



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 and immunization records. 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. Children who have attended the preschool program will need to register for kindergarten. There will be two **parent information nights on March 26 and May 21, 2014 at the BES**. Please try to attend these very informative sessions.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR GRADES 1-4 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 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. Although we will try to consider parent requests, final placement decisions will be made by the school staff. **We will be accepting placement requests from parents for grades 1-4 during the month of April only.** Please make your request in writing to the school principal. Additionally, please be aware that teaching assignments may change for the 2014-15 school year.



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)

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

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The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the BES Library.** **Hope you can join us!** Mrs. Spear will be presenting results from the state testing. Remember, there are always refreshments and a gift raffle for those present. **For your convenience, free baby-sitting will be available for this meeting.**

Inside: *Parents Make the Difference*

- Mar. 5 BEST Mtg. BES Lib. 6:00
- Mar. 7 SRSD Annual Meeting, Belmont High School 6:00
- Mar. 6&7 Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 10-14 Kindergarten Registration 9:30-11:30 each day
- Mar. 10 BES Expo Night 6:00-7:00 KAM, R, Gr. 1&4
- Mar. 12 BES Expo Night 6:00-7:00 KPM, Preschool, R, Gr. 2&3

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Don't forget to attend the Shaker Regional School District Annual Meeting on **March 7, 2014**, at **Belmont High School**. The election polls will open at 6:00 PM and the business meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Don't miss your opportunity to cast your vote!



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

All the schools in our district have maintained Emergency Response Plans that are updated annually. Throughout the year we hold emergency drills with the students here at school in order to be prepared. If you have any questions regarding our emergency plans, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal at 267-6568.



BES HEALTH FAIR & EXPO NIGHTS

BES will be holding our annual Expo Nights on March 12 and 13. Student work and projects will be displayed for parents to view. This year we have a Health and Wellness Theme, so we will be conducting a Health Fair in the Gym during Expo Nights. Various booths will be set up where parents and students can gain a lot of useful information about staying healthy and well. The library Book Fair will also be taking place during that week and will be open for families those evenings as well. Please don't miss these important and informational evenings at BES!

!!!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 some wonderful ladies who have been working very hard to support our students. This month we would like to honor



THE BES FOSTER GRANDPARENTS!!!

Our foster grandparents put in a great deal of time to help our students with their academic and social skills. Our teachers are very grateful to them and we are grateful to the Foster Grandparents Program as well. We thank **Geri Sargent, Clair Bickford, and Fran Anderson** for all the help and love they give our students. They work in classrooms to support our students in any way they can. These foster Grammys have had grandchildren who have attended BES. We want you to know Geri, Claire and Fran, that **you are greatly appreciated, Thank you. Hats off to you, Foster Grandparents!!**

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PENNIES FOR PATIENTS A BIG SUCCESS!!

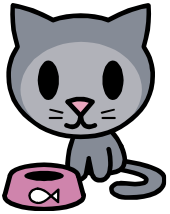
We thank the BES Student Council for collecting money for the Pennies for Patients to benefit research on a cure for leukemia and lymphoma. We are very proud!! They collected over \$640 this year. Congratulations! And thank you, Student Council Members and Mrs. Sheila King, advisor.



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GREEN CLUB COLLECTING FOR HUMANE SOCIETY

The BES Green Club has been hard at work collecting items for the NH Humane Society.



The dogs and cats at the society will benefit from the beds, blankets, food and treats that our students, staff and families have brought in. We are very proud of Green Club members and their advisor, Mrs. Jody Vetter, for caring for the earth and all its creatures. Thank you for your work, Green Club!



We hope these wonderful animals are adopted soon.

WELCOME MRS. VOMACKA!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Annie Vomacka to Belmont Elementary School. Mrs. Vomacka is a special education teacher and is working with first grade students this year. Mrs. Vomacka's three sons attended the Shaker Regional School District. She lives in Belmont with her family. Mrs. Vomacka attended Penn State University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in therapeutic services and Plymouth State University for her Master's degree in education.



We are very happy to have Mrs. Vomacka join our staff. Welcome to BES, Mrs. Vomacka!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

