



# Bulldog Bulletin

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## Classroom News

*12/19/18 Goodnight Moon Pajama Day*

*12/19/18 2 hour Early Dismissal*

*12/20/19-1/1/19 Winter Break*

*1/2/19 Schools Reopen 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins*

### PRE-K

Students have started working on syllables during their reading time. While you are reading at home with your child, stop and ask them how many syllables certain words have. They have learned to clap and tap out syllables. We have also began working on rhyming words. Give your child a word and have them tell you words that rhyme with it, or you can give them two words and have them tell you if they rhyme or not.

Math has involved lots of counting and number recognition. Please continue to have your child count whenever they are doing something. It is important that your child recognizes the numbers 0-10. They also need to countdown from 10 to 1.

We are looking forward to the parent involvement on December 13, where students will be presenting "Twas the Night Before Christmas". After the play, students will construct an ornament with their parents.

### KINDERGARTEN

We cannot believe the first half of the year is almost over. Parents are encouraged to read with your child every day or have them read to you. In math, please count to 100 with your child. You can also call out random numbers between 1-100 and ask them to tell you what number is before or after that number. In social studies have students write their Christmas lists and sort the items into wants and needs.

### FIRST GRADE

First grade is back in the swing of things after a great Thanksgiving break. In math, students are learning all about patterns and skip counting. In reading, students are continuing to practice their reading strategies to become better readers! Please continue to read with your student and practice their word study and math homework weekly. MAP Testing will take place Monday, December 3rd and Friday, December 7th for First Grade. Please make sure your child comes well rested on testing days!

### SECOND GRADE

We are learning so many new things! Our students just finished up double-digit addition and subtraction and are now moving on to fractions in math. We are getting ready to learn about many famous Americans and holidays, such as Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, President's Day and Martin Luther King Day, just to name a few. Students are working on completing a research project in a group on a specific ocean. This ties into both our writing and our comprehension for the end of our 2nd nine weeks. Please continue to encourage nightly reading!

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## THIRD GRADE

It is hard to believe that the Christmas season is quickly approaching. In reading, third graders are learning to summarize and ask and answer questions about fiction texts. In math, we are beginning to learn about probability and patterns. Please continue working on multiplication tables at home each night with your child. The students are excited to learn about Ancient Greece in social studies and Animal Adaptations and Food Chains in science. Over the next couple weeks, students will be participating in MAPS testing for reading and math. Hang on tight! 2019 here we come!

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## FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade students are working hard in all subject areas. Students are learning to compare and order fractions in math while continuing to infer in reading with both fiction and nonfiction texts. In Virginia Studies, the Colonial Virginia unit is being taught. Students really enjoyed their field trip to Jamestown as well.

As winter break approaches, please remember to continue having your child read while on break. Also, if possible, let them help you cook or go grocery shopping so that they can use their math skills. Any skills that they can practice while on break will help them retain what has already been taught so far in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Thank you for your continued support and we wish each of you a wonderful holiday season.

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## FIFTH GRADE

In math, 5<sup>th</sup> grade is finishing up angles and triangles. We will be moving on to circles and quadrilaterals next. We will be done with geometry before winter break.

In reading, we are just starting non-fiction. We will be reviewing how to make predictions and inferences, fact and opinion, and comprehending what we are reading. Be sure to ask your child about his/her reading each day. Also, your child should be filling in his/her reading log every night. These completed logs will be taken as a homework grade.

In science, we have just finished reviewing the solar system. We will be learning about Earth patterns

for the remainder of the semester. In social studies, we are learning about Campbell County and its surroundings. Please make sure that your child is studying his/her study cards and study guides EVERY night.

### From Mrs. White, School Nurse:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, flu activity is low but is expected to increase in the next few weeks. A yearly flu vaccine is the most important step in protecting yourself against influenza.

Here are some everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs. I hope everyone has a health holiday!!!! Here are some healthy holiday habits for your children:

Here are some other healthy habits:

- Do not share personal items. Example: Brush, comb, clothes, gloves, hats, jackets, lip balm.
  - Eat healthy foods
  - Exercise
  - Drink plenty of water
  - Get at least 8-12 hours of sleep every night.
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## Music Notes:

### December 13 - Holiday Sing-a-long

- Grades PK-2: 6-6:30
- Grade 3-5: 7-7:30



This PTA has been busy over the last couple of months. The final count from the Boosterthon Fun RUN is in and we earned \$12,553!! This is incredible awesome for our first year!! The FUN RUN is booked for next year!

We have supported the 4th grade field trip to Jamestown and the 5th grade trip to the aquarium in Virginia Beach. These trips would not be possible for our students if you did not support the PTA so we thank you!

Veterans Day Program was very nice. The students at each grade level presented a poem, cheer, artwork, and even singing to honor our Veterans. I know one special veteran shared with us, "It just feels good to be appreciated!" Great job BES.

We are gearing up for 2019 and we are so excited about the opportunities we have planned for our students and staff!! If you ever have any questions feel free to message us on

facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/BROOKNEALPTA/>

OR email us @ [brooknealpta@gmail.com](mailto:brooknealpta@gmail.com)

### Upcoming events:

Faculty & Staff Christmas Lunch @ BES: Dec. 19th

School wide Sweetheart Dance: Feb. 2nd

BES night @ Fun Quest: March 22nd



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# Sweetheart Dance

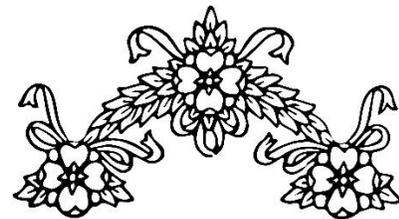


*Date: 2/2/2019*

*Location: WCHS*

*VIP early pay discount available.*

More details coming early December.



**Merry Christmas to all  
our BES Families!!**

