



# Lil' Mountaineer News

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## Little Observers

The kindergarten kiddos have been spending their time observing various objects from nature. The kindergarteners observed pumpkins and planted pumpkin seeds. They are watching their sprouts grow each day! These students also observed a spider using their classroom microscope! They loved taking a closer look at the spider's eight hairy legs!



## Mighty Mathematicians

Our mathematicians are hard at work in first grade! They are exploring the number line and number grid to create and solve word problems and play fun math games. Some of their favorite math games include Monster Squeeze, Top-It!, Roll and Total, and Penny Plate. These games help reinforce new concepts. Maybe they'll challenge you to their favorite math game!



## Busy! Busy! Busy!

Second graders have been very busy in the past few weeks! They spent time writing letters to veterans overseas for Veteran's Day. In ELA, they read a story about service dogs and had real service dogs visit their classrooms! And they also added a bearded dragon & fish to their habitats in science. Sounds like GREAT learning opportunities!



## A New Way

Third graders have concluded their Number Stories Unit and are beginning to learn more about mathematical operations. They will start to solve larger addition and subtraction problems by learning new strategies! Their conceptual understanding will increase as they apply expanded form in both these operation methods.



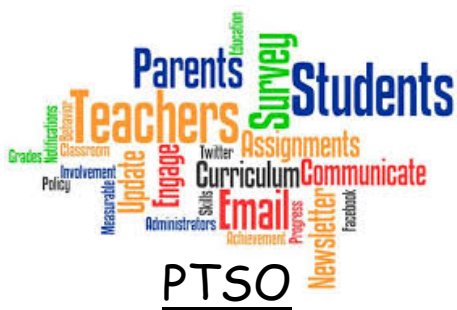
## Pieces and Parts

Fourth graders are beginning their first Fractions Unit in math class. Students are using their understanding of basic multiplication facts to apply the Equivalent Fraction Rule, while also comparing fractions to the half and whole on number lines. Fourth graders are gaining lots of math skills and vocabulary knowledge in multiplication and fractions! Ask a fourth grader how to play BUMP and Kaboom!



## Notes to Remember

Music/Voice class is off to a great start this school year! Everyone is having fun singing, dancing, and playing instruments! The 3rd and 4th graders are preparing for their holiday concert on Dec. 7th at 7:30PM! They are preparing on "A Holiday to Remember" and rehearsal tracks can be found by visiting [www.bbsd.com](http://www.bbsd.com) ~> Arts ~> Music ~> Grades 3/4



The PTSO has been working with Mr. Kretchman on the Square 1 Art fundraising program. You will be able to celebrate your child's artistic achievement by ordering timeless keepsakes! Personalized catalogs and stickers will be sent home around November 7th. Orders are due by November 19th.

Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Elementary Gym on December 6th and 7th. The PTSO will be collecting donations again this year for wrapping supplies. Parents should watch students folders for more information.

Like the Berlin Brothersvalley PTSO Facebook page for updates and information.

Any parent/guardian that would like to volunteer with the PTSO, please contact Marlaina Shaffer {[mshaffer@bbsd.com](mailto:mshaffer@bbsd.com)} for more information. We are still collecting donations for our fall fund drive. Any donations may be sent to homeroom teachers. Don't forget to continue to clip Box Tops and send them in with students! Watch for our new collection box in the elementary foyer!

### Thank You, Veterans

We celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. On this day, we honor all men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Berlin Brothersvalley School District will honor our nation's veterans with an annual assembly that will take place Monday, November 12, 2018. K-6 8:45, and Grades 7-12 10:00.

### Save the Date

Mark your calendars for upcoming events in November:

- 11/02 Elementary Fall Fun Day
- 11/05 - 11/19 NHS Food Drive
- 11/12 K-6 Veteran's Day Assembly 8:45
- 11/13 & 11/15 Parent-Teacher Conferences (evenings)
- 11/20 1:00 Early Dismissal
- 11/21 Act 80 Day
- 11/22-11/27 Thanksgiving Break (no school)

Next Month:

- 12/07 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades' Music Concert
- 12/13 2-hour Delay
- 12/21 Early Dismissal
- 12/22-01/02 Winter Break (no school)

### **How do I help my child when the (math) homework is so different from what I did in school?**

Homework may look different from when you were in school and the amount of it may be different also. Practice is still important and students continue to do that. Students will still be expected to memorize basic facts, and you'll still see homework that asks you to help them do that. But, we know from research that students need activities and tasks that allow for a deeper understanding of the math. These tasks may take longer to solve and so fewer problems are assigned. But these problems will help students understand how integral math is in their lives and will continue to be in the workplace.

This is an excerpt from *A Parent's Guide to Helping Your Child with Today's Math*. To view the full article, visit:

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