

October Updates from BES



October 2026

WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!!

🔊 HELPFUL TIPS

- **STUDENT DISMISSAL PROCEDURES** - Please try to keep any dismissal changes to a minimum in order to avoid any confusion with your child, our office staff, the teacher, our afterschool staff, and our bus/car rider staff. We understand that emergencies arise that may require you to change your child's dismissal, but please keep in mind that maintaining a consistent dismissal schedule is crucial in helping us keep dismissal for our students as safe as possible. Thank you for your help!
- **ABSENCES** - Please remember to contact our school office to notify us of an absence for your child. You may call the school office at 717-677-5200 or you may send an email to d.trostel@upperadams.org
- **ABSENCE EXCUSES** - The Upper Adams School District requires a written note or a note from a physician for all student absences. Absence notes can be sent in with your child, or you may email them to d.trostel@upperadams.org. Please make sure to include your child's first and last name, reason for absence, and the date of the absence on all parent notes.
- **CAR RIDERS** - If you need to change your child to a car rider for the day, the best way to communicate this change is to send in a note with your child. You can also contact our school office at 717-677-5200. Please make sure to contact us **prior to noon** so that we have ample time to communicate this change to your child's teacher. Again, all notes should include your child's first and last name, and the date for the transportation change.
- **EDUCATIONAL TRIP ABSENCES:** Please remember that the Upper Adams School District requires our families to fill out an Educational Trip Form for any pre-arranged absences for your child and requires educational activities to be listed on the form. The form will need to be submitted 3 days prior to the absence. The Educational Trip Form can be used for full day



absences or partial day absences. Contact our school office if you have any questions regarding these policies.

RACE FOR EDUCATION

Our **RACE FOR EDUCATION** fundraiser is scheduled for **Friday, October 16th**. Families are invited to attend and cheer on their student. We ask that all visitors report to the soccer field at the back of the building during your child's race time.

Here are the race times for October 16th:

1st Grade - 9:20 - 10:20

2nd Grade - 10:30 - 11:30

3rd Grade - 12:55 - 1:55

Kindergarten - 2:00 - 3:00



FALL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY



Pictures Plus will be in our building on **Tuesday, October 27th** for **Picture Re-Take Day**. They will photograph any student who was absent on our original picture day, or can re-take your child's picture if you are not satisfied with the original photo.

Please note, if you want to have your child's picture re-taken, make sure to return the original picture package and include any information for the photographer regarding your dissatisfaction with the original photo. If you did not order a package and would still like to have your child's photo retaken, it is important to let

your child's teacher know so that we can make sure to have their picture retaken.

If you have any questions regarding your child's pictures, please reach out directly to Pictures Plus Customer Service at school@picplus.com

BAG THE BOUNTY FOOD DRIVE

The Upper Adams School District is participating in the **BAG THE BOUNTY FOOD DRIVE**. All buildings are collecting items until October 31st. Please see the flyer below for more information.

20th Annual BAG THE BOUNTY Food Drive

COLLECTING NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 10% of Adams County Residents experience food insecurity? Help United Way of Adams County collect **20,000lbs** of non-perishable food and hygiene items for food programs serving those in the Adams/Hanover area!

Upper Adams School District Students, Staff, and Families: Bring non-perishable food items and hygiene products to our collection box!



Most Wanted Items

Single Serve Items ● Canned Fish & Meats ● Canned & Boxed Meals
Chunky Soups & Stews ● Canned Fruits & Vegetables ● Rice & Pasta
Boxed Cereals ● Peanut Butter & Jelly ● Powdered/Shelf-Stable Milk
Hygiene Products ● Laundry Products

For a full list of collection sites, a full list of food banks/programs served, and the opportunity to donate monetarily, visit uwadams.org/bag-the-bounty/



~ Proud Supporters of Bag The Bounty ~



NEWS FROM OUR FINE ART TEAM

AiR NEWS from The Biglerville Elementary Fine Arts Team

Step right up, step right up. . . we are thrilled to announce a unique artist-in-residence (AiR) program for our 3rd grade students! This year our focus will be on circus arts! Our visiting artist Jenny Hill is a multidisciplinary artist who brings stories to life through theatre, clowning, and her spectacular hoop circus performances. When she isn't spinning hoops or gracing the stage, Jenny is a published poet and playwright who has spent the last 25 years as a rostered teaching artist with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Biglerville Elementary is thrilled to welcome Jenny as their 2026 Artist-in-Residence, bringing her unique creative energy directly to our students. This immersive experience will culminate in an evening showcase on **October 28th** at Biglerville Elementary.



