



Bell Creek Bulletin



Bellbrook Sugar Creek Schools

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Important Dates

- March 5th-** BSEF Magazine Sales Begin
- March 6th-** Class and group picture day
- March 13th-** PTO, 7:00 at Bellbrook Middle School
- March 14th-** 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- March 19th-23rd-** Book Fair
- March 23rd-** End of 3rd Quarter
- March 29th-** Spring Parties, 2:00-3:00
- March 30th-** No School
- May 22nd-** Bell Creek night at the Dayton Dragons Game! Ticket sales information will come home next month.

School Hours

Bell Creek is open from 8:00-4:00 each day. If you plan to come visit a teacher, make sure to arrange the visit with them in advance, and stop in the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge when you get here. Just a reminder, first bell rings for students to enter the building at 8:35. School starts at 8:55. Please do not drop your child off before 8:35.

Principal's Message

There are some wonderful things happening at Bell Creek! Congratulation to Kelley Anderson, our school counselor for her work in earning the Purple Star award from the Ohio Department of Education for our school! You can read more about the award on the Department's [website](#). Congratulation to our STEM teacher Dee Van Brackel for winning the Hoopla STEM Teacher of the Year award! She received a certificate and \$1000 to spend on classroom supplies. Congratulations to both of these staff members! Lost and found has many items! Please encourage your child to take a look in lost and found if they are missing items of clothing, water bottles or lunch boxes. All items will be donated at the end of the 3rd quarter.



State Testing in April

All students in grades 3-5 will participate in state testing in April and May. If you know that your child will be absent from school on any of these dates, please let us know as soon as you can so we can make alternate arrangements for them.

	Reading	Math	Science
3rd	April 17th and 19th	May 1st and 3rd	
4th	April 17th and 18th	May 1st and 2nd	
5th	April 18th and 19th	May 4th May 7th	April 30th May 2nd



2018-2019 Calendar

The school calendar for next year was approved by the Board of Education at their February meeting. You can see it [here](#). It is also on the Bellbrook Sugarcreek schools [website](#).

Big Hoopla STEM Challenge

Hoopla STEM Challenge (Sunday, March 11, 2018 | Registration: 12:00pm, Event Begins: 1:00pm): A **FREE** basketball and education event for all students grades K-8 at Chaminade-Julienne High School ([505 S Ludlow St., Dayton, OH 45402](#)). As America's first-ever event tying together the excitement and passion for college basketball and March Madness to the power of STEM education, students participate in an exciting "hot-shot" contest while exploring hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) exhibits/demonstrations from leading regional and national partners. The event will award hundreds of tickets to the 2018 NCAA First Four, hundreds of gift cards and multiple GRAND PRIZES – iPads. Register at daytonhoopla.com/challenge

2018-2019 Class Requests

Requests for class placements for the 2018-2019 school year are being accepted. Direct all requests to Jill Adams. Requests must be written (email is acceptable) and are due by April 30th.

Counselor's Corner



Our Kindness month was a success! The hearts on our kindness tree have random acts of kindness that students have completed this month. Our tree keeps growing and growing!

In March, we will be talking to students about the skills of conflict resolution. Since all of our relationships can experience conflict, it's really important for students to learn appropriate ways to handle them. We'll focus on how to restrain your impulses when upset with someone, think through options for solving the conflict, and best ways to talk to someone to work out a conflict.

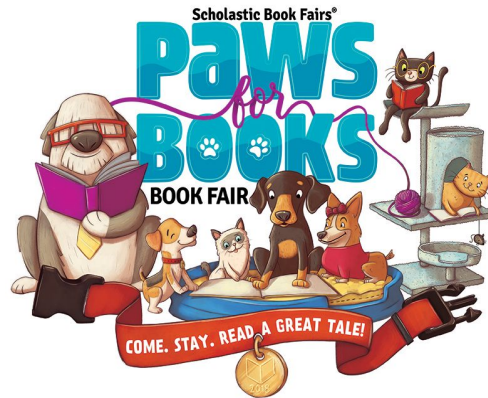
Nominations for Gifted Identification Being Accepted

This is the time of year when we accept nominations for gifted identification of students. The parent nomination is only one consideration in a multi-factored identification process and does not guarantee identification and/or services. We are proud to offer many advanced academic opportunities in our school district throughout the grade levels, most of which are not limited to only gifted students. A rigorous curriculum is provided to all children whenever academically appropriate, regardless of gifted identification.

If you are not sure if your child exhibits characteristics/traits typical of that of a gifted child please review information available on the [Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools' website](#). If your child is already a member of a gifted classroom, and you are unsure whether or not to nominate in other academic areas, please check with your child's teacher. Also, gifted identification in mathematics does not guarantee placement in accelerated mathematics classes. Acceleration decisions may require additional testing and committee approval per [Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools' board policy number 5410](#).

Please complete this [NOMINATION FORM](#) no later than the end of the school day, Friday, March 9, 2018.

Bell Creek Intermediate Spring Book Fair



When: March 19 - 23, 2018
Family Night: March 22, 2018
Where: Bell Creek Intermediate Library

[We also need volunteers!](#)

This is a great way to get involved. It is fun, easy and rewarding! For specific date and times needed, please visit the website below the link below or email me at kim.hanson@bss.k12.oh.us

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/bellcreekintermediateschool> (be sure to scroll down on that page)

More information will be sent home with your student in the weeks to come.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Happy Reading!

Dear 4th Grade Families,



Mrs. Taylor (PE), Mrs. Wellbaum (Music), and Mrs. Taggart (Art) are planning a show this March for students to demonstrate their developing skills in our classes. The show will begin with a PE and Music performance followed by time dedicated to an Art Gallery Exhibit, all located in the BCI Gym. Please save the date based on the schedule below. We hope you can join us!

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
 10:30AM-11:15AM
Ms. Root & Ms. Mangen



Tuesday, March 13, 2018
 12:40PM-1:25PM
Ms. Crane & Ms. Cook



Friday, March 16, 2018
 10:30AM-11:15AM
Ms. Ellinger & Ms. Hof



Friday, March 16, 2018
 12:40PM-1:25PM
Ms. Duerr & Ms. Smith

Thank you,
 Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wellbaum, Mrs. Taggart