



Bell Creek Bulletin



Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools

Bell Creek Intermediate School, 3777 Upper Bellbrook Rd, Bellbrook, OH 45305

Contact Info: website: www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us phone 937.848.3777

Issue 3- October 2017

Important Dates

October 2nd- Direct Donation Campaign Begins

October 11th- 2 hour early dismissal

October 12th- Picture Retake Day

October 15th- A Spirited Affair, 3:30-6:30 at Bellbrook Middle School

October 23rd-27th- 3rd grade State Reading Test

October 25th- 5th Grade Pumpkin Auction (see more below)

October 25th- 2 hour early dismissal

October 27th- End of 1st Quarter, Harvest Parties 2:00-3:00

Principal's Message

October will be a busy month at BCI!

Please make sure to note all the important dates in this newsletter. Our lost and found is filling up with lunchboxes and jackets.

The lost and found is in the cafeteria.

Please encourage your child to check the lost and found if they are missing their jacket on a cool morning.

Sincerely,
Jill Adams

A Spirited Affair

Join us for a fun afternoon on October 15th at Bellbrook Middle School from 3:30-6:30 to support the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Education Foundation. Tickets are available in all school offices for advance purchase, and are also available at the door. Ticket prices are \$15/person or \$35/household in advance and \$20/person or \$40/household at the door. Ticket purchase covers all rides, crafts, games and a picnic dinner. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and door prizes! All proceeds from this event are used to provide classroom grants and scholarships for students. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Dates

November 8th- 2 hour early dismissal

November 14th- PTO, 7:00 at Bellbrook Middle School

November 20th-24th- No School

CHANGE IN DISTRICT CALENDAR

February 28th- Early Dismissal is cancelled



Clinic Minute

Information on the Dreaded bug – the Head

Louse!

Any time children come together, such as the beginning of the school year and at sleepovers, head lice cases commonly increase.

Direct head-to-head contact is the usual method of transmission. Lice do not jump, fly, or swim. They are, however, good crawlers. Check your child's head weekly for lice and/or nits (eggs). Mature lice, which are no larger than a sesame seed, avoid light and are hard to see. Lice eggs, called nits, are usually found very close to the scalp, typically within $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch. They look like tiny whitish ovals that are glued to the hair shaft. Unlike dandruff and styling product residue, they cannot easily be flicked away.

Head lice do not spread disease and are not a serious medical condition. They cannot survive on pets. If you find head lice on your child, treat the live lice before sending your child back to school. Continue to examine all family members for at least 3 weeks, treating any lice found and combing out nits on a daily basis.

For more information on head lice or its treatment, please feel free to contact the school nurse, your child's physician, or your local health department. The following link will also provide a large amount of information about head lice.

<https://identify.us.com/idmybug/head-lice/head-lice-FAQS/index.html>



Did you Know?

We serve 280+ lunches per day at BCI? Students who buy a lunch at school have multiple lunch choices each day.

A Message from the Food Service Department

We are happy to serve our students and enjoy our daily interaction with each child. We always have upcoming events, so please check the back of the menu for announcements. Balance inquiry and online payments are available at www.payforit.net. We accept applications year round for free and reduced meals. Any student on the program last year that hasn't been approved by the end of this week will go back to full price. Please be sure to follow up with a current application if you have not received an approval letter this school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Jennifer Hoehn, Food Service GM if you have any questions about the lunch program at jennifer.hoehn@bss.k12.oh.us or 848-5001 ext. 6105.

Shopping on Amazon?

Follow the links below to support the PTO while you shop!

Here are some ways to use the link.

1. Here is the link right here. You can book mark it and use it to go to Amazon every time you shop.

[Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Amazon Affiliate link](#)

2. Alternatively, you can go to the PTO website www.sugarbellpto.org and click on the "school rewards" picture.

3. You can also go to the [Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools](#) website and click the link from there.



Direct Donation Campaign

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools Direct Donation Campaign starts on Monday! BCI plans to use donations to purchase additional Clever Touch boards for classrooms, a digital sign for the front of the school so we can communicate with you more effectively, and also leveled books for students. We appreciate your support! Make sure to check your email next week for more information.

5th Grade Pumpkin Auction

Our 5th grade classes will host a Great Pumpkin Auction on October 25th at 6:30. Please mark your calendars. Fifth grade students will receive more information soon about this project, and I will send an email to all parents with more information before the event. We hope this will be a fun family night.



Counselor's Corner

October is National Bullying Awareness Month, so I will be talking to students during classroom counseling about exactly what bullying is, what to do if they are being bullied, and our responsibility to be upstanders, not bystanders.

Kind Kids Club- Many of our 5th graders are taking part in this new club. We meet once a month during recess and will be planning acts of kindness for staff and students at our school, as well as organizing some service projects.

Changing Families Groups- I am organizing groups for students whose parents are separated or divorced and have let me know that they wish to participate. These students will be bringing home a letter and permission slip for parents to sign and return. Groups will take place once a week during lunch and recess for a duration of seven weeks. If you would like for your child to participate, please contact me and I will send you the information and permission slip.

Third Grade State Testing

All third grade students will take the Ohio AIR test in English Language Arts on October 24th and October 26th. This is an important test for 3rd graders. Please make sure your child is at school on these days, and that they have had a good night of sleep and a healthy breakfast. Let your child's teacher, and our school counselor Mrs. Anderson know as soon as possible if they won't be in school on these days for any reason. Interested in seeing what this test looks like? Visit this website:

<http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/> then click on Student Practice Site. You will be able to see what the test looks like and what you child will need to do to answer questions on the test.



Student Spotlight

Congrats to 4th grader **Katie Pryor** on publishing her 4th book! Click [here](#) to see it on Amazon. She has also donated a copy to our school library.

Would you like to share your child's spotlight stories? Send thee information to Mrs. Adams- jill.adams@bss.k12.oh.us