



Bell Creek Bulletin



Bellbrook Sugar Creek Schools

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Important Dates

- December 1st-** Rudolph Holiday Shop Open House after school until 6:00
- December 12th-** PTO, 7:00 at Bellbrook Middle School
- December 13th-** 2 hour early dismissal
- December 14th-** Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 at BCI
- December 19th-** Winter Parties 2:00-3:00
- December 20-29-** No School- Winter Break
- January 2nd-** Return to School

School Supply Stocking Stuffers

This could be the perfect time to refresh your child's school supplies! Students use headphones and a mouse each week in their Digital Literacy class. You might check with your child to see if their headphones are working and comfortable, and if their wireless mouse needs a new battery.



Principal's Message

We had so much to be thankful for at BCI in November, and are looking forward to a great December!

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day!

Jill Adams

Winter Weather Messages

Winter weather can disrupt the school day. Information about school closures and delays can be found on our website. A One Call Now message will be sent out as soon as a decision for a delay or closing is made. These news stations also have school closing information:

- [WHIO](http://www.whio.com)
- [WDTN](http://www.wdtn.com)
- [WKEF](http://www.wkef.com)

Transportation Changes?

Call the office if you need to change transportation plans for your child after the start of the school day. If you send an email about a transportation change, please copy our secretary Denise Benetis at denise.benetis@bss.k12.oh.us as well since teachers don't always have time to check their email between lunch and the end of the school day. Please contact us with any changes before 2:00 if possible. Thank you!

Yearbook Orders

Yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year can be ordered now! Visit

www.yearbookforever.com,

then follow these steps:

1. "Select Your School"- enter Bell Creek (make sure to leave a space)
2. Click on Bell Creek Intermediate
3. Click "Buy Yearbook"
4. Select any additional options you would like
5. Enter student first name
6. Enter student last name
7. Select grade from the drop down box
8. Click "Next"
9. Click on "Check Out" to enter payment information

K-3 Reading Levels as Labels?

Developing a love of reading is one of the most important things we can do for our children.

In order to foster this love of reading, our teachers need to clearly understand a child's reading needs. So, what does this mean for your child? Teachers will assess your child's reading three times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring) in order to determine how to organize their instruction to meet your child's needs.

"Leveled books are instructional tools for teachers who understand them—nothing more. Above all else, a level is a teacher's tool, not a child's label."

[Fountas & Pinnell Research](#)

As we shift our focus from using reading levels to a label for students to a tool for teachers, third grade parents will notice reading levels are no longer be reported as specific levels on the report card. Teachers will continue to report student progress to parents, and will be able to provide suggestions for supporting your child at home.



Congrats LEGO Teams!

Bell Creek's LEGO teams competed at the Springboro Regional Qualifying Tournament in November. Both teams practices two days per week after school to prepare for the competition called Hydro Dynamics. Students on the teams learned how to program a robot, and Core Values. It was a great first year for our teams, and we hope to put at least one team together again next year! Interest forms will be send home in the Spring.



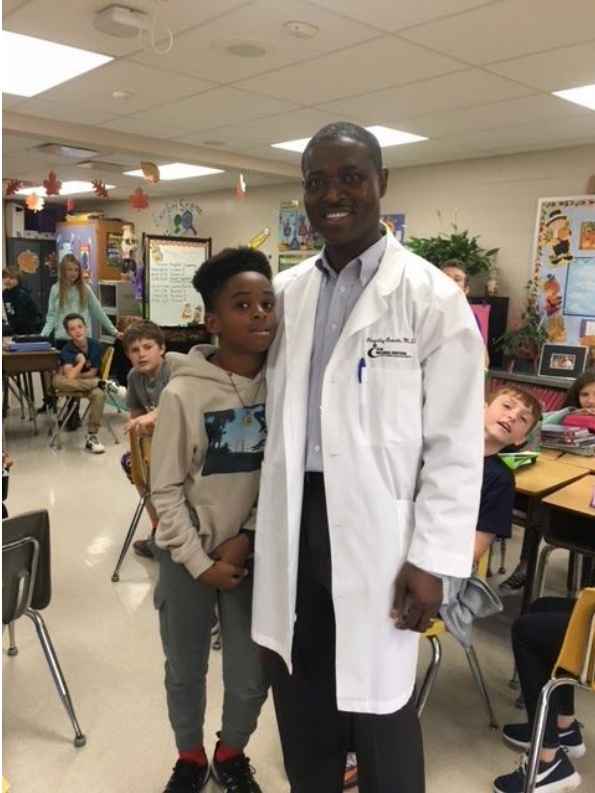
Counselor's Corner

Here's what's happening in counseling with Mrs. Anderson this month:

- The **Kind Kids Club** is collecting change for **Kind Coins for Texas**. This organization raises money to help build new playgrounds for schools that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Please send in your change by December 15. Each classroom has a collection canister.
- The **Military Kids Groups** are writing letters to deployed service members that will be included in care packages sent by Operation Gratitude.
- The 3rd grade **Changing Families Group** is going strong, and the 4th and 5th grade groups are being organized now. If you would like for your student to participate, let Mrs. Anderson know.
- Some students in 3rd and 4th grades have participated in **HERO Groups**. HERO stands for Having Everything Ready and Organized. We learn about ways to stay organized with schoolwork. Several more of these groups will meet throughout the year.
- Ms. Wenning and I are really enjoying our **3rd grade Lunch Bunch Groups!** We have randomly grouped the students and all third graders will be invited to join in one Wednesday Lunch Bunch during this school year. It's a great way for us to get to know the third graders. While we have them with us, we talk about the importance of self-control!
- In **Classroom Counseling** this month, 3rd and 5th grade classes will be learning about how to deal with peer pressure. 4th grade classes will be learning how to deal with anger.

BCI Thank You!

- Mrs. Williams' class would like to thank Dr. Ozoude for spending a day with them. He shared with the students what he does as a radiologist at Kettering Hospital.



- Thank you to the Sugar Bell PTO for providing a delicious Taco Bar lunch to our staff on November 16th! It was a great treat that was enjoyed by all!



- Mrs. Otting's class would like to thank Veteran Tony Childress for coming to speak to their class about his experiences serving our country. Mr. Childress received letters from the class and wanted to visit them. He presented the class with one of his uniform jackets he wore while serving in Afghanistan.

