



School Matters

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools

"Where all students are challenged to learn and inspired to dream"

2018-2019 Issue 2

Thank You!

On behalf of the students, administration, Board of Education, and staff, thank you voters for supporting our schools!

Health Care Services Available

WinMed Health Services are available at each of the buildings in the district for students enrolled in St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools. Anyone interested should contact one of the building secretaries to receive additional information or enrollment and consent forms. Once the forms are completed and returned, a Winton Hills Medical Care provider will contact the parent or guardian.

Weather Alert Information

In the event of inclement weather, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools may be either canceled or placed on a two-hour delay. Normally, that determination will be made by 6:00 a.m., with notification provided in the following manner:

- Radio and television stations will be notified.
- An email will be sent to all addresses subscribing to School News listserve. To subscribe to this listserve, please see "School News Listserve Instructions" on our district website at www.sbepschools.org.
- A message will be posted on the district website.

If a two-hour delay is in effect, buses will pick up students at their regularly-scheduled stops two hours later than the usual time. All parochial and Scarlet Oaks transportation also will be delayed by two hours.

School two-hour delayed start times will be as follows:

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Jr./Sr. High School (Grades 7-12).....	10:00 a.m.
Breakfast for grades 7-12.....	9:30 a.m.
Elmwood Place Elementary School (Grades K-6).....	10:20 a.m. (with no morning pre-k)
St. Bernard Elementary School (Grades K-6).....	10:20 a.m.
Breakfast for grades K-6	9:50 a.m.

These procedures are in place every school year to help keep students and staff safe, whether they walk or ride.

An unexpected early dismissal from school will be a last resort; however, procedures are in place in case of an emergency. While most delays, cancellations, or early dismissals are due to inclement or deteriorating weather conditions, loss of electrical power, water damage, or other emergency circumstances could also require adjustments to normal school hours.

In the event of inclement weather or other emergencies after the start of the school day, students in elementary schools (grades pre-K-6) will not be released without direct contact with a parent or person listed on the student's emergency form. If possible, bus transportation will be provided for students who ride buses.

Congratulations Mrs. Barnes

Congratulations to second grade teacher Christina Barnes on publication of her creative writing poem, "Early Morning Mayhem," in the Fall 2018 Edition of the Ohio Journal of English Language Arts. Here is her poem as published:

Early Morning Mayhem

The students arrived,
Trickling in,
Hanging up backpacks,
Settling in.

Twenty-two individuals,
With different needs and wants,
Vying for attention,
All day, not just once.

Look at my new haircut.
My dog just ran away.
Grandma's picking me up.
My birthday's in May.

Can you sharpen my pencil?
Can I share my new toy?
I got hit before school
By a third grade boy.

I need a bandaid.
My homework's not done.
Can you tie my shoes?
My baseball team won.

My mom wrote you a note,
She wants you to call.
That girl tripped me
As I was walking down the hall.

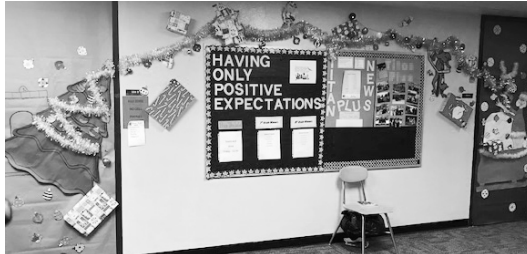
Can I go to the bathroom?
My backpack is torn.
I don't like what's for lunch.
My baby sister was just born.

My throat hurts when I swallow.
Someone scribbled in this book.
My shoes match my friends.
Look! Look! Look!

My cat just had kittens
In our shed outside.
No one likes me!
A new student cried.

Every child has a story,
And an urgency to share.
I'm not just teaching,
But showing that I care.

High School news...



Door Decorating Contest

The first annual SBEP Junior-Senior High School holiday door decorating contest was a major success. In the office door category, there was a tie between the Main Office and the Music Department. In the TA competition, Mrs. Sarah Johnson's TA stole the show with their door display of the popular song, "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer!" Great job, everyone!

Hoops for the Holidays

The winter sports season kicked off with Hoops for the Holidays on November 20th. This annual event featured cheerleaders, swim team, and girls' and boys' basketball teams. The evening included fun games, giveaways, and scrimmages among the high school teams. As an annual tradition, in lieu of an admission charge, attendees donated more than four large boxes of canned goods, along with cash, for distribution by the Highland Avenue Baptist Church to those in need.



