

Middle School Guidance



M.S. Tutoring

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As the 2006 - 2007 school year begins to gather momentum, parents and teachers begin to see familiar patterns begin to develop in students that are struggling academically at school. Parents and teachers begin the exhaustive process of trying to provide extra assistance academically to that child, but many times it is still not enough support.

The Berlin Brothersvalley School District is aware of these type of academic needs and has responded with offering two tutoring programs that take place after the regular school day has ended. The first tutoring program that is available may be familiar to those parents that had students in seventh and eighth grade last school year. The E.A.P. (Educational Assistance Program) grant is available to students in grades seven and eight. This program was very successful last year for the students that participated. Many calls were received last year about offering tutoring for students in grades five and six. Your phone calls and concerns did not go unnoticed. This year

students in grades first through six will be eligible to receive assistance after school through the A.B.G. (Accountability Block Grant) program. We are excited about the possibility of assisting students in sixth grade through first grade with additional tutoring. Both the E.A.P. and A.B.G. grants will be gearing up after the first report card goes home on October 13, 2006.

Both tutoring grants will focus on assisting students that are struggling with Mathematics and Reading. Please keep in mind that the after school tutoring programs will not be homework classes. These guidelines are strictly specified in the grants. The goal of both programs are to target students that may not be in the "Proficient" or "Advanced" range on the P.S.S.A. (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment).

The tutoring procedure will resemble what took place in seventh and eighth grade last school year. Tutoring will run from 3:30 until 5:00 several days each week. A snack and drink will be provided to each partici-

pant prior to tutoring beginning. If you would like more information about these programs or feel your child may benefit from this opportunity, you can contact Mr. Martin Mudry, Middle School Principal or Mrs. Pamela Webbreck, Elementary Principal. The phone numbers are 267 - 6931 or 267 - 4623 respectively.

Quote of the month

"How bad you want something is determined by how far and how hard you are willing to push yourself to reach it."

(Author Unknown)



**Happy
Halloween**

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>

Contact Mr. Smith

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

October 10, 2006 - End of the First Six Week Grading Period.

October 16, 2006 - Somerset County In-Service at North Star.

October 31, 2006 - Happy Halloween!

November 1, 2006 - Second Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

November 11, 2006 - Veteran's Day. Thank you to all who have served our country!

November 13, 2006 - Parent/Teacher Conferences.

November 22, 2006 - End of the Second Six Week Grading Period.

November 23, 2006 - Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

November 24 - November 28,

2006 - Thanksgiving Vacation.

November 27, 2006 - Buck/Doe season begins.

December 19, 2006 - Third Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

