



Bell Creek Bulletin



Bellbrook Sugar Creek Schools

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Important Dates

- September 4- NO SCHOOL
- September 6- 3rd grade picture day
- September 7- 4th grade picture day
- September 8- 5th grade picture day
- September 12- PTO, 7:00 at Bellbrook Middle School
- September 13- 2 hour early dismissal
- September 18- author Mike LuPica visits 4th and 5th grade
- September 27- 2 hour early dismissal
- October 24-27- Book Fair

*PTO Meetings are held at 7:00 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Bellbrook Middle School.



New School Hours Reminder

Our school day begins at 8:55. Students can enter the building at 8:35. The first dismissal bell rings at 3:25 and the second dismissal bell rings at 3:38. Please do not drop your child off before 8:35 as staff is preparing for the day and is not available to supervise students.

Principal's Message

What a great start to the school year! Thank you to all of you for sending such wonderful children to our school each day! Students will get to experience a new special we call Digital Literacy this month. Students will use Learning.com each week on their chromebooks to learn keyboarding, word processing, computational thinking and coding skills. We are excited to start using this program and will share more about it throughout the year. The PTO Direct Donation Campaign will begin next month.

Sincerely,
Jill Adams

R2P2

Our students have been learning about and practicing expected behaviors in the hallways, restrooms, cafeteria and in the gym. They are really doing a great job and it helps make our school feel like a peaceful place to be.

We opened up our "Homework Nest" this week. Students who do not finish homework will eat their lunch in the "Homework Nest" which is in our school library. Students will work on the homework they need to finish while they eat their lunch and for part of their recess if they aren't finished with the work. Students will get at least 10 minutes of recess on days they go to the Homework Nest. Parents will receive an email from teachers on days their child goes to the Homework Nest.



Clinic Minute Greetings Parents!

We hope you and your children had a safe and wonderful summer! We are off to a great start here at Bell Creek and we are

looking forward to a safe, healthy and fun filled year!!

Below are a few items that will help our students get off to a great this school year:

- Get Lots of rest- it can take several weeks to get into a new routine! Lots of Good Rest helps!
- Eat fresh fruits, veggies, whole grains and leans meats as part of a healthy diet!
- Start your day off with breakfast!
- Exercise outside of school together as a family.
- Talk about the day with your child, what was good, bad, fun, funny, and hard and so on. Communication is comforting!
- Wash your hands!
- All school medications must be brought in by an adult. A doctor's order is required for prescription medication that is to be taken at school. Please do not send medications in your child's backpack. It is against our school board policy.
- If your child has a new medical diagnosis, please update us.
- Emergency medical forms were sent home the first week of school. Please make sure to complete and return this important information.

We are looking forward to a great year. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Eileen Malas RN
School Nurse

MAP Testing

Our school is using the NWEA MAP Growth assessment this year with all students. We remain committed to reducing the overall time students spend taking assessments, so teachers may focus on high-quality, engaging lessons. Therefore, this test will replace both STAR and second and fifth-grade Iowa testing. Teachers will use the information gathered by using this assessment to know what students are ready to learn, and to monitor their growth in language arts and math during the school year. Many of our teachers were able to attend professional development related to this new assessment during the summer and we have additional professional development scheduled for them throughout the school year. We consider this to be a learning year for our staff. Information about the assessment will be shared with families in this newsletter throughout the year.

3rd Grade Standards Based Report Cards

Students in grade 3 will continue to receive standards based report cards like they did in second grade at Stephen Bell. We hope this report card will help to inform parents about specific strengths and weaknesses their children are experiencing while learning third grade standards. Feel free to email Mrs. Adams if you have any trouble logging into Progress Book.



PTO Update

Amazon is giving FREE MONEY to schools! Will you PLEASE help? All you have to do is click on our school's PTO Amazon affiliate link when you shop on Amazon. The affiliate link takes you to Amazon where your order will be tagged for our school by Amazon. Then Amazon will give our school PTO account 6%-8% of the sale! If you go directly to Amazon without using our affiliate link, then the school will not get any money. You do not pay any extra. The money comes from Amazon's profit on the sale.

Here are some ways to use the link.

1. Here is the link right here. You can bookmark it and use it to go to Amazon every time you shop.

[Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Amazon Affiliate link](#)

2. Alternatively, you can go to the PTO website www.sugarbellpto.org and click on the "school rewards" picture.

3. You can also go to the [Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools](#) website and click the link from there.

Our school will have no idea who is using the Amazon affiliate link. We will never see the names, addresses, or any personal information from the people who are using the Amazon affiliate link. Amazon keeps all of that information confidential. So, if you are worried about someone finding out what you purchased on Amazon, that will not happen.

Please use our school's Amazon affiliate link all the time, all year, every time you shop on Amazon. This is not a temporary thing. Please share the link with family and friends who shop on Amazon. Anyone can use the link. You do not have to be a member of our school community.

Counselor's Corner

Greeting From Your School Counselor!

My name is Kelley Anderson and this is my 11th year at BCI, and my 29th year of teaching/counseling. Also with me is Jenna Wenning, my counselor intern from Wright State University. Together we will be working with BCI students in several different ways this year.

Classroom Counseling- we visit classrooms to teach about topics such as bullying prevention, career awareness, goal-setting, digital citizenship, the importance of kindness, and stress management.

Groups- we meet with small groups of students about a common theme during lunch and recess. Currently, we're meeting with groups of new students. Next up will be Changing Families groups (groups for students who have parents that are divorced or separated) which will meet once a week for about seven weeks, and Military Kids groups (groups for students who have a parent in the military) which will meet once a month starting in September.

Individual Counseling- although we are not mental health therapists, we help many students deal with problems they're experiencing. Topics may range from problems with a friend to how to deal with the loss of a pet. Students may also be referred by their parents or teachers.

If you would like for your child to participate in the Changing Families or Military Kids groups, or if there is ever a time that you would like me to talk to your child, please let me know! My email address is Kelley.anderson@bss.k12.oh.us or I can be reached at 937-848-3777 ext. 8902.