

Middle School Guidance



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Educational Assistance Program

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Over the past several years at Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School, the administration, teachers, parents and students have been investigating various avenues of providing additional help or tutoring for some students who seem to struggle more than others. One of the more successful programs was the Classroom PLUS program. I personally have received many phone calls from parents this year wondering when the Classroom PLUS program would begin because it helped their son/daughter during the last school year.

As each school year passes, there becomes more and more accountability on school districts across the commonwealth to perform well on the state assessment - P.S.S.A. (Pennsylvania School System Assessment) To help ensure accountability, Mrs. Pam Webbreck, Middle School Principal applied for a grant offered through the state called the Educational Assistance Program

(E.A.P.) Thanks to her hard work and dedication, our school district received the grant which will have a dual purpose: (1) provide additional tutoring to students who struggle with mathematics and reading; and (2) better prepare our students to achieve "proficient" or "advanced" status on the P.S.S.A.'s in math and reading. The grades that will be focused on this year will be grades seven through twelve. Mr. Martin Mudry will be coordinating the tutoring for grades seven through nine, while Mr. Thomas Vent will be responsible for grades ten through twelve.

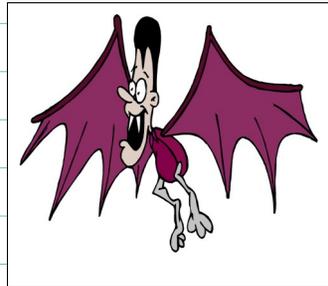
Tutoring is tentatively scheduled to begin October 19, 2005 starting after school and continuing until 5:30. Tutoring will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Bus transportation will be provided if there is a sufficient need based on participation. Student eligibility for this program was based on several factors: current and on-going assessments from the 4Sight

program, past P.S.S.A. performance, local assessment and classroom performance, and teacher recommendation. For more information on this program, contact the school. The phone number is (814) 267-6931, or e-mail Mr. Martin Mudry at mmudry@bbsd.com

Quote of the month

"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

(John Wooden)



**Happy
Halloween**

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging in to 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, 2005 - End of the First Six Week Grading Period.

October 13, 2005 - First six week report cards go home.

October 17, 2005 - Somerset County In-Service at North Star.

October 28, 2005 - Middle School Fall Harvest Day.

October 31, 2004 - Happy Halloween.

November 1, 2005 - Second Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

November 7 - November 10, 2005 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills testing in the middle school. (Grades five through eight)

November 11, 2005 - Veteran's Day. Thank you to all who have served our country!

November 14, 2005 - County ACT 80 Day.

