



# Bel Air Elementary School News

## Calendar of Events

- March 13<sup>th</sup>: Chorus Field Trip
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: School Carnival
- March 20<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards Go Home
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Pre-K Lottery Drawing (9 a.m.)
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Visiting Author, Pam Alexander, has rescheduled to come today!
- March 28<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of BUGS/BUGS Awards
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pre K- Program and Tea
- April 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Spring Holidays
- April 14<sup>th</sup>: Stevie B's Family Night
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: Last day for lunchroom to accept checks for lunch payment
- April 20<sup>th</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>: CRCT Testing
- April 29<sup>th</sup>: First Grade Field Trip
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: PTO /2<sup>nd</sup> grade Performs
- May 8<sup>th</sup>: Faculty Follies
- By May 8<sup>th</sup>: Send in self addressed stamped envelope for report card
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Stevie B's Night
- May 14<sup>th</sup>: Honors Night (6 p.m.)
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: Pre-K End of year Program
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Recognition Day
- May 20<sup>th</sup>: Field Day
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Last Day of School

## Terrific Tuesdays!

The "Good News Club" coordinated by volunteers from area churches meets every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 pm. Permission slips required.

The "Gentleman and Ladies Club" meets every Tuesday with administrators, teachers, and volunteers. Designated participants are students in fourth and fifth grade. Congratulations to the new inductees!

## Happy Feet

On most Thursday afternoons you can see Mrs. Belanger and a group of teacher volunteers running the track after school with a group of fifty third, fourth, and/or fifth graders. A dozen of our "Happy Feet" runners even participated in their first of several 5K runs in March! It was called "Heart and Sole". The funds raised will help MCG Children's Heart Program.



## CRCT Week

Please note that grades one through five will have CRCT testing from April 20<sup>th</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure:

1. You do not schedule any doctor/dentist etc. appointments for your child that week
2. Your child gets plenty of rest every night.
3. Your child eats a healthy breakfast every morning.
4. Has everything he/she needs to perform his /her best at school everyday.

## B.U.G.S.

B.U.G.S. (Bringing up Grades on Saturdays) has had another successful year!

- Averaged 50 students per session
- Served by dedicated BAE staff, ASU volunteers, and area high school's NHS and Beta Club mentors
- **TIME TO CELEBRATE!**

Parents are invited to an Awards program on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. They will meet in the lunchroom at 11 a.m. for a short meeting and watch their children receive awards.

### Three Cheers for BAE Volunteers!

- Popcorn volunteers meet every Friday morning. They pop hundreds of bags of popcorn, deliver all of the bags, and then clean the popcorn machines! This has been a wonderful treat for the students, but it has also been a great fundraiser to help pay off playground equipment!



Have you donated time to your child's classroom this year? Let your child's teacher know if...

1. You can help on Computer programs
2. Cut out patterns at home
3. Read to the class
4. Do a special project with the class
5. Share your career with the class
6. Attend/help at school related functions

## Frequently asked questions

### Can I eat lunch with my child?

Yes! Just let the teacher know that morning so that the lunchroom can prepare the extra meals. Adult/guest lunches are \$3.50.

### Can I send in something so that my child can celebrate his/her birthday at school?

Yes! BUT...school policy requests neither baked goods nor candy be sent in...Please keep it simple with pencils, stickers, or items from the dollar /party supply store.

### Where is the Lost and Found?

The Lost and Found is located in a closet in the cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to come to school and look through the items for their children's lost belongings.

### May Day! May Day! : READ IN!

#### Let's Spring into Reading!

Be sure to jot down on your home calendar that you will need to be at Bel Air School on May 1<sup>st</sup>! BAE students will be having "Read In Day" activities and hope that all parents will be able to participate. More information will be sent home regarding this special by your child's classroom teacher.



