

Bright Start Elementary

"Keep Smiling"

3.19.10

Hello to our school family:

We are entering the homestretch towards spring break and all of the wonderful weather that comes with the times. Please keep in mind that students are playing outside during recess and it is still a little soggy on the playground. So, as students get excited that they can wear their shoes and not have to wear their snow pants, remember they may not come home looking as clean as they did when they came to school that morning! We love the nice weather, and so do the students. The staff has been working through many playground situations and addressing them with students, reminding them of proper behaviors.

Two big weeks full of important dates coming up, starting with our great spring music program on March 23, will be at the middle school gymnasium, with the first show beginning at 5pm. Please plan to attend, we have moved the show to the middle school so that there will be much more room for families than what we have had in the past. So, feel free to invite all the relatives as there will be plenty of space. Look for notes coming home from Mrs. Behrenwald and plan to have your student on time so we can have all the kids lined up appropriately. We are very excited about the new venue and hope it makes it a much more enjoyable experience for all involved. The end of the marking period is on March 26th, so look for report cards within the following ten days. Teaching staff is planning on getting them out by April 1st. We also have another special assembly for March Is Reading Month, Mr. Jim Basketball Jones will be here on the morning of March 29th from 9:30-10:30. Feel free to attend if you have time and would like to see the assembly.

PTO is becoming stronger and stronger as we garner more volunteers. They have been providing some great things for our kids at both BSE and LES; please continue to support them through their fundraising processes and offering volunteer support throughout the school year. If you are looking to become a part of the PTO process please contact Shannon Lorenz at LES, 989.352.8021, extension 2131.

We have had great interest from parent helpers in the classroom lately as most of the community is aware that due to state funding issues we lost a number of paraprofessionals. The response has been great, but I would like to remind you that there is a small process you must fulfill prior to volunteering in our classrooms and building. Please arrange with the new building secretary, Mrs. Sue Pitcher, to pick up the paperwork for us to have permission to run the appropriate background checks. Again, please remember we love all the help within our school family, but teachers may request specific times for volunteers as some pieces of the day are better than others for extra persons in the classroom.

As we continue to work through our challenges and celebrate our successes, keep in mind that your child's success is what we are working towards on a daily basis! Please continue to be an integral part of your child's education as they grow each day! Enjoy your time together and make sure to hug and kiss your kids everyday!

Sincerely,



Mr. Gary Jensen, Principal

- March 23 Music Program, Middle School
- March 24 Early Release Wednesday
- March 26 End of Marking Period
- March 29 Jim "Basketball Jones" Assembly
- April 2 No School, Spring Break begins
- April 12 School Resumes

