BEU News

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BEU School Goals

Every year, our Advisory Committee collaboratively develops school goals. This year we have adopted three goals.

Our first goal is that by May 2019, 75% of Beulah Ralph students will be considered Tier I students in reading as measured by the STAR, AIMSweb, and DRAII reading assessments. These are all reading assessments, so parents can help support this goal by ensuring their child is completing their reading homework each day!

Our second goal is that by May 2019, each Beulah Ralph grade level will successfully complete a Service Learning project that provides meaningful student learning, collaboration, and service to the community. Look for information to come home from your child’s teacher regarding opportunities to help out with the grade-level Service Learning project!

Our third goal is to have 94% of Beulah Ralph students will have attended school at least 90% of the time. Last year, we fell short of this goal, with 92.6% of our students attending school at least 90% of the time. We believe this goal is attainable, and we know that our families will help support us in reaching it!

We are working hard to establish positive attendance habits in our students in order to facilitate school success for now and later years. Additionally, positive attendance habits are good life skills for work after school careers are over.

We completely understand, of course, that some absences are necessary, such as when a child is ill, an emergency arises, or if there is an important appointment to attend. We certainly do not want students and families to feel like they have to send their child to school in these instances. We do want to encourage families to keep absences to a minimum whenever possible so their children are present for as much academic instruction as possible.

Here are some things you can do at home to help encourage positive school attendance:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- Try to avoid extended trips when school is in session.
- Don’t let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers or our school counselor for advice or support in helping your child feel more comfortable and excited about learning.

Thank you for your continued support in establishing good attendance habits for all our BEU students!

Expectation Celebrations

At Beulah Ralph, we work to instill our five school characteristics in each of our students: Kind, Positive, Respectful, Responsible, and Problem Solver. We are devoting one week each month to each of these characteristics and we will begin next week with the characteristic Positive. We will celebrate being positive on Friday by have a bright/neon color day! Next Friday, October 12th, all of our students and staff are encouraged to wear bright/neon colors to help celebrate.

2018-2019 Goal: 94% of BEU students will attend school at least 90% of the time

Current % of students attending school at least 90% of the time:

90.1%
Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 12th and Thursday, November 15th from 3:45 to 7:45 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences are an opportunity for your child’s teacher to share important information about academic progress and other news about your child’s year so far. We would love to see every family have a conference with their child’s teacher! Look for appointment information in your child’s Friday Folder later this month. If, after you receive this information, you need to schedule a different time for your conference, please contact your child’s teacher or the main office to find a new time!

PTA Fundraiser Recap!

The PTA Shakespeare’s Fundraiser was an amazing success! PTA had set a goal to sell 2500 pizzas, which was certainly a lofty goal. PTA is excited to share that our families sold 3500 pizzas! The 3500 pizzas and hundreds of direct donations amount to a profit of $24,232!

Beulah Ralph Elementary and PTA are so grateful to our families for the incredible level of support you have given us through this fundraiser. The PTA will be able to put this money to a lot of good use for the school to support our students!

Pick up for pizza orders will take place on Thursday, October 11th from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. Please enter through the front of the school and follow the signs to the pickup location!

Thank you again for all of the support for this fundraiser! We feel so fortunate to have such supportive and active families!

Our Lost and Found racks will also be in the front entry hallway on the nights of Parent Teacher Conferences. Please take a moment to look through the items to see if anything belongs to your child. After that week ends, we will be donating any items that remain in the Lost and Found.
Donuts with Dads

On Thursday, October 18th PTA will be hosting our first ever Donuts with Dads event in the cafeteria! The event begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 8 a.m.

This is an opportunity for our students to have some quality time before school with their dad or another positive male role model! Donuts and drinks will be provided, so please feel free to join us for what promises to be a great time!

Fall Parties

Fall parties will be held on Friday, October 26th at 2:30 p.m. (1st grade will have their parties at 1:30 p.m. to avoid conflicting with their specials block). Details about the parties will be coming from either your child’s classroom teacher or the PTA room parent for your child’s classroom. We do ask that no one comes to school in costumes on that day. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join in the Fall Party fun on October 26th!

Heroes’ Day Information

On November 9th, BEU will host Heroes’ Day. Heroes’ Day is a day to celebrate all of our heroes! We would love to have grandparents, special friends, and military veterans and active service members join us on that day. The day will consist of two components: an assembly honoring our heroes and an activity to be held in your child’s classroom. The grades K-2 assembly will be held from 9:00—9:30 a.m. with the classroom activity occurring from 9:30—10:00 a.m. Grades 3-5 will have their assembly from 10:15—10:45 a.m. with the classroom activity occurring from 10:45—11:15 a.m. The Book Fair will also be open on Heroes’ Day for any guests who would like visit the Book Fair!

In addition to the assembly and classroom activity, our students will be preparing for Heroes Day in other ways. Every student will be preparing an essay or description addressing the prompt, “What is your dream for America?” Classroom teachers will post your child’s response to this writing prompt on classroom bulletin boards.

We hope to see grandparents, heroes, and our military members and veterans at our Heroes’ Day celebration!
Congratulations to our September Citizens of the Month! These Timberwolves were selected by their classmates based upon their great job of embodying the five BEU student characteristics (Kind, Respectful, Responsible, Positive, Problem Solvers). Our September Citizens of the Month were:

**Kindergarten**
- Concannon: Bria McCarty
- Croom: Cal Stuerke
- Cunningham: Zoe Davis
- Reinkemeyer: Aaron Bolton-Finn
- Tolbert: Annie Wise
- Wright: Charlie Rowe
- Kindergarten Specials: Suzi Myers

**1st Grade**
- Dowell: Chase Hansen
- James: Thatcher Sells
- C. Martin: Keegan Roberts
- Sarkar: Charlotte Self
- K. Smith: Jude Linneman
- 1st Grade Specials: Alexa Geary

**2nd Grade**
- Considine: Corah Britton
- Good: Prisha Thakkar
- Lindaman: Gwen Stuerke
- Lister: Caroline Rowe
- E. Smith: Whitney Rusk
- 2nd Grade Specials: Athena Turner

**3rd Grade**
- Freese: Tyler Hansen
- King: Alivia Palermo
- Rhodes: Cylus Levinson
- Ryberg: Grace Kempf
- 3rd Grade Specials: Dylan Coulter

**4th Grade**
- Daugherty: Sean Newman
- Morawitz: Avery Covert
- Nichols: Luke Andrus
- Pennington: Alvin Li
- Watson: Reed McClung
- 4th Grade Specials: Claire Coble

**5th Grade**
- Brown: Reagan Morawitz
- Imler: Kennedy Watson
- Patton: M.J. Mielke
- Reid: Will Miller
- Starke: Alex Hiles
- 5th Grade Specials: Stella Allen

**Collaborative Classrooms**
- Kolostov: Ethan Si