



Belle Plaine Elementary Dragon Tales



September 2018

Happy Campers!

The students and staff are off to a fabulous start rolling into a great school year! Decorations around the building are focused on the wilderness and camping! The teachers have a lot of great ideas to make learning fun throughout the year.

BPES is on Facebook!

If you are new to our school, please look us up on Facebook and 'like' our page! It is under "Belle Plaine Elementary School". We keep everyone updated on the most current activities and information. Not to mention, the great pictures taken at school events too!

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Kraken Books, Ltd. is running a month-long campaign and raffle to collect donations of 'Through the Glass' (a book published for children with cancer). With each \$4 book donation, the family of a child battling cancer at one of the many hospitals, oncology clinics and Ronald McDonald houses they work with will receive a hardback copy. By going to www.lillysbook.com and donating, your school will get a sticker placed at the front of the book showing the world of childhood cancer that we care. Each donation also puts you in a raffle contest where five state-wide winners will receive either a 5-book set of Jefferson Knapp's 'Kingdom at the End of the Driveway' series (signed by author and illustrator), Ron Baker's autographed copy of 'You're Too Big to Dream Small' or Coach Bill Snyder's autographed copy of 'Take It from Me'. A PDF version of 'Through the Glass' will be emailed to you through the online order form.

Important Dates

Monday, September 3rd: No School
Thursday, September 27th: Watchdog Meeting from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Friday, September 28th: No School
Saturday, September 30th: PTO Flower Fundraiser Delivery



Read·A·Thon®

Be looking for information to come home in September about our Read-A-Thon! We are continuing our efforts to raise money to go towards new playground equipment. What a better way to raise money than through READING! During the week of September 24th, our students will have a set time to read and will use a Read-A-Thon online timer. Parents, relatives, and friends will have the opportunity to be recruited as a sponsor. More information to come soon!

Calling all Watch D.O.G.S. for Pizza Night!

There will be a meeting for adults and students on Thursday, September 27th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This meeting is for dad's, father figures and positive male role models to learn more about the Watchdog program. Please check your students backpack for the flyer or visit us on Facebook! If you have any questions, please contact our school counselor, Meghan Ugues. Hope to see you there!



Social Emotional Learning

We are so excited to announce that all students will be diving deeper into social-emotional learning with our new Second Step & Zones of Regulation curriculums. These SEL concepts will provide an extra dimension to education by focusing on improving cooperation, communication, and decision making. It is proven that emotional intelligence is critical for lifelong happiness, successful careers and healthier relationships. Social-emotional learning give students a framework for developing these skills. More information will be sent home soon. If you have any questions or concerns for your student, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or school counselor, Meghan Ugues.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL PTO Mtg at MS 6:30	4	5 LATE START	6	7	8
9	10 BOE Mtg 6:30	11	12 LATE START	13	14 PTO Flower Fundraiser Due Today	15
16	17 Progress Reports Go Home	18	19 LATE START	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 LATE START	27 Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night 5:30-6:30	28 NO SCHOOL IN-SERVICE DAY	29 PTO Flower PickUp 10:00-11:00 ES Parking Lot
30	LIBRARY READ-A-THON ALL WEEK					