Bel Air Newsletter
February 2021

News from Ms. Andreasen

Kindergarten Registration

We continue to register students for the 2021-2022 kindergarten school year. You may register at the office with Mrs. Sukup anytime between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

You should have received your appointment slips for conferences on Thursday, January 28. If not, please ask your child or contact your child's teacher. We have made every attempt to honor your preference for a general time block. Our goal is to have 100% parental attendance. We are looking forward to this opportunity to have you and your child(ren) meet with his/her teacher to discuss their learning progress and goals for the remainder of the school year. Conferences will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9 from 4:00-7:00. On Thursday, February 11, school will be dismissed at 11:30 AM and conferences will begin at 1:00 PM and end at 4:00 PM. As a reminder, school will also be dismissed on Wednesday, February 10 at 2:00 PM. There is no school for students on Friday, February 12.

Traffic Reminders

Thank you for your attention to this very important topic of safety. We are having quite a few concerns expressed from parents as well as patrons in the neighborhood about before and after school traffic. I would like your help with this to ensure we are providing a safe drop-off and pick-up atmosphere for our students.

- Do not park where there are 'No Parking' signs. On Bel Air road in particular there are 'No Parking' signs that are essential for our student's safety due to the use of the cross walk.

- On the south side of the building, we have our buses that have the right of way. They do need to get up next to the building to park in the morning. Please be sure and keep these inside lanes free.
- The drive-through areas that come up next to the school on the front of the building and on the south side of the building are **pick-up and drop-off zones only**. **This means that drivers should remain in the vehicle, please do not get out of your vehicle as this will cause a very long line up.** After school, if you find yourself waiting for a long time for your child(ren), you may be asked by staff to continue through the circle and do another loop to keep the traffic moving.
- Please be considerate of our Bel Air neighbors. It is important to not block the mailboxes of the surrounding homes when parking, or block their driveways at any time.
- On the side streets, be sure you are not blocking the flow of traffic.
- **Please maintain a respectable speed**. As always, we appreciate the courtesy and manners that we are modeling for our students.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair has gone virtual! Information has been sent home by classroom teachers, check it out!

As a staff, we would like to thank you for the efforts you put forth in preparing your children for school. We look forward to discussing the academic and social growth your children have made since the beginning of the school year during our February conferences.

Educationally,
Trisha Andreasen

Mrs. Moes Kindergarten News

Love is in the air this month and we wanted to tell you all about it! Here is who Mrs. Moes' kindergarteners love the most!

Braxton: I love my baby brother because he is so cute!
Elliot: I love my mom because she helps me when I slip and fall in the snow!
Emery: I love my dog Lakota because he is fuzzy!
Emmett: I love my mom because she plays with me!
Finley: I love my little sister because she is really funny!
Hunter: I love my brother because he's strong!

Javen: I love my brother because he helps me become stronger!
Jaylen: I love my brother's because they help me!
Kaylee: I love my mom because she reads books with me!
Logan: I love my sister because she's nice to me!
Madelyn: I love my mom because she takes care of animals!
Maverick: I love my brother because he is always nice to me!
Neely: I love my brother because he is nice to me!
Nora: I love my mom because she's so nice!
Perseus: I love my mom because she gives me kisses!
Phoenix: I love my mommy because she gets me presents!
Ryken: I love my dad because he helps me!
Rylie: I love my whole entire family because they are all so special to me and I don't want them sad!
Sophia: I love my baby sister because she likes to play with me!
Stella: I love my mom because she is my favorite mommy ever!
Trevor: I love my brother because I love his giggles!
Zendaya: I love my mom because she always helps me!
Destiny: I love my mom because she does everything for me!

Hello from Mrs. Kumm's Second Grade Class

In honor of Valentine's Day, I asked each second grader to share what they love about second grade. Here are their responses in their own words:

Alianna: get to learn

Blaise: lunch

Brooke: seeing my friends

Carley: nice teacher

Cylus: math and reading

Davaney: my teacher

Fatima: the morning and specials

Jaxson: math

Jordan: recess

Logan: my teacher

Max: writing and drawing

Olivia: specials

Beau: recess

Brody: recess

Brystol: everything

Cooper: math

Daphne: WIN time

Emily: seeing my teacher

Jackson: friends

Jaylin: our teachers

Kyler: going outside

Maci: seeing you

Ned: you

Robert: my teacher

Saige: my classmates and my teacher

Sarah: my teacher is the best

As you can see, we love second grade!