## Thank You Parents!

We are so appreciative of our PIE volunteers, who are parent and community volunteers. We will have an appreciation dinner for the PIE volunteers on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> for the PIE volunteers who have logged in over thirty hours by helping our students and teachers. Invitations will be mailed to their homes. Daycare/Movie/Pizza Night for the children of these honorees. Homework passes will be included so that the students and parents can be exempt from homework the night of May 4<sup>th</sup>.



## What can parents do to help their child do his/her best at school?

### Eight Ways Parents Can Promote Reading at Home

- Be sure your child sees you reading everyday
- Make sure your child reads everyday
- Get in the habit of visiting the library as a family
- Read aloud to children of all ages
- Use the newspaper to play scavenger hunt games in the paper
- Give books as gifts
- Treat reading time as a privilege, treat/reward
- Stop what you are doing and ask your child to read to you.



Think about it.....

**For every thirty minutes your child watches TV or plays a video game is he/she spending the equivalent amount of time reading?**

**When you compare the number of movies and video games viewed to the number of books read, which activity has your family spent more time with?**

### Love and Logic

All children need to learn to become more responsible for their own belongings, learning, and behavior. Here are some websites that you can visit that can give you some ideas to try at home.

<http://www.loveandlogic.com/>

<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/behavior.html>

### "I'm Unplugged/Turn-off week"

**Is your family willing to take the**

**" I'm Unplugged Challenge"?**

April 20<sup>th</sup>- April 26<sup>th</sup> is designated as National T.V. /Video games Turn Off Week. Will your family commit to turning off the TV and shelving the video games for one week? Just think of the things you can do together...

- Go on a picnic/Visit the zoo
- Fly a kite/Go to a museum
- Take a walk in the neighborhood
- Go on a nature walk/plant a garden
- Play board games
- Read a book together
- Go for a bike ride
- Have a family scavenger hunt
- Donate time to a local charity
- Go skating/Jump rope
- Go to the library

## Congratulations!

Mrs. Rigsby, one of Bel Air's fourth grade teachers, was recognized this year as the County Teacher of the Year! She is now one of the top ten finalists in the state!

Mrs. Rigsby will be honored with all of the 147 teachers of the year from across the state at a special recognition dinner on May 15<sup>th</sup>! Good Luck Mrs. Rigsby! We are proud of you!



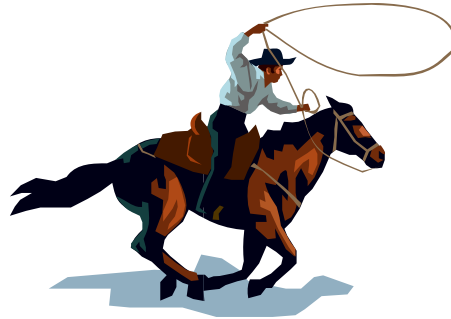
## What is "Student Council"?

The "Student Council" is a group of elected third, fourth, and fifth grade students who get together with Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rigsby each month to plan and implement projects that will help both Bel Air and the community. This school year the Student Council has:

- Promoted the Salvation Army Canned Food and Toys for Tots Drive
- Created posters to advertise the school carnival
- Created cards for Teacher Appreciation
- Sponsored fundraising days to earn money to buy needed supplies
- Sponsored BAE Spirit Days

## FYI....Parent Workshop

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> BUGS parents are invited to attend a workshop to help them prepare their students for CRCT week. Door prizes will be given away. Immediately following the workshop, BUGS students will participate in a recognition program. If you do not have a child in BUGS, but would like to attend the workshop, please report to the lunchroom at 11 a.m. for the thirty minute workshop.



Round up your family and come to the  
BAE Carnival on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>!

It will be fun for the entire family!

## Thank You!

This BAE Carnival would not be possible if it were not for the donations from our community businesses, BAE faculty, and BAE families.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Betsy Rogers, who spent endless hours planning, getting funds and products donated, organizing publicity, and making arrangements for the rides, mechanical bull, and horses. The funds raised from this special event will help make payments towards the fabulous new playground equipment!