

# BGE HUSKY HERALD

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## Upcoming Events

- ❁ Dec. 5 - Wear your favorite Holiday Socks
- ❁ Dec. 6 - Wear your favorite Holiday Hat
- ❁ Dec. 7 - Wear your favorite Holiday Pajamas
- ❁ Dec. 8 - Wear a Red or Green Shirt
- ❁ Dec. 9 - Wear a Tacky Sweater and Jeans
- ❁ Dec. 13 - 20 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks Benchmark Testing (Grades 2 - 5)
- ❁ Dec. 21 - Early Release End of 9 Weeks

## Message from the Administration

As the holiday season approaches, it is with heartfelt warmth that we take an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of the students, parents/guardians, community, and staff members of Bowling Green Elementary. Together we focus everyday on the learning and well-being of our children. To walk through our halls, one sees children intrigued by new concepts and passionately discussing their ideas, parents volunteering to help events and activities run smoothly and staff working collaboratively to ensure that the instructional day is maximized.

The December calendar indicates that it will be a busy month with the he Holiday shop, Holiday Spirit Week, the Bowling Green Holiday Parade, Holiday activities, benchmark assessments, and continuing to show Acts of Kindness. While there are many exciting events and activities taking place during the month of December, High Quality Instruction and student learning will continue to be our focus. We will continue to teach from bell to bell and hold high expectations for academics and behavior. Please help us by reminding your child that learning is key and we will continue to work hard to finish the 2016 calendar year **STRONG!!!**

We would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!!

## Husky Pride:

The following classes have had no class/bus referrals: Peacemaker, Walker, Litton, Isel, Trovinger, Holmes, Henson, Huff, Tuck, Rogers, Pittman, Rule, Weidemen, Adams, Howell, Bryan, Haley, Seigfried, Cowger, Robinson, Egeland.

## Parenting Tips:

We hope your family had a great Thanksgiving/Fall Break, and we're happy to see so many students back in school, ready to learn this week. As we enter the holiday season, we want to reinforce the importance of school attendance. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after winter break as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle! This holiday season, the best gift you can give your child is a good education. And the best place to get that education is in school. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. We also know that attendance is a habit that children should learn early on if they're going to succeed in school and eventually on the job. We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The costs of plane, train, and bus tickets often the influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind, the costs to your child's education if they miss too much school – and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until the Winter Break. Please support us in this endeavor and give your child the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

## PTA News

- 🐾 Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 - PTA Holiday Shop
- 🐾 Dec. 2 - Fall Fundraiser Delivery
- 🐾 Dec. 9 - Spirit Day at Roma's (All Day). Santa visiting from 8 pm - 9 pm.
- 🐾 Bowling Green Parade Participants meet on Maury Avenue at 4:15 pm. Parade starts promptly at 5 pm.



The PTA  
currently has  
157 Members! 😊

**PTA Membership**  
Have you joined the BGE PTA? Membership dues are \$5.00. Forms can be found in the school office or by contacting the PTA at [bgepta@email.com](mailto:bgepta@email.com).

Ms. Carter,  
paraprofessional,  
was the November  
Faculty Member of  
the Month.

## Pre-K News

Our Language Arts theme is Animals Everywhere. We will read stories about animal families from around the world. In science we are learning about animal habitats, how animals move, and animal coverings. The letters we are learning this month will be G, H, I, J and the sounds that each letter makes. Continue to work with your children at home on these letters and their sounds. In math we are working on comparing size, counting groups of objects, estimation, and problem solving.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are so excited for all of the fun learning planned for December! In Language Arts we are continuing with different reading strategies such as Summarizing, Sequencing, and Characterization to enhance our reading comprehension skills. In Math we will focus on the value of coins, addition and subtraction, and story problems. In Social Studies we will learn about 5 Famous American leaders. The Famous Americans project will be due December 8th. In Science we will explore the season winter.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

The third grade is looking forward to a great December! We will be focusing on drawing conclusions and reviewing main idea, author's purpose, and problem/solution in reading. In math we will learn to tell time to the nearest minute as well as focus on elapsed time. In addition, third grade will take reading, math, social studies, and science benchmark tests between December 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please look for more information and study guides to come home soon.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

4th graders will be moving onto geometry this month, but please be consistent in practicing the multiplication fact tables from 0-12. It can only benefit our students in the long run. Virginia Studies class will be teaching about how our capitol moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg and finally to Richmond. This begins their study of Colonial Virginia before the Revolutionary War. Our fourth grade scientists are continuing their electricity unit, and they will be tested before the winter break. In Language Arts we are beginning to teach cause and effect in fiction and nonfiction texts. Students will be taught using flow chart graphic organizers. The fourth grade team would like to stress the importance of building a rich vocabulary. Do not shy away from difficult words in book, or think, "I can't do it. The word is too hard." Be curious about words, ask about them, and use them with purpose. In summation, continue to develop a hard work ethic, memorize your math facts, and read with special attention to new words.

## Kindergarten News

Thank you families for donating all of the wonderful items for our Thanksgiving Feast! The students had a great time sharing a meal which consisted of items that represented the first Thanksgiving Feast. The students did an amazing job with disguising their turkeys for Thanksgiving! Our December project will consist of decorating an ornament. Students will share them with their class and they will be put on display in the Kindergarten hallway. We will be working on making and reading CVC (Consonant, Vowel, Consonant) and writing complete sentences. In math, we will be learning about ordinals (1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>). Students will count objects and pictures in all directions. Students will continue to practice counting to 50. Students will practice counting by fives and tens to one hundred. We will talk about how people change in social studies (past and present). Students will be conducting experiments in science. Students will predict, observe and graph the results of their experiments. We will be doing a holiday celebration later on in the month of December. More information will follow about donated items needed. Thank you for all of your continued support!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

December is finally here and excitement is in the air! We are very busy in second grade and ask for your continued support at home. Students in second grade will have Benchmark exams in reading and math coming up mid-month. We will be doing a lot of review of previously learned skills. Don't forget that we also have a field trip to Riverside Theater on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We also want to thank you for the donations that you so kindly sent for our second grade feast. The children enjoyed it greatly! Have a wonderful holiday season.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Hello from 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Mrs. Anderson's class won the food drive competition with 49 canned goods collected! Since it is getting colder out, please make sure students come with jackets that will keep them warm outside during recess. Looking ahead to December, we will be moving onto plane figures, and calculating area, perimeter and volume. In reading we will be continuing our work on inferencing, cause and effect and making predictions. In science we will be learning about the moon phases and the solar system. Benchmarks are scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>. A schedule of when 5<sup>th</sup> grade benchmarks will be taken will be sent home with students and written in their agendas. Please make sure students get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast before their benchmarks! Winter break will be December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>. December 21 will be an early dismissal day for students. We're looking forward to a wonderful December!