

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Berea Talent Show 2021!

Does Berea have talent? We'll find out on February 26th! This year, instead of a school play, we will be putting on a Talent Show! All students will be participating, and are encouraged to showcase a talent, hobby, trick, or even write a short skit!



All acts/routines must be approved by your child's teacher as soon as possible. If multiple students are performing together, the routine must be able to follow social distancing guidelines, unless being performed by siblings.

The Talent Show will be held during the school day on Friday, February 26th. This will take the place of our normal Play Night. We will not be performing in front of a live audience; rather, the Talent Show will be live-streamed on Teams or Zoom, and will also be recorded and archived for later viewing.

End of Second Quarter

Second quarter ended last Friday. Report card grades can be found on your child's JupiterEd account. A hard copy will also be mailed to you this week. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. Committee #2 (**Havemeier, Gullerud, Arndt, Heitzman, and Haight**) is reminded that they have cleaning for the quarter. The duties are below. We ask that cleaning be done in the evenings or weekends, and that you limit have a limit of two families in the building at a time. Please discuss as a committee a schedule for completing the cleaning duties as close to the beginning of the quarter as possible. Thank you!

- Wash windows in classrooms inside and out (weather permitting)
- Vacuum along baseboards and moldings in classrooms
- Clean cobwebs from classrooms/workroom
- Dust coat rack shelves on both levels
- Wash workroom countertops
- Wipe off scuff marks on gym floor and check corners for cobwebs
- Wash out garbage cans in lunchroom

From the Art Teacher...

Please have your child bring in a cereal box by Friday, January 29th. They can be brought in with the students' name on them at any time before then. Thank you!



What's coming up:

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Kaden's Birthday

Standardized Testing

Standardized testing will take place in two weeks, Monday—Thursday, Feb. 1-4 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 Mrs. Rehm, Mrs. Augustin, or Mr. Thurow.



Notes from Mrs. Augustin

(Grades 1-8):

- Grades 1-4 will be having last week's planned Spelling test this Friday instead. No new words are coming home today, but please continue to work on last week's words with your children.

Notes from Mrs. Rehm

(Grades 1-4):

- Tests this week:
Wednesday-Math 4, Ch. 10-11
Friday-Math 1, Ch. 11-12



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

- Tests this week: Algebra—Thursday (Chapter 7)
- 5th and 6th grade Plant Product collage project due next Monday (guidelines were distributed to students this past Thursday, also included in this week's folder, also posted on Teams.
- Research report—This week students will be organizing resources, making bibliography cards for them, and beginning the note-taking process. As new portions of the project are introduced, the guidelines will be posted on Teams. Please contact Mr. Thurow with any questions. **All students will need 3 x 5 lined notecards this week.**