

Middle School Guidance



B.B.M.S. Career Information

February 2007

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (P.D.E.) released the Career and Work Standards on October 25, 2006 to all 501 school districts in the Commonwealth. These standards are to be implemented during the 2006 - 2007 school year. The Berlin Brothersvalley School District and School Board again, are ahead of the game. The Berlin Brothersvalley School Board adopted promoting career awareness in it's four year plan. To be sure that the school district makes the best use of it's time and employees, Mrs. Joanne Vent, Career Curriculum expert from Maryland has been utilized to assist the school district in addressing the Career and Work Standards. At the time of this publication, we have met twice and worked through the standards by determining what is already being done in the classrooms by guidance counselors and

through existing curriculums that may cross reference the standards. The next step is to provide the standards to the teachers in each building to evaluate even further what Career and Work Standards are addressed by the staff throughout the school year. Once this has been accomplished, the next step is to see if there are areas that are not addressed through the current curriculum and provide activities that will satisfy those particular goals. The confidence is very high that most of these goals are already being addressed by the curriculum and staff throughout a school year. The goal is to make sure that Berlin Brothersvalley Students are being provided career awareness experiences through a quality curriculum. For more information on the Career and Work Standards from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, please

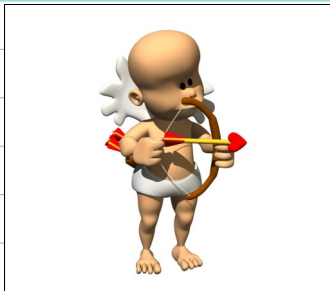
click on the following link:

[Career and Work Standards](#) Volume 4, Issue 7 (P.D.E.)

For more information, please contact Mr. Smith in the middle school via phone or e-mail.

Quote of the month

"If you don't expect too much of me, you might not be let down." (Author Unknown)



**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

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>

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

February 7, 2007 - Fourth Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

February 9, 2007 - Middle School Valentine's Day Dance 6:30 - 9:00.

February 12 through February 23, 2007 - P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment for grades five and eight.

February 14, 2007 - Happy Valentine's Day!

March 2, 2007 - End of the Fourth Six Week Grading Period.

March 12 through March 23, 2007 - P.S.S.A. Mathematics and Reading Assessment for grades five, six, seven and eight.

March 17, 2007 - Middle School

St. Patrick's Day Dance 6:30 - 9:00.

March 26, 2007 - Fifth Six Week Grading Mid-Term.



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