

# The Bethlehem Star

February, 2023



## February Word of the Month: Cooperation

This month's focus is Cooperation. One way to think about Cooperation is "working together to reach shared goals." As a family, talk about how this definition applies to how you work together at home. What are some goals you share? Cooperation is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Kind. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

## PBIS News

We are continuing to reinforce our three PBIS expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Mrs. Martin met with grade levels to review expectations and conflict resolution strategies in early January, and our teachers and staff continue to reinforce them in classrooms and across common areas. Students continue to be encouraged by earning STAR points. Students in grades K-5 really enjoyed the Dance Party last month. The third quarter incentive for PBIS is an ice cream coupon. Students can buy them in our STAR store, and they can be redeemed in March when the quarter ends. The PBIS team is actively planning a final activity and we hope to make it bigger and more exciting. We are still selling Discount Cards, and we need your help. We are going to resend the information flyer and will be selling them at

our upcoming school events. The funds from the card sales go directly to PBIS. Thank you in advance for your support with this great fundraiser that directly supports our students.

# ELITE DISCOUNT CARDS

# \$10



SEE YOUR TEACHER  
KISS A GOAT IF YOUR  
GRADE LEVEL SELLS  
THE MOST CARDS!



**GET YOUR  
ORDERS IN  
ASAP!**



## 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.

## Spring Field Trips

We are in the midst of planning Spring field trips. Here are the trips that have been approved thus far.

- March 1: Kindergarten to INK (Interactive Neighborhood for Kids)
- March 3: 4th Grade to Ft. Yargo
- March 29: PK to Alegre Farm
- March 30: 5th Grade to Top Golf

More information about the specifics of each trip will be coming home with students soon. As soon as other grade levels have their trips submitted and approved, we will share dates/locations.



## S.O.U.P. Community Canned Food Drive

S.O.U.P. stands for Schools Objecting to Unnecessary Poverty. Please join BES and all BCSS schools in supporting an effort to collect food for local food pantries. Students and staff may bring in canned/non-perishable food items to school February 1-March 9.



## Counselor Connection

We love BES and LOVE our opportunity to serve BES as professional school counselors. This month we are asked to advocate for our profession by sharing our role as school counselors. National School Counseling Week 2023, "School Counselors: Helping Students Dream Big," sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from Feb. 6–10, 2023, focuses public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The vision for our program at BES is that we are equipping students for success in school and life. It is our hope that in our work we are helping students believe in themselves and their ability to achieve their big dreams! Believing that a student's attitude toward work and their belief in their ability to do hard things leads us to our focus for this month's lessons.

We have already met with some grade levels to chat about what it means to have a GROWTH MINDSET! In Kindergarten we listened to a story, When Sophie Thinks She Can't and played a game where students chose between two statements to decide which one exhibited a positive

attitude. For example, “I give up” or “I can do great things.” Second graders listened to a read-aloud, Mindset Matters and then completed a fill in the blank story about a time they wanted to quit, but instead chose a “gonna-get-it-done” mindset. They also had the opportunity to choose to share that experience with their classmates.

We look forward to visiting our other grade levels. And as always are happy to help you whenever needed. Please feel free to contact at 770-867-2238 or at [mary.griner@barrow.k12.ga.us](mailto:mary.griner@barrow.k12.ga.us)



## **Clinic Corner: Heart Health Awareness Month**

February is Heart Health Awareness Month. We will kick off the month by wearing RED on Friday, February 3 to raise awareness.

Did you know?

Risk factors for heart disease are:

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Overweight/obesity
- Diabetes
- Family history of early coronary heart disease
- Age

Heart Disease is preventable! Here is what you can do now to reduce your risk:

- \*Do not Smoke
- \*Eat for Heart Health
- \*Aim for 30 minutes of Physical Activity for at least 5 days a week.
- \*Ask your doctor to check your Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and Blood Glucose (Blood Sugar)

Your heart is an incredible organ! Please take care of it! Did you know it beats 100,000 times a day! Each minute your heart pumps 1.5 gallons of blood. The heart pumps blood through 60,000 miles of blood vessels. A woman’s heart beats faster than a man’s heart by 8 beats per

minute. Your heart has its own electrical supply and will continue to beat when separated from your body! Every cell in your body gets blood from your heart- except the corneas in your eyes



## **Clinic Needs**

Our clinic is seeking some donations. If you are able to help, we would greatly appreciate it!

