

BME Updates- May 17, 2019

Dear BME Parents

Happy Friday! 😊 Please see below updates and reminders for this weekend and coming up:

Teacher Appreciation Update

Thank you for participating in Teacher Appreciation this past week. Our teachers said they felt spoiled and appreciated everything! They loved the many cards and gifts from everyone. Home & School showered them with breakfast treats each morning, a special lunch break out on Wednesday, & a gift to help them when they are out hiking and enjoying nature which they both love and baseball tickets for this summer. We also appreciate our many volunteers and support staff! Thank you for those that brought cards for them! Home & School treated them to some yummy snacks, a bookmark and a gift card.

Science Fair Update

The 1-4 Science Fair was a success this past Thursday! Thank you for those that were able to come by to support our students. We had Volcanoes, Cats, Geysers, Earthquakes, Hamsters, a Milk Experiment & H2O Freeze. They all did a great job & it was a tough competition! The winners were for Grades 1-2, 1st place- Joshua Fuhrmann, 2nd place- Brandon Love, 3rd place- Tristan Kenyel. For Grades 3-4, the winners were 1st place-Annaliese Santiago, 2nd place- Nicholas Hess, & 3rd place- Emma Potts. **Great job students! We could tell you worked really hard on your projects!**

Saturday Night-May 18th- Spring Concert

Just a reminder that our Spring Concert is scheduled for Saturday night at 7pm. Students should arrive at BME no later than 6:45 pm. The bells will be playing as well as some students will be playing piano prior to reciting Revelation 16-22. The younger students will not be on stage but will have a part to play. **Grades 1-4 please dress in church attire. Grades 7-8, if your child is playing John they are to wear all black. If your child is playing an Angel then they are to wear white.** Hope to see you there!

Cleaning Schedule

Those parents on the cleaning schedule this weekend, please be sure to pay close attention to the gym, foyer, hallways and bathrooms. We are having Open House Tuesday and want our school to look it's best. If you are unable to clean this weekend for any reason, please be sure to contact another family to take your place. Here is the link for the Cleaning schedule if you need it:<https://www.mybme.org/parents/calendar>.

Grades 7-8 Field Trips Monday & Tuesday/ Change to Hot Lunch Schedule

Ms. Mina was unable to get the permission slips sent home today for these field trips as we previously stated. We will be in touch this weekend with all the information.

Due to Ms. Mina being gone with the 7-8 graders Monday and Tuesday, we will not have hot lunch Monday and Tuesday. Grades 1-4 please be sure to have a packed lunch for these days.

Tuesday, May 21st Open House/Early Registration

Attached please find the flyer for our **Open House and Early Registration on Tuesday, May 21 from 6-7 pm**. I also am attaching the updated rates sheet for 2019-20. Please stop by anytime during this hour to talk to our teachers, meet our new Head Teacher, Kaisy Marschner, and to get any of your financial questions answered. **As a reminder Early Registration ends June 1st in order to receive the \$50 discount. Refreshments will be served.**

Tuition Assistance-Berks Community Foundation- **Open & Expires May 31st**

Applications are being taken online only from May 15 through May 31, 2019 only for Berks County residents going to a Berks County School.

Tuition information will be needed in the application process. BME's tuition for 2019-20 will be \$370/mo x 10 months = \$3,700 per year. Constituent church member applicants will need to list financial aide of \$750 for the year for first child and \$650 for the second child.

Here is the link to register and to apply:

<https://bccf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1885>

Please note: When going through the application the salary requirements has changed from what we originally stated. They originally had listed that you cannot make more than \$85,000 (total gross family income) in order to apply. Now it is listed as **no more than \$76,350**. Thank you!

Other Dates to Remember this month:

Thursday, May 23rd- Early Dismissal 1pm; Graduation Night 7pm

Friday, May 24th- Last Day of School ☹️

Hot Lunch -May 20-24

Monday- **No Hot Lunch**

Tuesday- **No Hot Lunch**

Wednesday- No Hot Lunch

Thursday- Veg. Burgers, Fries, Salad and fruit

Friday- Pizza, Salad and Fruit

Looking Ahead.....

School Cleaning- Sunday June 2nd 1pm

As we close out this school year and get ready for a new year in a couple months, **we are asking all parents and students to come help clean on Sunday, June 2nd**. We have the Professional

Cleaning company coming to clean on June 5th. Our AWHN grant funds does not cover for them to clean everything. So they will clean the classrooms really well and get all the dust in the nooks and crannies.

We will be cleaning out the lockers and fridge and all the main areas that we normally do on Sunday cleanings. Many hands make light work. 😊 I will have a list of everything that needs to be done and everyone can just pick something off the list and cross it off when completed and go to the next item. I think we will be able to get through it pretty quickly!

We also want to make sure we get everything cleaned this week because the gym is also being rented during Camp Meeting for a cooking class.

We will plan to meet at BME at 1pm and I hope to be done by 3pm depending on how many helpers we have. If you have a multipurpose cleaner at home that would be helpful to bring. We probably would not have enough to go around for everyone. We especially could use a vacuum if anyone can bring theirs as our vacuum is not working well.

[Camp Meeting Fundraiser- June 9th – Please Sign up](#)

We are collecting donations for our Fundraiser on June 9th. There is a box in the foyer of the school for donations. Thank you to those that have already dropped items off! We are asking parents to please donate packages of individual chip bags and packages of juice boxes.

We are also asking parents to help at the event please. I created a sign up with shifts for you to be able to pick a shift to help out. (We also need help in other areas prior to the event) Here is the link to sign up: [Camp Meeting Fundraiser Sign Up](#). **Please sign up by the last day of school so I know if we have areas additional help is needed.**

[Health Nugget](#)

Have a great weekend!

Gina Fuhrmann
Home & School Leader