



Lil' Mountaineer News

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April 2018

Kindergarten



Kindergarten students have been learning to write personal letters. These letters have been sent out and the students are eagerly waiting to receive their very own letter in the mail! Kindergarten will also be starting a new science unit on fabric. Students will be dyeing fabric and even sewing!



1st Grade

First graders are so excited to start a new science unit on organisms. Bess beetles, guppies, pill bugs and snails are some of the living creatures that will be observed in the classroom. What a great learning experience for our first graders!!

2nd Grade



Second grade will be learning about the solar system in their Language Arts and science classes. They will also start reading *Little House on the Praire* as they prepare for their field trip to the one room school house.

It's a Hit!

Kindergartners, first graders, and second graders are eagerly preparing for their spring music concert. Check out Mrs. Spiri's teacher page for links to It's a Hit! Youtube videos with song and motions to practice at home!



3rd Grade

After finishing a week of biographies with some very special guest readers, third grade is ready for a final push to be ready for the PSSA. They will be using class time to create an interactive notebook to review standard-based content taught the first three nine-week grading periods. They have learned so much, now it's time to show what they know!



4th grade

4th graders are applying all of their math understanding to PSSA prep work in their Coach Books. Students are now able to use all four math operations in multi-step word problems and multi-digit computational problems, convert between different measurement units, and use their understanding of place value from 7-digit whole numbers to the hundredths place.



Spring into Action

Spring has officially begun. With the arrival of spring, comes the start of spring sports. Please help your child continue practicing excellent work habits by reinforcing the importance of balancing the responsibilities of academic success alongside sports participation.

PSSA

Grades three through eight will be completing the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSAs) on the following dates:

ELA PSSA April 9, 10, and 11

Math PSSA April 16, and 17

Science (grades 4, and 8) April 23, and 24

These assessments will take place during the morning of each testing date. Students do not have a time limit and will be permitted to use as much time as necessary to complete their daily assigned testing session successfully.

What is the PSSA? The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment provides an understanding of student performance related to the attainment of the academic standards. The information gathered after this assessment is used to provide insight into curriculum and ways to improve. It also shows teachers and administration how hard your children have worked throughout the school year! Berlin teachers design their curriculum to not only prepare their students for these tests, but to teach to the "whole child" and to make learning fun and exciting.

What can I do? You can help your child prepare for the PSSA by asking practice questions, reviewing Math concepts, and by continuing to read!

On the day of the test...make sure that your child gets a good night's rest and eats a well-balanced breakfast. This will give them a great start to their day!

Try not to worry...teachers encourage the students to "show what you know" and have been working hard to ensure that the students are as calm and relaxed about the

test as possible. The afternoons are filled with exciting activities to give the students a chance to wind down after a long morning.

If you have any questions about the PSSA, please contact your child's teacher(s). We're here to help!

Berlin's Got Talent!

Our annual K-12 talent show will be held on Friday April 20th with forms for participants due April 6th! We are looking forward to an evening of a variety of performing, singing, dancing, tumbling, and more!



PTSO

Mom's Night Out -

An Event Project 7pm - 9pm

Please join the PTSO for a Mom's Night Out of painting and fun at An Event Project, Somerset, on April 6, 2018. This is a fun way to raise money for the PTSO. Space is limited. Email Marlaina Shaffer at mshaffer@bbsd.com to reserve your spot!

The leading classroom for the February's Box Top War was Mrs. Kalp's Kindergarten homeroom. Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Save the Date

04/02 School is not in session

04/03 School is in session

(due to cancellations March 21)

04/06 PTSO Painting Party

04/09-11 ELA PSSA (3rd & 4th)

04/16-17 Math PSSA (3rd & 4th)

04/20 Talent Show

04/21 PTSO Mother-son Superhero Night

04/23-24 Science PSSA (4th)

04/25 2-hour delay for Staff Professional Development

05/18 K-2 Music Concert 7:30

05/19 PTSO Adult Prom

05/25 Fun Fitness Day