



Lil' Mountaineer News

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May 2018



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is excited for the month of May! They will be sharing stories they have written during their Writer's Celebration on May 15th at 6:30 PM. On May 21, the Kindergarten class will be walking to the Ice Cream Station and they will be traveling to Idlewild on Thursday, May 24th. These awesome kiddos will celebrate all their achievements during their Kindergarten Graduation at 8:45 AM on May 30th. SPECTACULAR job Kindergarten!!!



1st Grade

First Grade is very excited for their annual field trip to the Mountain Playhouse. This year they will be seeing a performance of "Curious George: The Golden Meatball." They will be preparing for the show by reading various Curious George stories and doing some activities. First Graders are sure to have a wonderful experience. Have an AWESOME time First Grade! ☺

2nd Grade



Second Grade is such an exciting place right now!! Students enjoyed a visit from Home Depot where they learned how to create and assemble items from wood. They will be visiting the One Room Schoolhouse, Somerset Hospital and Living Treasures in May!! Second Graders are also very anxious to take out their time capsules that they created at the beginning of the school year! Enjoy every "second" Second Grade ☺!!

It's a Hit!

Kindergarteners, First Graders, and Second Graders will be performing It's a Hit! Friday, May 18 in the auditorium. Doors open at 7, and the concert begins at 7:30pm.

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

It's that time of year! The time of year when we take our learning on the road! Let's go! Third grade will be taking not one, but TWO, no, no, wait, THREE field trips this year! On May 8th, they will travel to DoVan Farms and learn all about the very important role local farms play in our community. On the same day, they will also travel to the Extension Office in Somerset for FARM CITY DAY. On May 17th, they will take their learning to the big city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! Third graders will spend a very interesting and exciting day at the Carnegie Science Center! Their third and final field trip will be an annual walking field trip to The Ice Cream Station sometime in late May!

As always, please carefully read all information sent home by your child's teachers to ensure that your child is prepared and ready for these wonderful experiences! The teachers also wish to thank our very generous PTSO for supporting our "On the Road Learning" through their financial backing for our trips!



4th grade

Fourth graders will begin a hands-on approach to life cycles of organisms, organisms and their environments, and the characteristics of organisms while taking on the responsibilities and routines of raising chicks from the embryology stage. The eggs are in the incubators, and will hatch mid-May. Students will candle the embryos in their eggs, and watch as they hatch and begin to grow into chickens.

Design a fish in its habitat, cast a fishing pole, observe a man-made water fall, and pull up live specimens from a local creek bottom...these are all activities fourth graders will explore on their Laurel Hill State Park field trip May 23. Fourth graders will be walking to the Berlin Grove May 15, while eating their lunches and spending the afternoon there. Their last trip will be to walk to the Ice Cream Station on May 24th.

Coming Up...

We're in the last month of the 2017-2018 school year. The teachers have a lot of activities planned to go with every day lessons. Please keep checking your child's folders for reminders, permission slips, and announcements regarding the end-of-year events and activities that will take place.



Maker Faire

We're movers, shakers, aaaand MAKERS! Students in Kindergarten through fourth grade will participate in an In-House MAKER Faire May 25. Each grade level will have the opportunity to MAKE a few fun creations and participate in various activities in our elementary Makerspace and surrounding classrooms. A select few of these activities will be employed in our fall Maker Faire at the Berlin Brothersvalley Community Fair in September. Thank you to all the parents and community members that are sending in household consumables to stock our makerspace. You MAKE our school great!!!

Fun Fitness Day

The Elementary Fun Fitness Day will take place May 25. Kindergarten, first, and second grades will participate in the morning, and third and fourth grades will participate in the afternoon. The goal for the day is to enjoy fun physical fitness activities. The activities are not competitive and are selected to be enjoyable by all students K-4.

Please watch the weather closely and dress your child appropriately for the weather. All students should wear comfortable gym clothes and shoes. Students are permitted to bring a water bottle with their name printed clearly on the outside. Please apply sunscreen before students get to school.



Spring at School

It's beginning to look a lot like spring...the grass is greening up, flowers are beginning to bloom, and weeds are popping up everywhere! I hope you are enjoying the view as you enter the elementary school and look into the renovated courtyard area. We are certainly excited about all the growth that has taken place! As with any garden, there is always maintenance to be done - weeding, caring for plants, and planting new additions. We welcome parents and family volunteers who would be willing to help care for this space as we enter the growing season. Please contact Beth Anderson at banderson@bbsd.com if you would be willing to help in some way.



Summer Library Program

The Summer Library Program will take place again during the months of June and July. The elementary library will open Tuesdays 9-11am, and Thursdays 4-6pm. Students will be given the opportunity to exchange books in the elementary library, listen to a read aloud, and then engage in a STEM activity. An informational flyer will be sent home in May.

Please contact Mrs. Stern with any questions estern@bbsd.com

PTSO

The leading classroom for the March's Box Top War was Mrs. Rypczyk's first grade homeroom. Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Save the Date

- 05/18 K-2 Music Concert 7:30
- 05/25 Fun Fitness Day & In-School Maker Faire
- 05/28 Memorial Day - No School
- 05/30 Kindergarten Graduation 8:45
- 05/30 Last Student Day - Dismissal 10 am