

Monday, February 1, 2021

## Standardized Testing

Standardized testing continues this week 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.

## Mini Class Day

**This Friday**, February 5th is mini-class day! Within the current protocols/guidelines, a fun day is in store for the students including sustainable safari, snowshoeing, an all school project, a service project and virtual presentations ! Please note the following:

- A hot lunch of pizza will be provided. Please send lunch if your student does not wish to have this. Lunch will still be in each classroom.
- Snowshoeing is planned for the afternoon. Please send appropriate outdoor attire; no special gear is needed, however if you do have a pair of snowshoes and are willing to let the kids use them let Krista Gurgel know [kristagurgel@yahoo.com](mailto:kristagurgel@yahoo.com)

## Mission Offering

Mission offering total for the first semester—\$75.23. (Needed for the school year—\$200) Our school mission offerings, collected each Friday morning after devotion, go towards sponsoring the Myanmar Children's Assistance Program, run by one of the groups the CLC is in fellowship with in Myanmar, through the CLC's Project KINSHIP. By sponsoring this group, we have pledged a yearly donation of \$200. May the Gospel move hearts to contribute to this work of spreading God's kingdom!



"Love  
the LORD  
your God  
with all your  
heart...soul  
...mind and...  
strength."

Mark 12:30, NRSV



### What's coming up:

**Tues-Thurs, Feb 2-4**

**Standardized Testing**

**Friday, February 5**

**Mini Class Day**

**Friday, February 12**

**6:30pm Girls Bball**

**@ Trinity Belle-Plaine**

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## 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.



### Notes from **Mrs. Augustin**

(Grades 1-8):

- Grades 1-2 will have a Science test on Chapter 4 on Thursday
- Because of Mini Class Day, all lower graders will have their Spelling tests on Thursday this week.

### Notes from **Mrs. Rehm**

(Grades 1-4):

- February book report information was handed out today.
- Gr. 1-2 may bring activity books to school to use during testing "down time" .
- Tests this week: Thursday—Reading 4, Theme 4

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

- Tests this week: Tomorrow—PreAlgebra (Ch. 7) , Science 5&6 (Chapter 6—Plants); Thursday—History 7&8 (Chapter 19), Social Studies 5&6—(Nifty Fifty Quiz)
- 7th & 8th grade history Business Plan project due next Monday
- Research Report—continue working on note-taking this week. Notes due next Thursday, Feb. 11