



# Bellevue Elementary

Bellevue City School District, Bellevue Ohio

April 2026

Dear Families,

Specific praise matters! As parents and educators, we must move beyond telling children, “Good job!” or “You did great.” We want to attribute their success to hard work and perseverance over innate talent. Here are some tips and examples:

- 1) Be descriptive. (I appreciate how you put your shoes on the shelf.)
- 2) Emphasize traits over accomplishments. (Your reading is sounding very fluent. Your daily reading practice is paying off in a big way. I love listening to you read!!)
- 3) Encourage kids when something doesn’t come naturally. (I like the way you told the waitress you could use a napkin still. I know speaking to new adults can be difficult. I’m proud of how you are growing up to use your words.)
- 4) Praise effort and attitude. Kids can control these two traits. (Your attitude when you lost the game was solid. You high fived the other team and said good game. That is the way to lose a game and walk away respected. )
- 5) Use phrases that feel natural to you. (What a great listener! You were a huge help today. You were so kind when you held open the door. You’ve earned my respect, That’s good manners)

Praise matters! It will change your life and your child’s life.

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Turner, Principal

## A Look Ahead

Ohio State Tests start on April 8th and run until early May. The schedule for grades 3-5 is on the back of this newsletter.

Tues. March 31 Fundraiser Pickup  
3-6 pm in the gymnasium

Fri. April 3rd - Mon. April 6th  
No School: Easter break

Wed. April 8 - PTO Meeting Art  
room at 6:00 pm

Mon. April 13 & 14 - First Grade  
Fieldtrip to Merry Go Round Mus.

Mon. April 20 & 21 - Kindergarten  
Field Trip to the Farm

Wed. April 22nd—2nd grade Ar-  
bor Day Program

Thurs. April 23rd—1st grade Mu-  
sic Program.

Team Weilnau 6:00 p.m. show  
Brown and Romell/Long

Team Mira 7:15 p.m. show  
Rogers, Suman and Kinnear

Sat. April 25—Choir Festival Trip

Mon. April 27—K Field Trip to  
BPL (Gill, Morris, Rickel)

Tues. April 28 K Field Trip to BPL  
(Rogers, Stephens)

Fri. May 1st—Limo Ride

# OST Schedule

## Ohio State Tests

Please try to avoid appointments on these days if possible.

### Grade 3:

ELA; Wed. April 15th and Fri. April 17th

Math; Wed. April 29th and Fri. May 1st

### Grade 4:

ELA; Tues. April 14th and Thurs. April 16th

Math; Wed. April 22nd and Fri. April 24th

### Grade 5:

ELA; Wed. April 8th and Fri. April 10th

Math; Tues. April 21st and Thurs. April 23rd

Science; Tues. April 28th and Thurs. April 30th