**Our AiR program at Biglerville Elementary runs from
October 7th - October 28th
Evening performance: October 28th from 7:00 - 8:00**

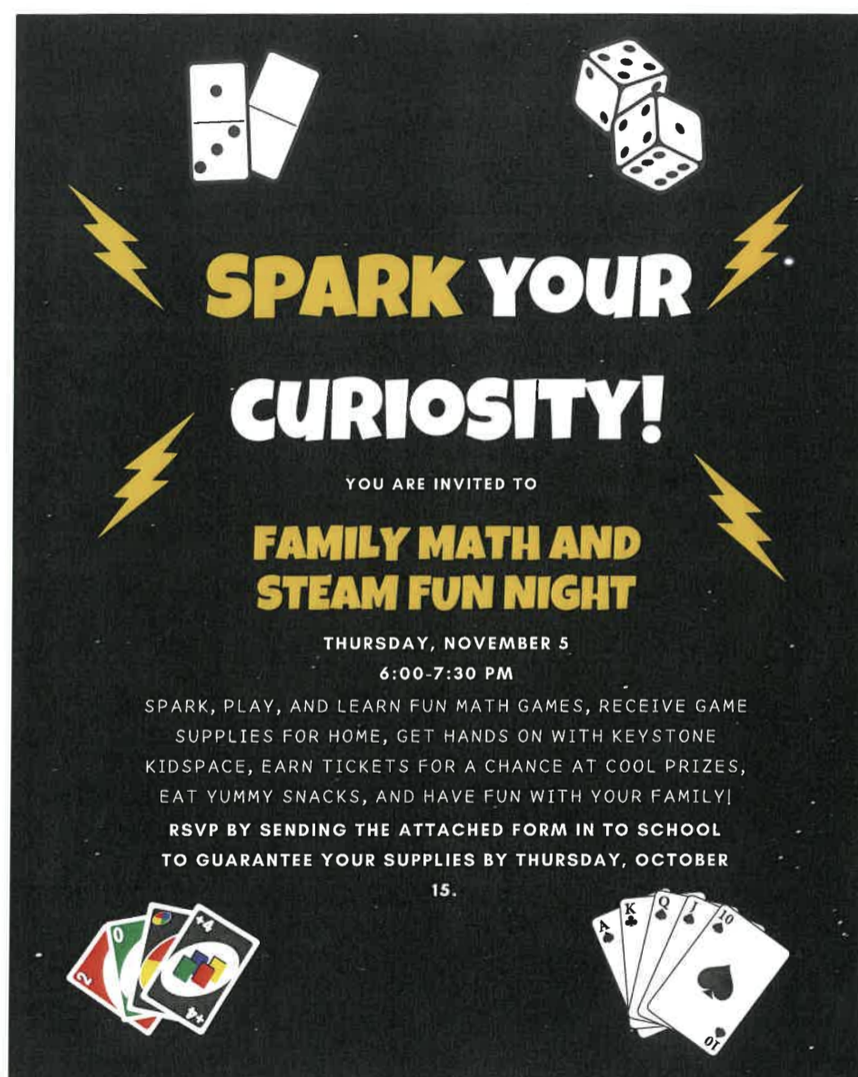
The Artist in Residence Program has been a part of our Biglerville Elementary School experience for more than twenty years! This opportunity would not be possible without the generosity and

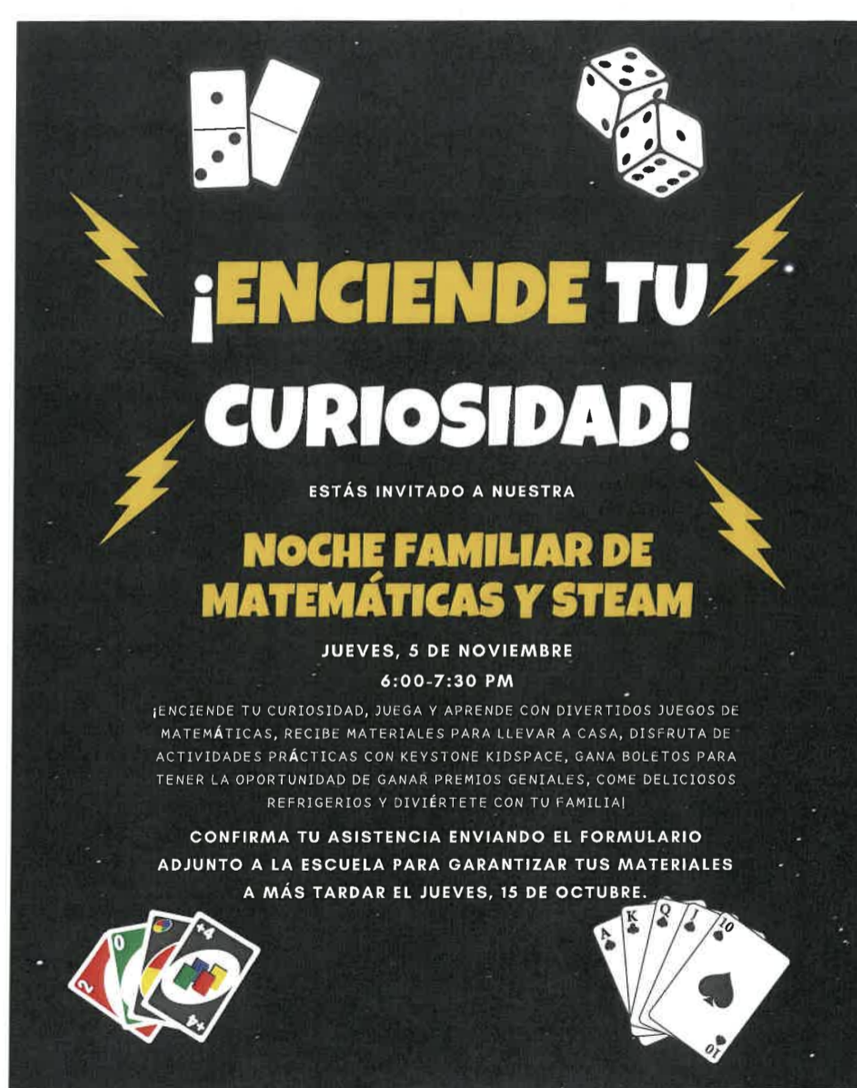
support of our PTA/PTO organizations, The Canner Foundation, The Cultural Alliance of York and the incredible administrators and faculty at Biglerville Elementary School!

