

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Standardized Testing

Standardized testing will take place during the week of January 30th, from Monday—Thursday, during the morning hours. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is the standardized testing materials that we use here at Berea. Only students in grades 1-8 are tested.

Berea administers standardized testing for several reasons:

- To give teachers information that they can use to meet individual student's learning needs. The tests can help identify a student's strongest areas and the areas in which greatest improvement is needed.
- To assist teachers in gauging student's learning from one year to the next in the basic subject areas to make sure student growth is consistent.
- To show how students are performing compared to the performance of other students in the same grade throughout the nation.
- To help evaluate how our curriculum is developing the basic skills in our students.

It is very important that the students try their best for the tests. It is also very important that they get plenty of rest on the test days and have a good, nutritious breakfast each morning. A snack each morning next week would be especially helpful. If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Miss Abbas, Mrs. Augustin, or Mr. Thurow.

End of Second Quarter

This past Friday, January 13th was the end of the second quarter. Report cards are available on your child's JupiterEd account. Hard copies will be mailed out this week. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. Committee #2 (Haight, Hartmann, Heitzman, Ludvigson, Sydow) is reminded that they have cleaning for the 3rd quarter. A list of duties will be posted on the school website and on the bulletin board in the school lunchroom. Please complete your cleaning as close to the beginning of the quarter as possible.

Berea School Play Night

This year, for our Berea School Play Night (Friday, Feb. 24), there will be separate performances put on by the K-4 grade students, and the 5-8 grade students. The students were introduced last week, or will be introduced this week to the plays that they will be performing. Look for upcoming information from your child's teacher regarding costumes and prop needs, as well as play scripts and parts for your children to memorize.

K-4 MN Orchestra Field Trip

The Kindergarten through Grade 4 students will be attending a Young People's concert presented by the Minnesota Orchestra Wednesday, Jan. 25th. (The upper graders will see the MN Orchestra in March). The program is titled "Winter Wonderland." During upcoming music classes, the students will be learning more about the music that will be presented. We are looking for drivers/chaperones for this field trip. We will leave at 9 am and be back to school by noon. If you are able to drive please contact Mrs. Augustin.



What's coming up:

Tuesday, Jan 17

Home Game vs. Christ L

5:30pm A Team

6:30pm B Team

Wednesday, Jan 18

Basketball Practice

3:15pm A team

4:00pm B team

Thursday, Jan 19

Kaden's Birthday

5pm Basketball Game

A Team vs. Christ L.

Sunday, Jan 22

2pm Basketball Practice

Wednesday, Jan 25

9am K-4 Field Trip to

Orchestra Hall

3:15pm A team

4:00pm B team

January 27

Mini Class Day

Mini Class Day—Friday, January 27th

Students will have the opportunity to learn about 3D printing, sled dogs/racing, sewing, electrical circuits, pickleball, and the Dakota county K9 team.

Please note:

- * Hot lunch including walking tacos, drink and dessert will be provided. Students may bring their own lunch as an alternative if they choose and should bring their own snack.
- * Students will be going outside; please bring appropriate attire.
- * There will be kid-friendly, large dogs present. Students do not have to interact directly with the dogs if they do not wish but may feel more comfortable knowing what to expect.
- * We will update via newsletter or email if need be.

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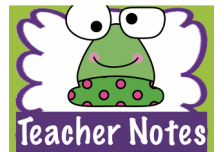
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Notes from **Mrs. Augustin** (Gr 1-8):

- On Wednesday, grades 1-4 will have their Spelling tests on the Unit from last week.

Notes from **Miss Abbas** (Gr 1-4):

- Group 1 has Show and Tell



Notes from **Mr. Thurow** (Grades 5-8):

- 5th & 6th grade Social Studies project/English essay: Project due date extended to Friday. Essay final copy due Friday
- 3rd Book Review due Monday, Jan. 30