

BES THURSDAY NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018



Happy New Year! We were not able to get out a newsletter last week due to snow days on Thursday and Friday. We have used 4 snow days at this early point in the winter. In case anyone is curious the last day of school is now Monday, June 18th.

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, housing status, or disability in admission to, access to, employment in, or treatment in its programs and activities.

IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION:

Happy New Year and a friendly reminder that lunches and milks should be paid for ahead of time. On-line banking is available for your convenience, or feel free to send money in by the week or month. Should your child get to five days of non-payment, parents/guardians will be notified that your child will be given a sandwich, fruit, and milk until the account has a positive balance. The district is working very hard to meet all the requirements of the Healthy Hunger Free Kid Act, which does not allow students to owe money for lunches they have eaten. Here is the link to the food service page on the district website where you will find the on-line banking information, pricing, and the Federal A-List of acceptable snacks for celebrations and class sharing.
<http://www.pvrsk12.org/pvrsk-departments-1/food-services>.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Gail Healy, Assistant Superintendent



PVRSD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

A parent workshop will be held in the PVRK Kiva on Thursday, January 18, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

This presentation is for all parents/guardians who want to have more information about services that will be available for their student as he/she gets older and needs access to services outside of school. There is a flyer attached to the newsletter with more information.

Please contact our Director of Special Education Services, Chris Magurie, with questions at maguirec@pvrsk12.org.

School Council members needed

BES is still looking for 1 more parent, and, a Community Member from Bernardston to join our School Council. All are welcome and encouraged to help the principal and teachers to improve their school by joining and participating on the School Council.

The School Council will meet once a month with a mission to help develop goals for our School Improvement Plan that include the curriculum, instruction, assessment, and, the budget process. Depending on the volunteer's schedules, the meetings could be right after school, in the evening, and/or alternating between the two. Please contact Bob Clancy at BES if you have interest or would like more information.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO VISIT
THE BES CLASSROOM BLOGS
FOR MORE UPDATES & PICTURES**

**The link is on our webpage:
bes.pvrsdk12.org/**

**A great website to visit often:
<https://www.common sense media.org/>**

FRIENDS OF BES

Planning for our Spring Craft Fair is underway. Booth rentals fees will be \$20.00 to \$25.00. Going home with today's Thursday news is a flyer about the Craft Fair. Please remember this is one of our biggest fundraisers for our school. We will be looking for helping hands to support this great event set for Saturday, May 5th. We will be hosting a tag sale like we did with the last Spring Craft Fair. We will have more details coming to you next month about the tag sale spots.

The LUAU is coming! This fun family event is scheduled for Friday, March 16th. Save the date, as you will not want to miss it. We are working on some new ideas for the event with more activities for all children. We will have a photo booth, face painting, tattoos, photo frame making and a few new ideas. Shaun Costello will be our DJ for the night, and, as always there will be dinner and dessert. We will be looking for helping hands for this event too. If you would like to help please email the Friends at friendsofbes@yahoo.com

A Salsa Sister's Fundraiser is being planned. The Friends of BES will be bringing back the locally made salsa from right here in Bernardston. This fundraiser will be going home the end of the month. The Friends do love to support local fundraisers and the Salsa Sister's love supporting BES. They have been supporting our school by being a regular vendor at our craft fairs for many years.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th, at 6:00pm in the library. We love to see new faces as well as new ideas for the Friends and BES.

CONNECTED CALLS

Please give the school office a call if you did not receive a call last week announcing no school due to the poor weather conditions. Typically this is due to contact information that needs to be updated. Additionally, the system does require a "Hello" to initiate the message. Thank-you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 15** Monday, No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 17** Wednesday, Outdoor Club Grades 3-6, 3:15-4:15pm
- Jan 18** Thursday, Grade 4 Field Trip to Hitchcock Center
- Jan 19** Friday, First half of Grades 3 - 6 Field Trip to Hawley State Forest
- Jan 24** Wednesday, Outdoor Club Grades 3-6, 3:15-4:15pm
- Jan 25** Thursday, School Committee meeting 7:00pm at PVRS
- Jan 26** Friday, Second half of Grades 3 - 6 Field Trip to Hawley State Forest
- Jan 31** Wednesday, Outdoor Club PrK-2, 3:15-4:15pm
- Feb 7** Wednesday, Outdoor Club PrK-2, 3:15-4:15pm
- Jan 9** Friday, Corduroy visits PrK, K and 1st grade

WINTER SCIENCE

indoor & outdoor activities

