



## B.E.S.T. BETS

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### KINDERGARTEN/GR. 1 REGISTRATION

The 2014-2015 registration will take place during the week of March 10-14, 2014, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at BES. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence such as a recent utility bill, car registration, lease agreement, tax bill, etc. It is not necessary for the child to attend registration. Incoming kindergartners must be 5 yrs. of age on or before Sept. 30, 2014. Incoming first graders must be 6 yrs. of age on or before Sept. 30, 2014. Children who have attended BES kindergarten classes during this current school year do **not** need to be registered for grade one. However, preschool students moving on to kindergarten must be registered.

### HUNDREDS DANCE AT THE B.E.S.T. MOVIN' & GROOVIN' NIGHT



It was wonderful to see such a huge turnout for the second B.E.S.T. PTO "Movin' & Groovin' Night". B.E.S.T. members wanted to offer some family time that was focused on health and wellness. Many BES staff members attended as well as hundreds of students and their families. Everyone got into the dancing as the ever-popular Chicken Dance, Electric Slide, YMCA and many others were enjoyed by all! Special thanks to Mrs. Nims for all of her hard work preparing the students and the program, to Mrs.

Shaw for her musical support and to Mrs. Cramer for facilitating the beautiful student artwork of dancers that adorned the walls! Everyone had a great time, adults and children alike!



### 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS

We had a wonderful winter concert at BES on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The music was beautiful and enjoyed by all. Although we experienced below zero temperatures, we had record attendance! Thanks to all who could join us.

### ATTENTION PARENTS! STUDENT PLACEMENTS



### GRADES 1-4 FOR 2014-2015

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 achievements and needs, teaching and learning styles, behavior and personality features are just some of the factors that are taken into consideration when creating class-

room 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, not with their child, 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 for grades 1-4 during the month of April only, in writing to the school principal.** Your requests will be considered, however, final placement decisions will be made by the school staff.



### Inside This Issue *Parents Make The Difference*

- Feb. 4 & 5 SRSD Budget Hearings 6:00 CES (4<sup>th</sup>) & BMS (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Feb. 12 BEST Mtg. BES Lib. 6:00
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 24 **Winter Vacation Feb. 24-28, NO SCHOOL**





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

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the BES Library**. At the January meeting members voted to move the meeting to Feb. 12 so they could attend the School District Budget Hearing on Feb. 5. **Hope you can join us on Feb. 12 for a great evening!** Remember, there are always refreshments and a gift raffle for those present. **For your convenience, free baby-sitting will be available for this meeting.**

### SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET HEARINGS

The Shaker Regional School District Budget Hearings will take place on **February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Canterbury Elementary School** and on **February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Belmont Middle School**. Information about the School Board's budget proposals will be given and input will be accepted from the public.

The Annual School District Meeting will be held on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 at Belmont High School.

### SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



We would like to welcome Mary Antonucci to the BES teaching staff. Mary came to us this year as a new special education teacher. She had previously been a

tutor for the ESOL program. She studied special education at Granite State College, where she received her Bachelor's degree. Mary lives in Belmont with her family. She enjoys cooking, snowmobiling and camping with her family in her free time. We are fortunate to have Mary Antonucci on the BES teaching staff, welcome, Mary!

### HATS OFF!!!

**!!!HATS OFF!!!** is a feature of the



Belmont Elementary Newsletter that recognizes some of the many wonderful school volunteers

who help to make BES the exemplary school that it is. This month our column will feature a group of volunteers who put in a great deal of hard work at B.E.S.....

### THE BASKETBALL COACHES!!!!



We could never offer this program to the children without the hard work and caring of many volunteers. Thank you, Jessica Baker, Matt Smith, Melissa Gardner, Jill Warner, Stacey Erlick, Dana Tomlin, Peter Cluett, Greg DeSchuittener, Sean Cody, Rich Bjelf, and Brian Carroll! **We very much appreciate all of the efforts of program coordinator and coach, Stephanie Derosier. Thank you, Coaches!!! Hats off to you!!!!**

### BHS HELPS OUT WITH BASKETBALL!

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We also thank the BHS Boys and Girls basketball teams and their coaches for joining us to instruct our basketball clinic on opening day on January 4th. Their help was invaluable to our coaches and players.



### BES READING BUDDIES LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER

Classes at Belmont Elementary enjoy the company of their reading buddies once a week. Reading buddies is a program that brings both younger and older students together to read to one another and share books.



This helps develop a love of reading and offers older students as good reading role models for the younger students who are just beginning to read.

Reading buddies also helps build confidence in the older students, as the little ones look up to them and respect them for their advanced reading skills. Almost all classes participate in reading buddies. Ask your child if he/she has a reading buddy and how they choose books to share with their buddy.