- Snacks: Small bags of peanut butter or regular crackers, fruit snacks/roll-ups, little juice boxes and/or little bottles of water
- Tissues

## **University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Open House**

Are you looking for something fun to do during Spring Break? This event sounds like a lot of fun for the entire family! They will be having all kinds of animal-related activities that kids are sure to find fascinating. For more information, please see the QR code below.

# OPEN HOUSE

## When:

Friday, April 7th from  
9AM-4PM

## Where:

CVM Main Campus  
501 D.W. Brooks Drive  
Athens, GA 30602

**Free parking** is  
available at the UGA  
Softball fields to  
shuttle guests to and  
from the CVM



Admission and  
activities are **free\*\***

Come enjoy activities like teddy  
bear surgery, an exotic animal  
display, reading to dogs, and  
much, much more!

**\*\*Donations at various activities  
unlocks special add-on  
experiences!**

Food, drinks and merchandise  
will be available for purchase  
(cash only)

For additional information,  
please reference the official  
2023 Open House page on the  
UGA CVM's website or scan the  
QR code below

## 2023-2024 Pre-K Applications

Barrow County Schools will be accepting applications for the Pre-K lottery from March 1-31. Please see the district's Pre-K information page for more details. You can find it [HERE](#).

## Early Dismissal & Daily Transportation Changes

Parents are encouraged to schedule outside appointments for their child before/after school hours. However, early dismissals will be granted for the same reasons as excused absences. Students who do need to leave early must have a parent/guardian sign them out in the front office. If parents know that a student will be picked up during the day, please send a handwritten note or email to the teacher indicating the time the student will be leaving. There will be no early check-outs from 1:30-2:00 except for extreme emergencies. Please be aware of this policy when making appointments or arrangements for your child to leave early.

All transportation changes are to be done in writing. Example: Changing from bus rider to car rider or vice versa. Please send a note with your child indicating the change. Any child who does not have a written transportation change will be expected to follow their regularly scheduled transportation routine, whether that is by car or by bus. **We cannot accept**

***transportation changes over the phone.*** This is for the safety and well-being of our students. We must receive the written requests by 1:30 PM at 770-307- 0529 for same-day transportation changes. If sending a fax or email, please call the front office to alert them and get directions for who to email the information to. If the transportation change involves your child going to another child's home for an event such as a play date or sleepover, we must have written communication from both students' parents. This is to ensure both families are aware of the situation so that all of our students are safe. If we do not have written communication from both parties, the students will follow their regularly scheduled transportation.

## **Save the Dates**

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking the Georgia Milestones Assessments May 1-5. Please avoid scheduling events that would require your child to be out of school on those dates. Thank you!

## **Upcoming School Events**

### **February**

- 1: Canned Food Drive Begins
- 3: Wear Red for Heart Health Awareness
- 7-11: National School Counselors Week
- 9: Hat Day Fundraiser for PE Department-\$1 to Wear a Hat to School
- 10: February Break: No School
- 13: Digital Learning Day-Students learn from home. Teachers attend professional learning.
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 14-16: Donuts with Grown Ups (RSVPs were collected in January.)
- 20: President's Day-We will have school!
- 22: Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 23: 1st Grade Music & Literacy Night 6:00 PM
- 27-March 3: Read Across America Week
- 28: PTO Interest/Info Session 9:00 AM in Cafeteria

### **March**

- 1-31: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 1: Cookie Man Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 9: Canned Food Drive Ends
- 13: BES Archery Team Competes at Loganville Middle School -Bus leaves BES at 4:30 PM
- 16-17: March Break-No School
- 22: Report Cards
- 23: 3rd Grade Music & Literacy Night
- 27-31: Scholastic Book Fair



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