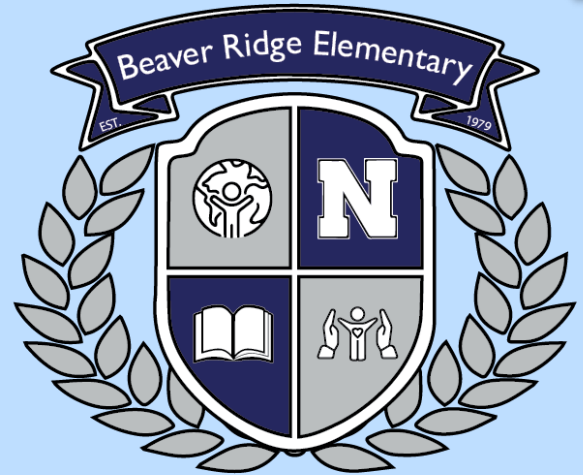


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# Agenda

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# Welcome & Introductions (2 mins)



# Principal's Report

## Winter Assessment Updates: Midyear District Assessment Overview

### Strengths:

**3rd Grade Math & Science:** Scores are close to or slightly above the district average for schools with similar free/reduced lunch percentages.

**4th Grade Social Studies:** Performance is strong and above the regression line.

### Areas to Monitor:

**5th Grade Math:** Slightly below the trend line, suggesting an opportunity for targeted support.

**Science (4th & 5th):** Scores are near the trend line but could improve with enrichment strategies.

### Key Takeaways:

- Our school is performing consistently with district expectations.
- We have notable strengths in early grades and social studies.
- Continued focus on math and science in upper grades will help maintain growth.

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## Winter Assessment Updates: iReady Assessment Overview

iReady Winter Window: Monday, January 12 – Friday, January 23, 2026

- **As of today, 82% of our K-5 students have completed Math iReady Testing**
  - Based on the data provided, growth data in math from fall to winter is encouraging: although overall performance remains below the national norm, students are demonstrating strong growth, with all grades falling in the “Low Performance/High Growth” quadrant.
  - This suggests that while achievement gaps persist, current instructional strategies are effectively accelerating progress, and continued focus on sustaining this growth will be essential to moving more students toward grade-level proficiency.
- Reading iReady will be administered later this week.

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## Attendance Trends: Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

- The attendance data reveals early-grade absenteeism concerns, particularly in Kindergarten (KK) at 17%, while Pre-K and Grades 1–3 and Grade 5 each show 14%, with Grade 4 significantly lower at 9%.
- Under Georgia law, the law classifies more than five unexcused absences as truancy and requires parental notification. Chronic absenteeism—missing 10% or more of school days (18+ days)—is also formally reported.
- Due to chronic absenteeism:
  - Our students face significant challenges: lower academic achievement, reduced literacy and math proficiency, and increased risk of students falling behind or dropping out.
  - It also impacts school accountability ratings under state and federal guidelines, potentially affecting funding and resources.
  - Persistent absenteeism can strain teachers, disrupt classroom continuity, and hinder overall school performance.

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## Winter Safety Reminders for Families

- As temperatures drop, please help keep our students safe and healthy during the winter months.
  - Make sure children dress in layers, wear warm coats, hats, and gloves to protect against cold weather.
    - Please label all items to make it easier to identify ownership of lost and found items.
- If your child is feeling unwell, keep them home to prevent illness from spreading.
- Ensure your contact information is up to date so we can reach you quickly in case of weather-related emergencies or schedule changes.

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

- We have an exciting lineup of activities and important dates for the coming months!
- On January 17, join us for the Title I Testing Workshop.
- Picture Day Make-Ups on January 20.
- Families are invited to STEM Night on January 27 for a fun evening of hands-on learning.
- Our 1st Grade students will visit the Botanical Garden on February 3 and 5.
- Digital Learning Day (DLD) will take place on February 6 and March 13.
- In February, we're introducing a Ballet Club for 2nd graders; more details coming soon.
- UGA Gardening Parent Workshop (date to be announced).
- Please note Winter Break is scheduled for February 12–16.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 4–5.
- Our 2nd Grade students will enjoy a field trip to the Atlanta History Center on March 30 and 31.
- Mark your calendars for Spring Break, which will run from April 6–10.
- Spring Fling is scheduled for March 21. More information to follow.
- Our Spring Musical will be The Lion King Jr.



# **Open Floor and Public Comments**

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