

# The Bethlehem Star

December, 2022

## Happy December!

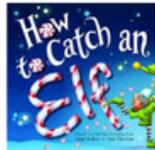
Heading into the final month of 2022, we have a lot of exciting things going on at BES! Although we have a lot of fun things planned this holiday season, we are still focused on learning. We have MAP assessments coming up, and we want our students to do their best so we can celebrate the growth and progress they have made. We appreciate you getting your child to school on time and limiting early checkouts that disrupt their instructional time; every minute matters!

Please see the calendar below for important dates this month.

We wish you and your families a very joyous and happy holiday season!

With love,  
Mrs. Reid

**Holiday Story Theme Days**

<p><b>Monday, December 5</b> <i>Snowmen At Christmas</i></p>  <p>Wear white/snowflakes or dress like a snowman</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 6</b> <i>The Crayons' Christmas</i></p>  <p>Wear colorful Christmas lights and/or ornaments</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, December 7</b> <i>5 More Sleeps Til Christmas</i></p>  <p>Wear holiday socks, lights, and/or slippers</p>	<p><b>Thursday, December 8</b> <i>Red and Lulu</i></p>  <p>Wear something red and sparkly</p>	<p><b>Friday, December 9</b> <i>How to Catch an Elf</i></p>  <p>Dress like an elf</p>
<p><b>Monday, December 12</b> <i>Dasher</i></p>  <p>Wear reindeer antlers</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 13</b> <i>Tacky's Christmas</i></p>  <p>Wear a tacky holiday sweater</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, December 14</b> <i>Click, Clack, Hol Hol Hol</i></p>  <p>Wear a Santa hat</p>	<p><b>Thursday, December 15</b> <i>'Twas the Night Before Christmas</i></p>  <p>Wear your choice of holiday attire</p>	<p><b>Friday, December 16</b> <i>The Polar Express</i></p>  <p>Wear pajamas</p>

Participation is voluntary, as we wish to respect those who do not celebrate Christmas.

# Upcoming Events

## December

- 2: UGA Day-Wear Red & Black; School Spelling Bee
- 5-9: MAP Testing in Grades K-5
- 6: BES Chorus Field Trip
- 9: BES Chorus Sings at the Atlanta Gladiators Hockey Game 7:00 PM
- 13: BES Chorus Holiday Concert at BES 6:00 PM (All are invited to attend!)
- 19: Holiday Parties (8:00 1st Grade; 9:00 Pre-K; 10:00 Kindergarten)
- 19: HMMS Jazz Band Performance for Grades 3-5
- 20: Holiday Parties (8:00 5th Grade; 9:00 4th Grade; 10:00 2nd Grade; 11:00 3rd Grade)
- 21: Early Dismissal 10:35 AM
- 22: Winter Break Begins

## January

- 9: Students Return to School
- 11: Report Cards Go Home
- 16: No School-MLK Day
- 19: Family Math Night
- 31: PTO Interest & Information Meeting 9:00 AM in Cafeteria

## Mark your calendar for *Music & Literacy Night*

This year, each grade level will hold a Music & Literacy Night. Students will participate in a short musical performance in the gym. Following the performance, students and families will return to the child's classroom. In classrooms, students and families will participate in literacy related activities.

Each Music & Literacy Night will take place from 6:00-7:00pm.

~~Kindergarten~~ - Tuesday, October 25th

~~4th grade~~ - Thursday, November 10th

~~PreK~~ - Thursday, November 17th (All in classrooms)

~~2nd grade~~ - Thursday, December 1st

**5th grade** - Tuesday, January 31st

**1st grade** - Thursday, February 23rd

**3rd grade** - Thursday, March 23rd



## Music & Literacy Nights

We have been enjoying our grade level music and literacy nights. The remaining dates are listed above. We look forward to another great performance in January!



## Thank You: Adult Literacy Barrow Donation

Thank you for your generosity! We were able to raise \$850 for Adult Literacy Barrow during our Read-a-thon event on 11/18. We recently presented a check to Sally Brown, Director. We love supporting our community!

## PTO Interest & Information Session

Last month, we sent out a survey to see what type of interest our school community had in bringing back a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). We received 14 parent responses with the majority saying they would prefer to meet during the school day. Therefore, we will be hosting a PTO Interest and Information Session on Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 AM in our cafeteria. We hope that you can join us.

## BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ELITE DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER



We're excited For the ELITE DISCOUNT CARD Fundraiser: This is an amazing reusable local business offers on a convenient plastic wallet sized card. The offers are good once per day, every day, For one year. These cards are on a first come, first serve basis. Get your orders in quickly!



Help support local businesses, promote our school, and save all at the same time!

The discount card sells for \$10 each and we raise \$5 for our school from each card sold- the more we sell the more we earn! IF we can sell 1,000 cards, we will earn **\$5,000** for our school!

This Fundraiser will support our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support team. Our PBIS team will use the money raised to continue funding our school store, providing us with quarterly school-wide rewards, and other opportunities for rewarding behavior.

### **PRIZE INCENTIVES**

Every card sold gets your child's name in the drawing for a chance to win a gift card!

The grade level that sells the most cards will be able to watch their teacher kiss a GOAT!

IF we reach our goal of selling all of the cards, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Martin will also kiss the GOAT!

Thank you for your continued support!  
IF you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## Discount Cards Available!

Please consider purchasing a discount card. It would be a great stocking stuffer. The cards are \$10 each and provide reusable discounts to several local establishments. Please see the image above for more details, including the opportunity for students to win gift cards and teachers and principals to kiss a goat!



## Clinic Corner: Toy Safety

This coming month is the biggest gift-giving month in the world! It is important to keep safety in mind as we shop or receive gifts for all the littles in our lives. Approximately 217,000

are the number one cause of toy injuries among children ages 14 and under. Causes of toy-related deaths include choking, drowning, and suffocation. We want to keep our holidays a magical time of the year without any trips to the ER. Below are some holiday shopping safety tips.

- Inspect all toys before you buy them. Avoid toys with sharp edges or parts that can be pulled off easily. They should be able to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or easily pulled apart.
- For children younger than age three, avoid toys with small parts including magnets and "button" batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested. These toys can also be choking hazards as children younger than three tend to put things in their mouths. A little trick-if the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids under three.
- Make sure the age and skill level marked on the toy matches the age and skill level of the child. If the child has special needs, try to choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture. Consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it.
- Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check the age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with. Look for labels that assure the toys have passed a safety inspection. "ATSM" means the toy has met the American Society for Testing and Materials Standards.
- Do not give toys with ropes/cords or toys that heat up.
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. Remember that BB and Pellet guns are not toys.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear such as helmets. Be sure helmets and other protective gear fit properly.
- Do not give crayons or markers unless they are labeled "non-toxic."
- Keep an eye on your children when playing.
- Keep younger children away from toys meant for older siblings.
- Keep deflated/broken balloons away from children younger than eight years old as they can cause choking/suffocation. Discard immediately, picking up all pieces if broken.
- After gift opening, immediately discard plastic wrapping or other toy packaging before they can cause safety issues.

Wishing you a holiday season and new year filled with joy, good health, and peace.

Hugs & Band-aids,  
Nurse Moira



## Bethlehem Elementary

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**Mission:** We are dedicated to providing a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment that meets each child's unique academic and social needs.

**Vision:** BES provides a high-quality educational experience that inspires and motivates students to become the BEST version of themselves both in and out of the classroom.

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