Greetings from Mr. Mora's Third Grade Class!

We came up with our class pledge at the beginning of the school year. Our students worked together and came up with values and ideas we need to uphold to be successful. We recite our class pledge after The Pledge of Allegiance.

This is our class pledge.

"In our class we will learn, be respectful and have fun. We will be successful by listening to each other and doing our best work every day!"

We strive to live up to our pledge everyday, and it guides all of the things we do in our classroom!

I also asked students to write their favorite things about Bel Air, and these are some of their responses!

Austynn- "The FOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOD"

Helen- "My classmates"

Eithan- "PE"

Yindra- "I like my friends and teachers."

Regan - "Math, Prodigy and P.E"

Julius- "I love that there are Chromebooks, that each class has a theme and Mr. Mora!"

Elly- "I like lunch"

Jackson- "I like gym, music and our Chromebooks."

Annabell- "I like my class, Mr. Mora and my sea."

Julian- "I like playing on pbs kids, my teachers, Khan Academy, clever and my mask."

Finley- "I like my teacher!"

Annie- "Everyone is nice, it's fun, I like the books."

Amelia- "I like the playground and the lunch, als the PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Isabelle- "I like that I get food and my friends!"

Kinley- "I like my friends, they make my day much brighter. I like my teacher, he is always funny and making jokes. Lastly my school always brings me joy when I get to school!"

Gabby- "I like my classmates and our principal is very nice and awesome!"

Ethan- "I like Mr. Mora, soccer and food."
Greyson- My three favorite things about Bel Air are the nice teachers, students and the rooms!"
Adelyn- "I like my friends and the food!"

News from Mrs. Hirschman

Mrs. Hirschman's music classes are rocking and rolling with the pandemic. We completed the first quarter outside under the "music tree". Second and third quarter, I have been rolling from classroom to classroom teaching music pandemic style. I love making google slideshows to teach from. I am able to share a great deal of information within the slide show, like lyrics, melody, music symbols, YouTube videos and more. We usually start class with some sort of simple movement that gets us up out of our seats but not moving around the room. We are singing with our masks on, and playing games that are Covid friendly. Rhythms play alongs are also a staple in the music classroom! We are attempting to make our own poison rhythm video. They are mostly mapped out, and progressing to the final stages. Third and fourth grade students are dabbling with recorder karate. We are not progressing very fast with the recorders this year because we limit our playing time to 5 minutes or less.
I have been so impressed with several students' love for learning during this time. Several students are taking the time to learn on their own at home, either practicing their recorders or other activities we have done in class. My school website which can be found under my picture and name on the BelAir staff page has many links to resources.
Music is great for brain development! Seven Spooky Things Music Does To Your Brain is an 11 minute video that shares about the power of music based on research.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llBUe3cLpb0&feature=emb_logo
Music can be a powerful tool to help us navigate through 2021, that is as simple as turning on the radio, or Alexa!

Greetings from the music department!

Mrs. Nissen's students have been moving and grooving in music class! They have been busy learning and reviewing skills and concepts, such as: dynamics, melodic direction, reading music notation, and rhythms, just to name a few. We begin music classes with rhythm activities, body percussion, movement, and action songs. The students enjoy YouTube rhythm play a-longs.
Fourth grade students are looking forward to playing recorders this semester. It will look a little different this year as we will learn fingerings first and play for five minutes or less in class.
Students in grades two through four have been doing a great job exploring interactive lessons and games on Chromebooks! Third and fourth grade students are doing an awesome job composing their very own interactive rhythm composition!
We are having a marvelous musical year!

4th grade Orchestra Students:

-2 extra after school rehearsals to prepare for our March 2, 2021 Concert

-Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 4:00 - 4:45 pm at Norfolk Senior High School (801 Riverside Blvd.)

-Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 4:00 - 4:45 pm at Norfolk Senior High School (801 Riverside Blvd.)

4th grade Orchestra Concert:

-Tuesday, March 2, 2021 = 4th grade All-City Orchestra Concert at the Johnny Carson Theatre 7:00 pm (students should arrive by 6:30 pm)

-All students will continue to have weekly lessons at their schools through May 7, 2021.