



# Lil' Mountaineer News

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April 2019

## Kindergarten



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



## First Grade

First grade is gearing up for their final science unit on organisms. The classes will be receiving many interesting living things to observe and investigate. Students will be creating habitats for the organisms where they will be able to watch them grow. Some of the creatures include: Bess Beetles, snails, guppies, and pill bugs. First graders will also be getting various plants to add to the habitats. They are so excited for the new classroom guests to arrive!

## Second Grade



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graders will be making a 3-D habitat to connect to the stories they have been reading in ELA. They will then move on to learning about outer space. Students will work with Mrs. Ritenour's high school students to create PowerPoint presentations about information they discover. They will be given the opportunity to present them to their classmates.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

The third grade PSSA breakfast will be held Saturday, April 6, from 9-11am. Students will begin in the elementary gym for breakfast goodies and a question/answer session. Then, parents and students will go to their homerooms to participate in a mock testing session where they will get a practice Math assessment and an ELA assessment. Hopefully this event will calm some nerves and help prepare third graders for their first



PSSA experience!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fourth graders are busy preparing for the PSSAs. Fourth grade students will take three assessments: ELA, Math, and Science. In addition to our district-chosen curriculums, students are working with Study Island, and PSSA Prep Coach Books to familiarize themselves with the testing formats.

### Helpful Tips for the PSSAs

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Arrive at school on time
- Take your time, and read all directions, questions, and answer
- Attend school (avoid absences for appointments, vacation, etc.)

## PTSO

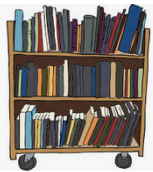
The Box Top War winning grade level was the fourth grade with 1,390 Box Tops. The total box tops collected was 4,695. Thank you for your continued support with sending in Box Tops to help support our PTSO!



You're invited to the PTSO Mother-Son Movie Night on Friday, April 5, 7-9pm. Please return the completed form that was sent home with your child.

### Summer Library Program

Looking for a place to borrow and read books this summer? Would you like to participate in an engaging activity that pairs with an excellent read aloud? The Summer Library Program will take place in the Elementary Library during the months of June and July. Stay posted, as more details will come home soon!



### Save the Date

04/04 2-Hour Delay  
04/05 Mother-Son Movie Night

04/08-10 ELA PSSA (grades 3 & 4)  
04/15-16 Math PSSA (grades 3 & 4)  
04/23-24 Science PSSA (grade 4)  
04/25-26 Kindergarten Registration

05/17 K-2 Music Concert 7:30  
05/27 Memorial Day - No School

### Makerspace

We continue to build and add to our Elementary Makerspace. As you are getting into spring cleaning, please consider dropping off any reusable items or arts/crafts materials to our makerspace. If you're not sure whether or not we can use the items please email Mrs. Stern

[estern@bbsd.com](mailto:estern@bbsd.com), or Mrs. Kush  
[hkush@bbsd.com](mailto:hkush@bbsd.com) with any questions.

### How Do We Use the Makerspace?

Teachers can incorporate makerspace, and STEM, lessons into their classrooms. Sometimes classes visit the room to engage in the activities, and other times the materials are taken from the Makerspace room and used within the regular classrooms.

K-2 teachers have used the Makerspace as a Mountaineer Reward with engaging activities for students enjoy. Third graders participate in Makerspace Mondays during their science classes. The class is given a prompt to then complete using provided materials and activity parameters. Fourth graders incorporate the Makerspace integrated across all curriculum areas.

We use the Makerspace during our Summer Library Program by connecting read alouds with STEM activities.

In the Spring, K-4 students participate in an in-house Maker Faire. In the Fall, the community is invited to participate in the Elementary Maker Faire during the Berlin Brothersvalley Community Fair.