



# BELMONT ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## B.E.S.T. BETS

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### PARENT REQUESTS FOR CLASS PLACEMENTS



Each spring the staff of Belmont Elementary devotes many hours to the placement of students in classrooms for the following school year. We strive to create balanced classrooms. Gender, academic achievement and needs, teaching and learning styles, behavior and personality features are just some of the factors that are taken into consideration when creating classroom placement lists. Groups of teachers spend countless hours making placements that will enable us to offer the most beneficial academic and social environment for each child. As in the past, we will consider requests from parents as one of the components when creating class lists. However, we ask that parents also consider factors such as style of teaching and learning, personality match and classroom atmosphere when making requests. We encourage parents to discuss placement requests with their child's current teacher or with the school principal, and to visit classrooms of teachers at the next grade level before making requests for placements. Please inform yourself before making any request. What was successful for someone else's child, may not always be the perfect placement for your child. **We will be accepting placement requests from parents during the month of April only.** Please be aware that BES teaching assignments may change for the 2014-2015 school year. As always, the school staff reserves the right to

make final placements in order to keep classrooms balanced and offer children the optimum opportunity for learning. We welcome your input for consideration and thank you for your cooperation.

### TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014-2015

During the 2014-2015 school year, we believe the teacher assignments will be as follows: (Please note that circumstances may cause changes to become necessary)

- Kinder - Foss, Smith
- Readiness – New Teacher
- Grade 1- Peper, Hodgman, New teacher, Ball
- Grade 2 - Clairmont, Holiday Boles, Sarausky
- Grade 3 - Embree, Vetter, Fournier, Clifford
- Grade 4 - Donovan, Jones, D'Amour, New Teacher

### THE B.E.S.T. NEWS



The Belmont Elementary Support Team, B.E.S.T., is our parent/teacher organization.

The children and families benefit from the enhanced opportunities that this group has been able to offer. B.E.S.T. members will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. in the BES Library.** Please join us and bring a friend, all are welcome. You will be able to get acquainted with other parents and teachers from the school. Members will be discussing nominations for next year's officers. **There will be free baby-sitting during this meeting for your convenience. Refreshments and a gift raffle! - always!**

### FAMILY READING NIGHT



BEST PTO will be holding a Family Reading Night on **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, at BES.** There will be guest readers, crafts and books for families to read together! Please plan to join us to promote this night of reading enjoyment!

### Reminders:

*Parents Make the Difference*

- April 2 BEST Meeting, Library, 6:00 PM
- April 11 BEST Family Reading Night, 6:00 PM
- April 16 Grade 3 Drama, 6:00 PM
- April 18 Grade 4 Spelling Bee, 1:45 PM

April 21- 25

Spring Vacation



No school

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We held our annual registration week March 10-14, 2014. If you missed registration week, you can register your child for the 2014-15 year at any time during the school day. Please call the school at 267-6568 to set an appointment to register **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. To be eligible, a child must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2014. Any child entering first grade who did not attend BES this year for kindergarten, must register for grade 1. Those children must be 6 years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2014. The school will contact the parents of incoming kindergartners for a June testing date.

## GRADE 3 DRAMA



This year the Grade 3 Drama production will feature a play called, *Make It*

*Healthy!* This play will be presented on **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.** The play will be presented again for the students on April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 A.M. We are looking forward to this wonderful presentation that presents a musical revue about making good choices. We are grateful to Mrs. Sarausky for again sharing her talents with the BES students, parents and staff. We also give a big thank you to Mrs. Shaw for her contributions to the musical portion of the show and to all the parent volunteers who help out!



## WARMER WEATHER CLOTHING

It is still appropriate for you to send jackets and sweatshirts to school with your child. Even though some days may start out

warm, or warm temperatures are predicted, we all know from living in New England that the weather can change rapidly during the day.

As the warmer weather approaches many students have inquired about wearing shorts and lighter clothing to school. In the past, we have allowed students to wear shorts and other clothing suitable to warm weather after we are more assured of continued spells of warmth. However, we ask that students follow some guidelines concerning the appropriateness of their choices. Students should dress appropriately for an elementary school setting. Short shorts, shirts that reveal bellies, and thin strap tank tops are discouraged, as students may be embarrassed or be teased by others. Additionally, as is stated in the handbook, clothing that is offensive to others or in any way disrupts the educational process may not be worn. For safety purposes, we also encourage parents to send children to school with shoes that securely fit a child's feet and have straps, ties or Velcro that hold the shoe in place during exercise. Flip flops are not really a safe choice for recess and exercise periods. A sweater, sweatshirt or light jacket may still be needed. Comfort, safety and a neat appearance should be the objectives when choosing clothing for school.



## B.E.S.T. BETS DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE



The BES Recycling Committee regularly collects funds through their recycling efforts. They use those funds to benefit the whole school. Last year they brought Larry Frates from Laconia to BES to present an anti-bullying program. The recycling committee works hard to recycle paper, cans, bottles and other items here at school. They also teach us all the value and importance of recycling. Thank you, Recycling Committee.

## !!!HATS OFF!!!

*Hats Off* is a feature of the Belmont Elementary Newsletter that is dedicated to honoring our school volunteers. This month our award goes to a volunteer who has donated so much time to the school! This month we would like to honor ...



## LINDA BROWN!!!

Linda has volunteered a great deal of time to helping the BEST PTO. We thank her for her help in coordinating and supporting many events for students and families.

**Hats off to you, Linda Brown! Thank you!!!**