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Berlin Brothersvalley Elementary School Newsletter

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FALL FUN AT HOME!

- spell your name in pumpkin seeds
- carve a pumpkin and identify the shapes
- identify and read color words
- use your senses to describe Fall (How does Fall look, sound, feel, smell?)
- make a work of art out of leaf rubbings
- design a corn maze on paper

Principal's Corner

The start of the new school year is an exciting and busy time for everyone. While family schedules can be hectic, we encourage parents to stay involved and engage their children regarding school. Parents can ask their learners about their day, check folders and notebooks that are brought home and check over homework and reading assignments. Conversations about school with young people demonstrate the importance of education and provide the opportunity to allow students to share about their day with the family. Questions such as, "What's the best thing that happened today?" or, "What did you do that was most fun?" will encourage learners to look forward to school.

Parents should review students' materials and homework and celebrate student success such as good grades and positive teacher comments. The home-school connection is an important one. We encourage all families to be active participants in the education of our students.

Martin Mudry

Box Tops!

Do you have the all-new Box Tops app on your device? If not, click download! Box Tops clips are being phased out of production and the program is going digital! Just scan your store receipt with the app and it will **instantly** identify participating products and **automatically** add those Box Tops to your school's earning. Be sure to select Berlin Brothersvalley Elementary!

The Book Fair is Coming to BBES!

Bring your book fair
money to school!
Oct. 16-18

Fourth Grade Math Night
October 22

Fall Fun Day!

On Friday, Oct. 25, students are welcome to dress in denim and flannels, as scarecrows, or as farmers. Check your child's folder for more details, closer to the date.

Mrs. Marker would like to remind parents of the following:

1. Doors do not open until 8am each morning. Please do not drop your students off early as they are not admitted until 8am.
2. Excuse for absence must be submitted to the office within three days of return or the day will be marked unexcused.
3. Please make every effort to keep your student on a regular dismissal schedule. Calls for dismissal changes at any time are difficult for the office, teacher, and student but those made late in the day should be avoided whenever possible and are only accepted in an EMERGENCY. Please refer to page six of the student handbook for more information.
4. Educational travel requires filling out an educational travel form found on the website, or in the office. A parent note stating a student took an educational trip will not be accepted.
5. Lunch account money should be sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with student name and lunch account number.
6. Any order forms/payment for booster organizations or fund raisers should always be in a clearly marked sealed envelope.

What's Going On in Your Grade?

We Are **F**alling in Love with Kindergarten!

When you begin kindergarten, your world changes so much! Your routine changes, your friends change, and you grow and learn so much! In kindergarten, we have been studying caterpillars and butterflies. They go through a transformation (For all the Fancy Nancy fans out there, that's the fancy way of saying change.), too!

We also noticed that the season is changing; it is getting cooler, and the leaves are beginning to change color. Please join kindergarten in celebrating changes by dressing the colors of Fall.

Monday, Sept 30 - green

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - orange

Wednesday, Oct. 2 - red

Thursday, Oct. 3 - yellow

Friday, Oct. 4 - brown

1st Grade Fun!

First graders are becoming meteorologists! Our first science unit for the year is studying weather. We have been measuring wind speed, cloud cover, and precipitation daily. The students have been using different science tools to conduct experiments relating to weather. We've also been creating our own science tools so we can be scientists at home! First grade learners have made flags to measure wind speed, thermometers, and rain gauges. Challenge your first grade meteorologist to forecast your weather!

Sweet 2nd grade!

Wiggle and jump!

2nd grade is learning about the life cycle of worms and frogs!

What's the Word in 3rd?

We've got some "TREE"mendous readers growing in third grade! Students are able to read a book (or have one read to them) and take a short multiple choice quiz on that book to earn points and add leaves to their tree hanging in the hallway. Make reading a priority at home each evening and watch your child grow. Read, read, read!

Fantastic 4th Graders!

During the first few weeks of school, fourth grade science classes learned about laboratory tools and how to use them. Currently, we are gathering information and collecting plants for our "Structures and Functions of Plants" unit. Students love learning about the world around them!