless number of Parent (and Grandparent) Volunteers for book fair, teacher conference meals, Reading is Fundamental (RIF), Picture Day, and school store - just to name a few of the people and activities that made 2024 a great year! We are looking forward to 2025 and all the fun things that are in store for our students! Happy New Year!

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Next School Store: February 6th, 2025

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, January 21st, please join us in the teacher's lounge at 6pm.

Be sure to Like and Follow our Facebook Page! <https://www.facebook.com/biglervillepto>



## CALENDAR

- 1/2 - Students return to school
- 1/17 - Early Dismissal for students @ 11:45am
- 1/20 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 1/21 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 2/4 - Kindergarten Round-Up
- 2/6 - School Store
- 2/14 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (possible snow make-up day)
- 2/17 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 2/25 - Spring Picture Day

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