



Bernd Elementary, Where Rigor Is Routine!



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MILESTONES MADNESS

Spring Break is over, and we are in final preparations for the Georgia Milestones Assessment. With a little under a month away, we will continue working feverishly to prepare our students for the assessment because we still have some work to do. Even though the test does not begin until the end of April, we will be switching gears within the next two weeks to focus our efforts on revisiting Reading and Math standards to ensure our students are prepared.

How can you continue to help at home? Support us by not only supporting your student(s), but also holding them accountable for putting forth their best effort at school on all assignments. Please continue to have students reading each night and practicing math facts. These two items alone will assist in successful completion of the assessment. Students must score on grade level in Reading and developing learner or higher in math to be considered proficient and ready for the next grade-level.

THE LEADER IN ME AT HOME

Children must not only be knowledgeable when they graduate, but they also must be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring. One of the best ways to help your child realize his/her worth/leadership potential is to provide an opportunity to lead. Leadership opportunities are not just for school; leadership roles should also be used at home.

Follow these steps: Talk with your child about the leadership role he/she may be interested in at home; discuss why he/she is interested in the role. Ask what leadership qualities your child has that will help. Ask how he/she will handle homework or other commitments with this new-role responsibility; together, discuss, write, and sign the paper detailing the leadership behavior and expectations of the role. Give your child a week or so to adjust and then discuss how it's going. This may open a conversation on how to handle things that are too easy or too difficult. Express appreciation and celebrate success!

P.B.I.S. FIELD DAY EVENT

As we have done for the past several years, our Field Day event will be tied to positive choices. The window of April 22nd-May 15th has been set aside for our students to earn Field Day. Students must have 14 positive days out of 17 days to earn the privilege of Field Day. **Students can have no bus referrals or office referrals** during this window of time. Parents are welcome to attend but are not allowed in the building.

Field Day shirts will be ordered soon. No extra shirts will be ordered. Please be on the lookout for the order form.

Field Day is scheduled for:

May 15th (PreK/K 9:00-11:00; 1st 12:00-2:00),

May 16th (2nd 9:00-11:00; 3rd 12:00-2:00),

May 17th (4th 9:00-11:00; 5th 12:00-2:00).

GADOE IDENTIFIES BERND FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

As required by federal law, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has identified Bernd Elementary Leadership Academy for additional support. The purpose of the identification is for the GaDOE to partner with us to increase outcomes and opportunities for our students.

There are several reasons for us being identified, including data related to Grades 3-5 Georgia Milestones Assessment (Content Mastery, Progress, and Closing Gaps) and attendance data (PreK-5th Grade).

We urge you to support everything we undertake to do for each student, and that begins with attendance. Consistent attendance allows us the opportunity to support student learning and growth. Regardless of all other factors, if your child(ren) are at school consistently, putting forth his/her best effort, they should at a minimum show growth from one year to the next. We are all in this together (staff, students, parents)!

Please be reminded the TARDY BELL rings @ 8:20 a.m. Students arriving at 8:20 a.m. are tardy and begin their day behind.

School ends at 3:20 p.m. Students should be picked up no later than 3:50 p.m.

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#wearebernd

#raiderpride

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 01: National School Librarian Day

April 01-05: Spring Break

April 08-12: Assistant Principal's Week

April 08-26: TLIM MRA Survey Window

April 09: 2nd Grade Field Trip (Children's Museum)

April 11: (4:30-6:00) Cox Heroes Program @ PLC

April 12: (1:30-2:00) School Council Virtual Mtg

April 12: K Field Trip (Grand Opera House)

April 13: (12:00-3:00) Raider TestFest @ Northeast HS Gym

April 19: Synergy Squad

April 23-May 03: GMAS Window

April 24: Student Lighthouse Team Meeting

April 26: PBIS Event – Block Party