



March 2017 Newsletter



Dear Blain Elementary Families:

We were all spoiled last week with unseasonable weather, which means spring will be here soon. It can be difficult to dress for weather that starts cold and then turns warmer by the afternoon. Please have students continue to bring jackets to school while the weather changes as classes will be getting out to recess more and more regularly.

We have moved into the second half of the third marking period. As teachers present new and more challenging material, students continue to impress me with their growth mindset attitudes and determination. As spring activities begin, focus on school work sometimes wanders. Please continue to provide quiet work time at home for students to maintain their progress as we head into the final months of the school year.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parent/teacher conferences in February. I hope you found this time to be beneficial, as parents were able to speak directly to teachers in regards to their child's progress. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime.

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.***
- ✓ ***Families will be notified of any weather delays or cancelations via the district's automated messaging system. Please be sure your most up to date contact information has been entered into the Parent Portal.***



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Dates to Remember:

Friday, March 3	Positive Behavior Reward
Monday, March 6	Anti-Bullying Assembly
Friday, March 17	Snow Makeup Day – School is in Session
Thursday, March 23	PTO Meeting – 6:00 in Library
Tuesday, March 28	End of Third Marking Period
March 27, 28, 29	Kindergarten Registration
Friday, March 31	Positive Behavior Reward



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

****February'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 February:

~ Austin Salazar Cernas ~ Atlanta Garman ~ Lila Kretzing ~ Alex Jardine ~ Mason Gibbons ~
~ Sophia Lightner ~ Olivia Kitner ~ Jordan Dillman ~ Charles Carter ~ Haley Nickel ~
~ Andrew Reisinger ~ Kiernan Brady ~ Jesse Wallace ~ Kiersten Stephens ~
~ Noah Nickel ~ Kalub Schreiber ~ Julie Loy ~ Kaylee Weibley ~



**Congratulations!!!
Blain Elementary exceeded
our goal of \$3,000 and raised
\$3,745.35! Thank you to all
who participated! Proceeds benefit the
American Heart Association.**

PSSA Testing Windows

**Several of the dates in February's
Newsletter were incorrect. Below
are the correct dates for the three
testing windows.**

Grades 3, 4, 5

ELA – April 3 – 7

Math – April 24 – 28

Grade 4

Science – May 1 – 5

Spring Ahead!



Daylight Saving Time begins **March 12**.
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Whole School Fundraiser

The Great American ReachOut fundraiser is an opportunity for students to raise money for our school's student activity fund.

Students will be bringing home information and address books on
Monday, February 27.

All Booklets are due back to school no later than Monday, March 6.

Parents can register and shop online at www.gaschoolstore.com.