For more information about our AiR program and this year's visiting artist be sure to visit our website! <https://biglervilleart.weebly.com/air-2026.html>

FAMILY MATH AND STEAM FUN NIGHT

You are invited to **FAMILY MATH AND STEAM FUN NIGHT** on Thursday, November 5th.
See flyers below and look for more information and forms to be sent home with students soon!





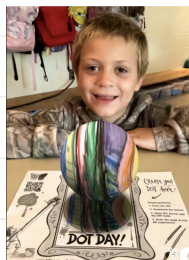
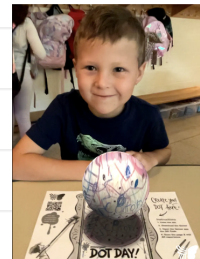
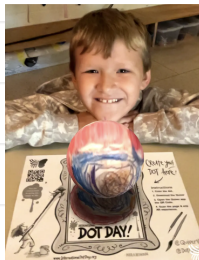
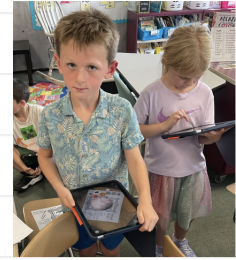
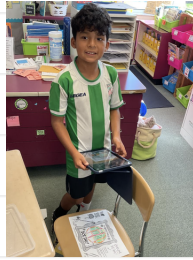
STUDENT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Carey's Kindergarten Class enjoyed doing math activities that involved using fine motor skills, scissors, play dough, and recognizing and counting 1 - 4.



Students in Mrs. Pelc's and Mr. Spence's Classrooms used the Quiver app to turn their dots into 3D creations for Dot Day on September 15!

Dot Day was inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' beloved children's book The Dot. This global celebration focuses on creativity, courage, and collaboration. The story follows a young girl named Vashti, who believes she can't draw. Her teacher gently encourages her to just "make a mark and see where it takes you." Vashti draws a simple dot—and that one small mark sparks a whole journey of self-discovery and artistic confidence.



PTO NEWS

Hello Canner Families from your PTO! Here's some important information for you:

- Race for Education fundraising is on its way! We know life is busy and not everyone was able to send in labels for mailing Race letters. Please share the Booster link below with at least 5

family members, friends or co-workers to help with our fundraiser. Text, Email, or post the link on social media. Every little bit helps! <https://give.mybooster.com/biglerville-el-sch-1>

- Race for Education will be held Oct. 16th.
- To Help on Race Day, Sign Up Here!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACAF28A7FCCF8-51048794-race>
- Be sure to 'Like and Follow' our Facebook page for updates and information:
<https://www.facebook.com/biglervillepto>
- The next PTO Meeting will be October 20th at 6pm in the teacher's lounge.

*****Thank you to all parents and volunteers who sent in labels and helped fold, tape, stamp and label our letters and those who are sharing our fundraising page online!!!*****

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 9th - EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS @ 11:45AM
- October 12th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- October 16th - RACE FOR EDUCATION
- October 27th - FALL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY
- October 28th - ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM @ 7:00PM
- November 5th - FAMILY MATH AND STEAM FUN NIGHT @ 6:00PM
- November 23rd thru November 30th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- November 23rd and November 24th - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- December 22nd - EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS @ 11:45AM
- December 23rd thru January 1st - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- January 15th - EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS
- January 18th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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