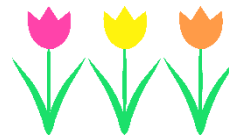


April 2017 Newsletter



Dear Blain Elementary Families:

Spring has sprung and with it brings the itch for summer break. The nice weather and outdoor activities can add an extra layer of distraction for students. However, teachers and students have much to do as we enter the fourth marking period. Students will continue to grow, learn and be challenged as we enter the home stretch of the 2016-2017 school year. Maintaining a structured study time at home can help students keep their focus on their school work during this time of the year.

We are planning several fun activities for May. Preliminary discussions for Field Day have already begun, as well as planning for the end of year behavior reward and STAR reading challenge incentive. Please look for additional information to be shared with families in the coming weeks.

A reminder that our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be working hard on the PSSA test during the weeks of April 3-7 (ELA) and April 24-28 (Math). Fourth grade will also be taking the Science PSSA during the week of May 1-5. Students can prepare each night by being R.E.A.D.Y. (Rest, Eat breakfast, Act confident, Dress comfortably, and You will be ready to do your best!).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,
Christopher Young



A few reminders:

- ✓ ***Families will receive an automated phone call anytime a child is marked absent here at school. This is simply a courtesy call to keep you informed.***
- ✓ ***Please remember to send a note regarding your student's absence the day he/she returns to school.***
- ✓ ***Parents dropping their child off at the beginning of the school day should do so at the East Entrance. Students should then walk up the sidewalk to the student entrance.***



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Dates to Remember:

April 3 – April 7
Wednesday, April 5
Friday, April 14
Monday, April 17
Thursday, April 20
April 24 – April 28
Friday, May 5

ELA PSSA testing window (Grades 3, 4, 5)
Report Card distribution
Spring Break – School Closed
Snow Make-Up Day – School is in session
PTO Meeting – 4:00 PM
Math PSSA testing window (Grades 3, 4, 5)
Behavior Reward



**At Blain Elementary School we expect students to:
Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe**

****March's Top Mustangs****

Students are recognized for being TOP MUSTANGS when they are "caught" displaying exemplary behaviors or performing acts of kindness toward others. They receive a top mustang ticket, which is then entered into a drawing. Each Monday six tickets are drawn and the students get to choose a prize from the Top Mustang Student Store.

Congratulations to our Top Mustang winners for the month of March:

~ Donavin Rogers ~ Maddison Wilson ~ Adam Smith ~ Bailey Warner ~ Kennah Ellerman ~
~ Andrew Reisinger ~ Olivia Dobson ~ Nicholas Smith ~ Aaliyah Latchford ~ Kamaira Garman ~
~ Colby Shoffner ~ Adilee Zerby ~ Sephiroth Peters ~ Ember Sims ~ Colorado Conrad ~
~ Holden Palm ~ Valerie Smith ~ Caidence Petersheim ~ Garrett Wickard ~ Taylor Snook ~
~ Kyle Martinez ~ Calib Itter ~ Carla Campbell ~ Ricky Lecrone ~



**March / April Contest
Blain Elementary's final**

**Box Top Competition has begun.
This competition is grade level vs. grade
level, so keep those Box Tops coming in!**



Spring Break Dates

Friday, April 14 – School is Closed

**Monday, April 17 – School is Open
This is a snow make-up day.**

PSSA Testing Windows

Grades 3, 4, 5

ELA – April 3 – 7

Math – April 24 – 28

Grade 4

Science – May 1 – 5



**Spirit Wear Sock Orders
Due Wednesday, April 12
Order forms, sizing chart,
and colored pictures are
available on the school
webpage.**

