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NEWS FROM B.E.S.T.

The Belmont Elementary Support Team Members will be gathering for their meeting on **Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 6:00 P.M. in the BES Library.** We will enjoy the annual Christmas Party and a brief business meeting. All are welcome to join us. Please bring a food item to share. There will also be a Yankee Swap for those who would like to participate. Your gift should have a value of approximately \$10. **Free baby-sitting is available during this meeting for your convenience.** The fundraiser distribution went very smoothly. Thank you, volunteers who helped and especially Deb Acres, BEST President! On Friday evening, November 15th the B.E.S.T. members conducted a movie night, their first this year. Children and families had the opportunity to come in and watch *Monsters University* together. It was enjoyed by the many families that attended. Please join us again on Jan. 17th for another BEST Family Night. Watch for notices for more info.



THANK YOU B.E.S.T. AND ALL VOLUNTEERS

During the holiday season, as always, the staff at BES would like to thank the members of B.E.S.T. and all volunteers for all that they do for this school. We could never be such an excellent school without **YOU!**



FOURTH GRADE DRAMA

The fourth graders have been working hard on their drama production entitled "Poetry". The show will foster an appreciation for poetry and will be performed on Dec. 3rd at 6:00 PM and again for the students at school on Dec. 4 at 9:15 AM.

EARLY DISMISSAL INFORMATION



Occasionally inclement weather may make it necessary to dismiss school early. A notice was sent home earlier this year requesting information regarding plans for your child in the event of an early dismissal. Please make certain you have returned that information form to your child's teacher, as **it will**

not be possible to contact you on the day of an early dismissal. Please listen to local radio stations or consult your e-mail for information, if you are part of the BES parent e-mail database. An automated telephone message will also be sent from the Superintendent's office.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 20th AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th

This year there will be no school on January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Teachers will have a workshop on January 24th, so there will be no school on that day either. Students will not be attending school on those days. Please advise your childcare providers.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



School holiday parties will take place this year on Thursday, Dec. 19th. Each classroom teacher will be sending home a notice explaining the procedure for the class party. We look forward to this enjoyable time with the children!

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Parents Make the Difference

Dec. 1st Deck the Village BES Vocal Ensemble

Dec. 4th BEST Mtg. 6:00 P.M.

Dec. 6th Report Cards Issued



Dec. 19th Vocal Ensemble performs at Belmont Senior Center

Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 Holiday Vacation Break **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Cold weather is here, don't forget to dress your child warmly!

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



The BES Student Council is collecting food items for the local food pantry here in Belmont. We are very proud to donate this food to such charitable causes. Student Council members and advisor, Mrs. Sheila King, will deliver the food to the pantry. A stocking raffle and penny drive will also take place at school to benefit other charitable organizations. Thank you everyone for your help!

!!!HATS OFF!!!

In our monthly!!! *Hats Off!!!* column, we highlight some of the wonderful volunteers who have given so much to BES. This month our award goes to a person who has dedicated a lot of time and effort to help the school. This month we'd like to honor



Lisa Ober!!!

Mrs. Ober is our hard-working BEST volunteer coordinator. We thank her for her time and dedication to BES. Lisa does all kinds of work for the school and for all the events that BEST sponsors. She planned and facilitated the Fall Family Festival, she gets volunteers for bake sales, school open houses, movie nights, the BEST fundraiser and just about every other event the school or BEST sponsors. Lisa has two children. One attends BES now and the other

will in the future. She has worked very hard for the volunteer program! We appreciate all that she does for the school and all the time she has spent helping out. Thank you, Lisa Ober, for all that you do for your school...**HATS OFF TO YOU!!!**



REPORT CARDS

On **December 6th** your child's first trimester report card will be sent home. This report card lists separate skills that are part of the educational programs of each grade level. The skills are taken from the educational standards adopted by the State of NH. They incorporate skills from the Common Core State Standards. There are several skills listed for each subject area that your child learns. The skills listed for each grade level are those that children should achieve throughout the school year. Some children will learn the skills more quickly than others, but **we do not expect all children to master all of the skills during the first trimester.** You should not expect this of your child either. All children progress at different rates. These skills are the goals that are introduced throughout the year and many children may not achieve them right away, or they may not even be introduced in instruction until later in the year.

This report card measures your child's progress toward these skills. This type of progress reporting will give you an accurate picture of what your child knows and is able to do. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school principal or your child's teacher.

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WELCOME TO BES, MRS. HODGMAN!

We welcome Mrs. Laurie Hodgman as our new kindergarten teacher this year. Mrs. Hodgman attended Champlain College where she earned her bachelor's degree. She has worked as a first grade teacher in Colebrook, NH and a para-educator in Meredith, NH. Laurie lives in Meredith with her family. She likes to snowboard as one of her leisure activities. We are so happy that Mrs. Hodgman has joined the BES teaching staff! Welcome, Laurie!



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CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!

