



# Bolton Crossing Elementary School

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## BOLTON CROSSING BULLETIN

A newsletter for parents and students of Bolton Crossing • 2695 Holt Road • Grove City, Ohio • (614) 801-8275

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### Principal's Message

Dear Bolton Crossing Families:

It is so hard to believe we are half way through the first 9 weeks of school and fall is here! We have gotten off to a great start and students and staff are working hard every day! October's calendar is filling up with many activities and events so please take a moment to look through the newsletter and mark all important dates on your calendars.

All 3rd grade students will be taking the 3rd grade ELA Ohio State Test on Monday, Oct. 23rd and Tuesday, Oct. 24th. This will be their first opportunity to show their reading knowledge and meet the Third Grade Guarantee so they will be able to move on to the 4th grade next school year. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast so they can do their best!!

Our wonderful PTA is still seeking active members, so if you haven't had a chance to join please feel free- it's never to late! Membership is \$6 per person. Also, we love to see new faces at our meetings so if you can join us on Tuesday, October 10th at 7 pm in the school cafeteria and we would love to see you!

As always if you have any questions or need the assistance of the Bolton Crossing Staff, please feel free to contact the school at (614) 801-8275.

Sincerely,  
Michele Harkins, Principal

### Up and Coming....

#### October

Thursday, 5th and Friday, 6th....  
Dental Sealants for 2nd Graders

Tuesday, 10th....PTA Meeting at 7 PM  
Kdg. Health Screening 11:30 AM

Tuesday, 17th...Kdg. Health Screening  
8 AM

Thursday, 19th...Fall Family Fun Night  
6-8 PM

Friday, 20th....NO School Teacher  
Work Day

Monday, 23rd...  
3rd Grade ELA Testing Part 1  
4th Grade Yearbook Contest Starts

Tuesday, 24th....  
3rd Grade ELA Testing Part 2

Wednesday, 25th....  
Prize Wheel from PTA Cookie Dough  
Sale

Friday, 27th...End of 1st 9 Weeks  
Lightning Bolt of Month Assembly  
1:30 PM

## 2017-2018 PTA Officers

President Christine Thompson                      Vice-President Alesia Washington

Secretary Ashley Wilson                              Treasurer Kathee Bowling

**Thanks to those of you who have joined us for the first PTA Meeting of the school year!** Meeting minutes may be found on our Facebook page @ BoltonCrossingPTA. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. **We hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 10.**

### **What is PTA? Why join PTA?**

The number one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Association** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more PTA advantages:

**Get Connected.** *There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.*

**Discover Great Resources.** *The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.*

**Tap into a Network.** *PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.*

**Watch Yourself Grow.** *By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause — your child and all children in the community.*

**Speak Up.** *PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.*

**Witness Improvement.** *By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. PTA plays an important role by supporting improvements through advocacy and play an important role in fundraising for curriculum based programs and social events.*

**Be a Role Model.** *By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.*

**Enjoy Substantial Benefits.** *Individuals and our unit can take advantage of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters and much more.*

### **Seeking interested parents to serve on our committees - Please consider volunteering today!**

Membership Drive

Teacher Appreciation

Social Media

Fundraising

Volunteer Mapping & Database

Reflections Art Show

MORE (Men Organized to Raise Engagement)

Dance Night

Family Fun Night

To get involved, please join us at our next meeting or email us at BoltonCrossingPTA@gmail.com.

### **Like Us on Facebook!**

To stay up to date with the most current happening in our PTA, please like us on Facebook at: @BoltonCrossingPTA

# Here is what we are learning in school.

## Kindergarten

In Math, the students are working on making patterns, writing numbers 1-10 and learning about colors. In Literacy, the students are learning about the letters in the alphabet and how to recognize the names of the friends in our classrooms. Students are also learning about the season of Fall, especially Apples!!

## First Grade

**Literary:** We are working on securing our reading strategies. We are also working on reading and writing personal narratives.

**Math:** We are working on place value. Recognizing numbers as groups of tens and ones. For example 22 is two tens and two ones.

## Second Grade

**Math:** We are introducing routines and becoming familiar with procedures during our math lessons. All second grade classrooms have a Number Talks lesson at least four times a week where we focus on mental math strategies like making a "quick ten" and choosing efficient strategies. It is really important that our students know their fast facts--mentally adding and subtracting within 20!

**Literacy:** We are learning routines for silent reading, word work (high frequency/spelling word practice), writing quality and detailed responses about read alouds, and saying tricky words slowly in order to solve them during Independent reading. We are also creating more detailed sentences in Writer's Workshop.

## Third Grade

Third grade just finished up our review unit of place value and adding and subtraction strategies. We are headed into graphing with bar graphs and pictographs as well as line plots. Keep helping your child practice their facts (+, -, x) In reading we are focusing on main idea and sequencing along with characters' actions.

## Fourth Grade

Fourth grader's have been working hard! We have been working on; character traits in reading, opinion writing, addition and subtraction of large numbers, geography and ecosystems.

## Art Update!

The students have been so busy in the art room this month! In 1st grade through 4th grade, we imagined ourselves as Minions, sewed up sketchbooks, and started working on a painting project for our art fundraiser. In Kindergarten, we practiced painting, worked on guided drawings, and have learned two raps about art-- *Basic Shapes and Vincent van Gogh*.

I want to let you know about the fundraiser project that the students are working on now. We are creating a painting that we will send to a company that will print our artwork onto products that we can purchase. These products are high quality and a portion of each sale will benefit our art room. Last year we purchased clay, glazes, and other art supplies with our fundraiser money. This year we are working on earning enough money to invite a professional artist to present to the whole school.

Our goal is \$1000. The best part of the fundraiser is that you don't have to make a huge purchase to make an impact-- for example, we will earn \$3.00 from the sale of each magnet. If every family in the school bought one magnet, we would earn nearly \$1500!

These items make great gifts for grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends and items ordered by November 20th will arrive at school by the second week in December, if you need to give a gift in December!

Please look for more information coming home with your students in the next few weeks.

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## **Collection and Payment for Charged School Meals**

It is important for children to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day. The procedure below, required under the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act, will be used in the event that a child neither has a lunch nor the funds to purchase a lunch at school:

1. When a student has three(3) meals charged in succession, an automated call will be made to notify the parents of the meal debt.
2. When a student has five(5) meal charges in succession, a member of the Food Service Department will make a personal call to parents to work on a resolution of the meal debt.
3. Upon further charged meals with no resolution, the school office will be engaged for assistance in working with parents to find a resolution to the meal debt.

Parents may pay for school meals, view their child's account balance and make automatic payments online via the PayPams system. More information on Pay PAMS can be found on our Web site at <https://goo.gl/FWI09t>.



**We Value Our Virtues**

At Bolton Crossing we continue our message to students on the importance of showing respect, responsibility, honesty, caring and perseverance. Each morning we recognize our students who have demonstrated these virtues at school. Please ask your child about how we celebrated their accomplishments on our morning announcements. We encourage our families to participate in this learning by letting us know how your child has demonstrated respect, responsibility, honesty, caring or perseverance at home or in the community. Please complete the paper below and return to our school office with your child. We will be sure to celebrate their accomplishments at school.

Our Virtues: RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY CARING PERSEVERANCE

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Showed one or more virtues at home or in our community by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_