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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:

The school year seems to be flying by and it is hard to believe that we are in the second semester already. I am so please with the hard work and dedication that students and staff are showing at Bolton Crossing! Our Lightning Bolt of the Month assemblies have been spotlighting students that go above and beyond to demonstrate our school virtues daily. What a wonderful role models these students are!

Our PTA has been working hard to plan and implement more activities for our families and students. Our Cookies with Santa and Beach Party Dance were big hits! There will be a PTA fundraiser night coming soon at Texas Roadhouse so be looking for information coming home soon! There is also a Skating Party at Skate America in Grove City scheduled for Friday, February 23rd from 5:30-7:30 pm!

Information regarding Parent/Teacher conferences will be sent out soon. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 1st from 3-7 pm. Teachers will have additional hours on other days to meet with parents if this date does not meet your schedule.

Please continue to work with your students on reading each night, making sure they are completing and returning homework and just check in to see how they are doing in school each day. Also, if you haven't jointed PTA they are still accepting members. Forms are available by contracting the PTA or the school office.

Sincerely,

Michele Harkins, Principal

Up and Coming.... February and March 2018

**Friday Feb. 2nd.....Happy Groundhog Day!
Anthony Thomas Candy Bar Sale Starts**

February, 12th-16th....4th Grade IOWA Test

Tuesday, Feb. 13th.....PTA Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 14th...Happy Valentine's Day!

Friday, Feb. 16th.....ZOO Visit at 1:15 pm

Monday, Feb. 19th.....NO School President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 20th.....Candy Bar Sale Ends

**Friday, Feb. 23rd.....Lightning Bolt of the Month
Assembly at 1:30 pm
PTA Skate America Event 5:30-7:30pm**

February, 27th3rd Grade IOWA Test

Tuesday, Feb. 28th.....PTA Night at Texas Roadhouse

**Thursday, March 1st.....Parent/Teacher
Conference 3-7 pm**

March, 12th-16th.....2nd Grade IOWA Test

Tuesday, March 13th.....PTA Meeting at 7 pm

Monday, March 19th.....NO School Professional Day

**Friday, March 23rd.....Lightning Bolt of the
Assembly at 1:30 pm**

March 26th—April 2nd...NO School Spring Break

April 3rd.....Return to School after Break



Candy Bar

Delicious Chocolate

Candy Bar Sale

We will be having a candy bar sale starting Friday, February 2nd and ending on Tuesday, February 20th. Candy bars are from Anthony Thomas and will be \$1 each. We will be sending home a permission slip soon to allow your child to sale them. There will be 15 candy bars per bag. The bag will have 5-Almond Bars, 5-Crisp Bars and 5-Carmel Bars. Money that is raised from this fundraiser will help support our school funds for Friday Virtue Prizes, Fieldtrips and Thunder Thursday Rewards Day!



Winter

It is very important that your child wears their winter coat to school during the winter months. **We do go outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees outside.** Even if we do not go outside it is very important that your child still wears their winter coat to school because if we would ever need to evacuate the building for an emergency and would have to stand outside your child will need a coat on so they do not freeze outside. If you child does not have a winter coat please call the office at 801-8275 and we will try to find a coat for them.

Flu Season

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu in [School name]. *We want to keep the school open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season. **We need your help to do this.***

We are working closely with the Franklin County Board of Health and the Columbus Health Department to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

For now we are doing everything we can to keep our school functioning as usual. Here are a few things you can do to help.

- **Teach your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- **Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand or tissue.
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours *after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.*
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school *will be sent home.*

Please visit www.flu.gov for the most current information about the flu. We will keep you informed of any additional changes to our school's strategy to prevent the spread of flu.

Kindergarten

Literacy: The students are working on Informational Writing, hearing the sounds in words and completing a sound to symbol analysis.

Math: The students have been working on Addition, Subtraction, Place Value and 2D and 3 D shapes.

First Grade

Literacy: First graders are working on retelling and sequencing a story. We are reading mentor texts to help us retell a story. Students will work on telling the characters, setting, problem, and solution.

Math: First graders have started our geometry unit. We will look at 2D and 3 D shapes. We will look at attributes of shapes and how one shape can be used to make another shape.

Second Grade

Literacy: We are finishing up working on standard RL 2.1, which is about asking and answering questions from a fiction text, and we will soon be moving onto standard RI 2.1. This is the same concept, but for a nonfiction text. Hence, please be sure to have your student ask and answer questions about texts they read at home, no matter what the text is!

Math: Students have been working hard at solving subtraction number and word problems this past quarter. We will continue to mix in addition and subtraction problems together so students have practice discerning which operation to use, as well as adding in more three-digit problems. Please continue to practice fast facts (addition and subtraction under 20), time, and money at home. These things are forever present all year long.

Third Grade

Literacy: We have been learning about how to compare and contrast within text as well as between different texts. As for writing, we have been learning how to write a great introduction in our writings by starting with a strong lead sentence.

Math: Students have been learning about how to find the area and perimeter of rectangles. We continue to strengthen our multiplication skills as well.

Fourth Grade

Literacy: We are working on improving our writing in narrative, opinion, and informational. We are also working on summarizing nonfiction texts. We are working in reading group on students various strengths and weaknesses.

Math: In math we are working on fractions and understanding commonly used math vocabulary. We are also working on multi step word problems using all four operations.

ARTfully Yours: News from the Art Room

This term, Kindergarteners are working on sculpture in paper (ask us to sing you our sculpture song) and then drawing faces showing emotion.

First and second graders are creating their clay projects. The clay is so soft and squishy and messy!

Third graders are working on showing positive and negative space in sculpture and then will be working with our student teacher from Ohio State University, Miss LaGruth.

Fourth graders are working with Miss LaGruth as well on using reflection to create a collage from construction paper.

A Introduction Note from Miss LaGruth:

Dear Bolton Crossing Families,

My name is Rachel LaGruth and I have been working as a student teacher with your children since the beginning of January, and I will continue to be working with them in the art room throughout February. I am a student at the Ohio State University majoring in Art Education, and I am working towards an Ohio teaching license in visual art. This is my final semester of training to become an art teacher, and I am so grateful to have been welcomed into your school community. I also have experience working with students at Wyandot Elementary School, St. Francis DeSales High School, and Dublin Coffman High School. I've very much enjoyed getting to know your children and being a part of their art education here at Bolton.

Outside of teaching and school responsibilities, some of my interests include reading, learning guitar, and spending time with friends and family. My goal upon graduating is to gain a teaching position either here in the Columbus area or back home in Cleveland. In the meantime, I am looking forward to the rest of my time here at Bolton Crossing. It's been a wonderful experience so far, and I have learned so much from working with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at any time if you have questions or comments. Thank you for this opportunity!

Sincerely,

Rachel LaGruth
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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 _____