Bath Bulletin

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 8- PTA Reflections Reception - MAP ELA Testing
- Jan. 9- MAP Math Testing
- Jan. 10- 1st Composting Friday During Lunches
- Jan. 11- PTA Skating Party (4th Gr. Focus)
- Jan. 13- PTA Meeting
 - Gr. 3 Apollo's Fire Assembly
- Jan. 14, 28- Gr. 4 Bath Nature Club
- Jan. 15- Math Olympiad Test - Gaming Club
- Jan. 16- End of 2nd Grading Period
- Jan 17- In-Service Day/No School
- Jan. 20- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/No School
- Jan. 21- Board Meeting
- Jan. 24 Grades Posted in Progress Book
- Jan. 31- Bath Team Hero Spirit Day/Popcorn Friday
- Feb. 1- PTA Skating Party (3rd Gr. Focus)
- Feb. 6- PTA Family Game Night

Dear Families,

Happy 2025!! I hope you all had a safe, relaxing, and wonderful holiday season and were able to enjoy this time with your children. As much as the kids love having a long break, they are always anxious to be back at school and eager to see their teachers and friends.

The school year is already almost half over and the 2nd grading period is coming to a

close on Jan. 16. Report cards will be posted in Progress Book on Friday, Jan. 24. All of our students will be taking the MAP test for both Reading and Math on Jan. 8 and 9. These assessments are great progress monitoring tools and are also used as a data point for the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee, gifted services and for placement in classes at RMS.

Now that it is January, winter weather is definitely here for the next few months. Please remember that we try go outside as much as possible to enjoy the

snow and cold weather at recess. When we have enough snow, the kids will be able to sled ride, build snowmen, and have great fun on the field. The kids are strongly encouraged to wear their boots, snow pants, and winter clothing every day. Thank you.

> Sincerely, Dan Fry, Principal

Andrew Wilson, Assistant Principal



Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra Assembly for Gr. 3

We are excited to have the incredible musicians from Apollo's Fire: The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra performing a special assembly for our 3rd grade students. This will be the third year that the orchestra has visited Bath School to perform for our students and teach them about instruments and cultures from around the world. Our students are able to see, hear, and feel the passion that the performers have for their music. They learn about the variety of instruments in the orchestra and the cultures from where they originate. These assemblies, not only provide an incredible musical experience for our students, they also create excitement for them as they look forward to playing in our school orchestra in fourth and fifth grade.

PTA Family Game Night

Our amazing Bath PTA will be hosting a Family Game Night on Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:30 at Bath School. Games will be set up in the gymnasium and there will be food for purchase in the cafeteira. This will be a fun night for our students and families.



What's Happening in Library Class with Mrs. Beshara

Always a bustle of activity, there are several things that go on in our library day-to-day aside from the circulation of books. As we start a new year, it's the perfect time to reflect on some of the highlights of what students have experienced in our library program as we have closed the final chapter of 2024.

Our main focus for 3rd grade is the Ohio Department of Education library standard of Foundations for Lifelong Learning & Literacy where our 3rd graders are selecting materials and reading to pursue what they'd like to learn more about or books that they are drawn to because of a personal interest. As a result, we've read a number of different book genres this school year. Students have also learned information about the authors and illustrators before we read certain books during read-alouds. Additionally, students are learning how to access several different digital book collections and how to use the various features of each digital book that best helps them to better engage with the story.

The 4th graders have been learning how to use Canva. They have completed a number of projects with the graphic design program. We even had a contest for who could create the best banner for Google Classroom. One student was awarded in each class section and the winning banner is proudly displayed each time we use Google Classroom during their library visit. These projects cover the ODE's standard of students using digital tools to create, manipulate, analyze, edit, and publish digital objects.

5th grade has been working on research skills. They are learning how to access various databases through INFOhio to find information necessary for school assignments or for individual pursuits. This will be the springboard for the more advanced research they will need to conduct in middle school. Research at the 5th grade level fulfills the Ohio Department of Education's Media Literacy strand specific to students accessing resources to explore the world of information for personal and educational use. It also involves ODE's informational literacy standard that addresses students having the skills to research and explore resources.

Furthermore, to enrich the literacy experience for 5th grade, this is our first year in a partnership with Akron Summit County Public Library's Richfield Branch in the creation of a 5th grade book club. Students meet once a month during their lunch to discuss a different book each time with the Richfield Branch youth librarian. We also had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the main branch library to hear Ohio author Justin A. Reynolds share his path to becoming a writer and the process of how an idea evolves into a graphic novel. After the presentation, each student was able to shake hands with the author and received a signed copy of one of his books.

We Will Be Composting Food Waste in the Cafeteria!

The 5th graders in Mrs. Keating's classes wrote very persuasive letters asking if we could start composting food waste from our cafeteria. Thanks to our amazing Bath PTA, we will now have 2 composting bins outside of our cafeteria!! Mr. Robertson, our head cook, will be working with our kids to teach them about composting. We will plan to save our uneaten fruits and vegetables each Friday to add to our composting bins. Mr. Keating's students will have the responsibility of overseeing the process. All of the compost will be added to our Bath garden in our Land Lab.

Family Living for 5th Graders

Mrs. Worner, our district nurse, will once again be teaching our 5th grade Family Living classes during the months of February and March. The Family Living classes are designed to help children learn about growth and development, including the changes of adolescence. The material is family centered and parents play an important and natural role in making the course meaningful for their own children. More information will be coming home to our 5th grade parents, but here is a <u>link</u> to the curriculum that will be used

After you have reviewed the details of the course, please feel free to email or call Mrs. Worner with any questions or concerns at cworner@revereschools.org or 330-203-5850.

Congratulations to our December Bath Team Heroes





