Berlin Brothersvalley School District

Middle School Guidance

Citizenship at B.B.M.S.

Each day the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mountaineer Pledge. The message behind the Mountaineer Pledge is to have PRIDE. Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort. This morning practice is to serve as a reminder to students that they need to follow the rules, try their best and take responsibility for their actions. It was intended to be a positive message that each student can control their academic results through effort and hard work. In keeping with this tradition, it is with much anticipation that we now have a Citizenship grade for each class that your child attends. This mark will inform parents and guardians of the behavior, efforts and participation of the student within the classroom. By keeping behavior separate from academics, we can work with students that are identified as having issues as well as recognize ones that are exemplary. This means of communication can serve as a bridge between the school and home that has not existed in the past. It is our hope that parents and guardians encourage students to strive for good marks in academic and citizenship grades.

Citizenship Grade: Each student's citizenship grade is evaluated based on the following rubrics: Students need to exhibit at least two of the behaviors in each category to warrant that evaluation.

E = Excellent - *Student exhibits exemplary behavior. No disciplinary action needed. *Always follows school and classroom rules. *Listens politely and demonstrates respect to others. * Actively participates in class most of the time. *Socializes very well with others most of the time.

S = Satisfactory - *Student exhibits good behavior; few to no disciplinary actions needed. *Consistently follows school and classroom rules. *Participates in class. *Gets along well with others some of the time.

N = Needs Improvement - *Student exhibits inappropriate behavior. *Inconsistently follows school and classroom rules. *Occasional disciplinary action needed; teacher disciplinary action needed on three or more occasions. *Student participates in class is infrequent. *Has difficulty getting along with others.

U = Unsatisfactory - *Student exhibits unacceptable behavior. *Frequent disciplinary action needed. *Taken (Level II or III type offenses). *Student does not participate in class. *Does not get along with others.

A letter as well as the rubric was developed by Middle school Principal, Mr. Martin Mudry. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the middle school office.

Quote of the month " The most successful people started with nothing. They didn't wait for opportunity to knock but created the opportunity on their own, worked hard and made history." (unknown)

Points of Interest:

✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House Parent Portal.

✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.

✓ - Bullying information can be found at: http://www.bbsd.com/ bullying

Merry Christmas

Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

December 9, 2010 - Second Nine Week Grading Mid-Term.

December 10, 2010 - Middle School Dance (6:30 - 9:00)

December 23, 2010 - Early dismissal.

December 24, 2010 - Christmas Eve.

December 25, 2010 - Merry Christmas.

December 26 through December 30, 2010 - Christmas vacation.

December 31, 2010 - New Year's Eve.

January 1, 2011 - Happy New Year.

January 3, 2011 - Student return from Christmas vacation.

January 11, 2011 - Middle School Fun Night. (6:30 - 9:00)

January 19, 2011 - End of the second nine week grading period.

February 10, 2011 - Middle School Dance (6:30 - 9:00).

February 14, 2011 - Happy Valentine's Day.

February 23, 2011 - Third Nine Week Grading Mid-Term.