



BCHMCPS News
Week of March 3, 2014

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School (BCHMCPS) is to be a whole school community that provides a challenging and enriching environment for all children Kindergarten through grade 3; and where all children achieve high academic standards and develop character. We support the whole child and continuous improvement in the teaching process, and consider a whole school community as integral to success.

From Mrs. Cantelmo, School Leader/Principal:

Dear Families,

The Mar. 3-7 ASP Value of the Week is Reflection:

Our school takes time to reflect, to do research, to work together and to share ideas.

Special Events at BCHMCPS this week include Read Across America Day to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, Grade Three Hat Day, BOKS Kids on Tuesday and Thursday, All School Community Meeting for our Cluster Celebration and Bingo Night on Friday! See the attached March calendar for dates and details.

We will celebrate READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY on Monday, March 3rd starting at 9 a.m. Reading volunteers will be visiting classrooms to read aloud and to share why reading is important. Students are allowed to wear pajamas and Dr. Seuss characters will be strolling the halls!

The Annual BCHMCPS Hat-Making Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 4th. Each third grade student will be making a special fleece hat for themselves and one to donate to a Baby Center in Hyannis. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Cheryl Quast at 508-789-6435, cheryl.quast@yahoo.com or Dawna Baird at 774-487-0144, dlbtemp@hotmail.com.

Information about Jeff Kelly, Gr. 3 Author in Residence (Feb. 26-28th):

Jeffrey Kelly, former editorial writer for The Boston Globe and author of four books for "young adults" (ages 8-11), including two books of short stories (A Year's Worth of Trouble and it's sequel Another Year of Trouble), was born and raised in New York City and now resides in Beverly, MA. He is an English professor and writing teacher at Endicott College and Salem State University.

For the past two decades Jeff has been visiting various New England schools to talk about writing with 3rd-5th graders, telling stories, and inspiring students to write their own "true" stories or personal experiences, which are the sources for his books. He has visited Marstons Mills and now the Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School for the past 15-20 years. Wow! Isn't his life fun!

Special Thanks:

- 1) Anna Griswold, Laurie Crowley and Crystal Marcantonio for decorating the hallways for our "Read Across America" celebration on March 3rd!**
- 2) Cheryl Quast and Dawna Baird for organizing the Gr. 3 Hat Day and volunteer help on March 4th.**
- 3) All the Community, Parent and Staff Volunteers for leading Enrichment Clusters this year.**
- 4) The PTO for organizing Bingo Night on March 7th.**

Thank you for your support!

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School Leader/Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

***Composer of the week: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756--1791) Serenade in G “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik”**

Mar. 3 /Read Across America/Pajama Day @ All Day!

Mar. 3/Box Tops Due

Mar. 4/ BOKS Kids @ 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. (Gym)

Mar. 4/Grade 3 Hat Day @ 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Gym)

Mar. 6/ BOKS Kids @ 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. (Gym)

Mar. 7/Cluster Celebration/All School Community Meeting @ 9:15-10:30 a.m. (Gym)

Mar. 7/Bingo Night @ 6:00 p.m. (Café)

Arrival/Dismissal Reminders:

When dropping your child off at school between 8:45 AM and 9:00 AM, it is important to bring your child to the Parent Drop-off (at the back of the school) or the Walker Door (by the Community Center Parking Lot).

Parking in the front circle makes it difficult for busses to drive in, deliver students and also creates a safety hazard for kids and parents walking in between buses.

Just a reminder that anyone picking children up at school MUST check in at the Main Office and wait for your child to be dismissed from his/her classroom.

Notes from the School Nurse:

A few reminders from the Health Office:

Your child should stay home if he/she:

- Has a diagnosed contagious illness such as: strep throat, impetigo or conjunctivitis
- A fever within the past 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- If your child has head lice. If so, please take these precautions:
 - Check your child's head for eggs (also called nits).
 - Tell us if your child has head lice. Call Mrs. Melley at (508) 790-6495
 - If head lice are diagnosed, do not return to school until your child has been treated.
 - Please bring your child to the health office to have their head checked before going into the classroom.

Notes from the PTO:

Please come to Bingo Night on Friday, March 7th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. It is \$1 per card. There will be fun prizes! The 3rd Grade will be hosting their Spaghetti Dinner Tuesday, March 18th. There will be two seatings at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Invitations will be going out next week. Also a reminder to 3rd Grade students to make sure they submit their baby photos and dedications for the yearbook. The next PTO Meeting is Wednesday, March 19th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

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