Junior High Family Winter Festival

The annual Junior High Family Winter Festival was held on the evening of December 5th. Following performances by the junior high band and chorus, families enjoyed cookies, hot chocolate, games and pictures with Santa. Special thanks to Mrs. Jasinowski, Mr. Critzer, and the junior high teachers for organizing and staffing this event. A fun time was had by all!



High School Choir Performs Holiday Music

The high school choir went on the road this year for its first holiday tour. In addition to performing traditional holiday music for SBEP elementary school students, the choir visited senior citizens at The Little Sisters of the Poor and Wood's Edge nursing homes. Thanks to Mrs. Jasinowski for her continuing efforts to put SBEP performing arts on the map!



Candlelight Concert

This year's Candlelight Concert was performed on Wednesday, December 12th, at 7 p.m., for a standing-room-only crowd in the high school auditorium. In addition to excellent performances by the high school band, choirs, and bucket drummers, the combined elementary choirs from SBE and EPE made the evening special with their singing. Following the concluding performance by the steel drum band, a reception was held in the cafeteria.



Community Service

During the month of December, students in the Titan Gifted Program focused on community service. They fed the hungry and homeless by preparing 100 meals (sandwich, fruit, and cookie). Meaningful messages, words of encouragement, and letters were included with the meals. These students also teamed up with members of Mr. Wilson's class and volunteered their time and talents at Matthew 25 Ministries. This was their motto for December: *Be part of something bigger than yourself.*

Elementary news...



Paired Reading

At Elmwood Place Elementary, students can be found enjoying a good story in various places all over the building. The two third graders pictured here are engaged in a book from the Leveled Literacy Intervention Program, used during Project Team Reading time every day. Paired reading is a MAX Teaching strategy that is used consistently in EPE classrooms from first through sixth grades.



Candlelight Concert

The combined elementary choirs from SBE and EPE performed at this year's Candlelight Concert on Wednesday, December 12th, in the high school auditorium. Their singing was outstanding and was a great addition to the concert.



November Student-of-the-Month Ceremony

Each month, a student is picked from each grade level to be student-of-the-month. Students are selected based on good character, behavior, and citizenship. All students gather in the gym for a special assembly. Students-of-the-month receive special magnets for their parents to display on their vehicles.



Real-World Math Experience for Kindergartners

Math classrooms throughout grades K-6 frequently use hands-on activities and manipulatives to experience math concepts in a concrete way. Math in Focus, a board-adopted program, features a concrete-pictorial-abstract learning progression. These Kindergartners are arranging two-dimensional shapes together to create a "real-life" object to demonstrate their understanding that shapes can be found in many things throughout the world.



Collaboration Time for EPE Teachers

Elmwood Place Elementary teachers in grades K-3 often use teacher in-service days and regular meeting times to work together and collaborate. One focus this year is to use the reports and tools available as part of the MAPS Assessment (which all K-3 students take three times a year) to analyze data, inform instruction, and promote individual student growth in math and reading.



Perennial Math Tournament

Titan mathematicians showed outstanding leadership skills and represented the gifted program in an outstanding way when St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools proudly hosted the annual Perennial Math Tournament this year. Two hundred students from twenty schools participated in this competition, and fourteen SBEP students received certificates of achievement.

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Schools searching for children with disabilities:

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District seeks to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with handicaps, birth through age 21, based upon I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) eligibility. This includes children attending private or parochial schools whose parents reside within our district.

Conditions such as multi-handicapped, hearing handicapped, visually handicapped, orthopedically and/or health handicapped, severe behavior handicapped, developmentally handicapped, specific learning disabled, autistic and speech and language handicapped would be included.

Additionally, it is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are evaluated, identified and served. Section 504 disabilities are mental or physical impairments or a history of such impairments that "substantially limit one or more major life activities."

If you know of a child with a suspected handicap, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes, Special Education Coordinator at St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools, 400 Maple Street, Elmwood Place, Ohio 45216, 513-482-7115.

In accordance with the Ohio State Plan for the Education of Ohio's Homeless Children and Youth and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77), as amended in 1990, homeless school-age children shall have access to a free, appropriate public education which would be provided to the children of a resident of Ohio, consistent with Ohio's school attendance laws. If you are aware of or suspect that a homeless child is eligible for placement under this policy, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 513-482-7115.

I.D.E.A. Budget Meeting

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District is currently formulating a budget for the expenditures of I.D.E.A. funds for 2019-2020. These funds are used in providing educational services for preschool through grade twelve special needs pupils residing within the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District. Persons wishing to have input regarding the allocation of these funds can attend a meeting at Elmwood Place Elementary on Thursday, April 11, 2019, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., to discuss the budget, or contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 482-7115.