

## **Monday, October 23, 2017**

### **Elementary News-**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Monday, Oct. 23th. We all make mistakes at some time or another. Making mistakes gives us a chance to learn from that mistake and make a better choice the next time. If you keep making the same mistake – for example, not following directions you are given and getting angry when you have a consequence, fix that mistake by making the right choice. You will feel great when there is no consequence! Fix your mistakes and make a great day!

### **REMINDER:**

It's great to see all the red today to begin Red Ribbon Week! The theme for this year is "Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free!" Tomorrow wear your mixed up clothes to show "Don't Get Mixed Up With Drugs!" Mustache's will be on sale in Mrs. Fagan's room B118 every morning this week for 50 cents so you can be ready for Friday which is "We Mustache ask you to Stay Drug Free!"

## **Tuesday October 24, 2017**

### **Elementary News:**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Sometimes, other people tell us to do things we know we shouldn't do – like treat another person badly, cheat on a class assignment, not share the things you have, or tell someone they're not a friend. Think for yourself and make good, smart choices that are good for you!

Wow! It's great to see all the mixed up socks and striped shirts with flowered pants. Look at all the mix matched clothes! You did a great job showing you will not get mixed up with drugs!

Tomorrow wear an animal shirt or animal print to show YOU are PAWSITIVELY DRUG FREE!

Also, Wednesday look for red keys hidden through the hallways. If you find a key, take it to Miss Jessica's room in B118 to receive a prize! Your future is KEY to stay drug Free!

Remember: "Drugs not only affect your brain but your future as well. You don't get a second future. It's why you do a lot of the things you do!"

Don't forget mustaches on sale in Miss Jessica's room B118 every morning this week for 50 cents.

You mustache to get one for Friday!

### **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Wednesday, Oct. 25th.

Tank says- You look Pawsitively awesome today! ....Way to show your Pawsitive attire. Keep an eye out for Tank. Be respectful when you see Tank.

For Bully Awareness Month this week is a week of Inclusion, so this afternoon on the bus please sit by a new friend who doesn't have anyone to sit by. There will be no assigned seats, so please choose your seat wisely.

### **Thursday, October 26, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! It is Thursday, Oct. 26th.

WOW! So glad I have my sunglasses today! It is great to see sooo many students dressed in neon bright colors, because YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT! DON'T DO DRUGS!

Your challenge for today is to practice being polite to everyone you see or talk to – say “please” “thank you” wait your turn patiently and even let someone get in line ahead of you! If you do this today, I promise you will feel good and you will make others feel good, too. Practice this and have a great day!

### **Friday, October 27, 2017**

As Red Ribbon Week comes to a close, I would like for you to look back on the wonderful week of celebrating being drug free! This week you Rallied Against Drugs, You Brightened Your Future by being Drug Free, and you chose Not to get Mixed Up with drugs!

To finish the week off we are wearing mustaches today to symbolize “We Mustache you to be Drug Free!” We are also celebrating the week with our annual Mix It Up Lunch day Today in the cafeteria. You will receive a sticker and you must find the table that matches your sticker. This means you get to sit with new friends. This also helps make everyone feel included, which ties in Bully Awareness Month and our week of Inclusion! Fill out a survey about your new friend and put it in the purple bucket for the drawing to win a prize! Enjoy lunch with teachers, and listen to some music in celebration a week filled with passion and excitement for two good causes!

Thank you for your support of inclusion week and red ribbon week. Teachers and students you really showed participation and passion to stomp out bullying and dare to be drug free! We are a team and together we can accomplish so much!

Book fair! Save your pennies and bring them to the library today and Monday for Parent/teacher conferences.

### **Monday October 30, 2017**

Parent / Teacher Conferences – No School

### **Tuesday October 31, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Halloween is this evening and this will be a great time to practice 2 of the 3 Big Ideas! Be respectful to the people you visit for trick-or-treating by walking on the sidewalk – not through the yards – and saying “thank you” for treats. You can be Responsible by not throwing trash in anyone’s yard and staying with a responsible adult while you are out. Make a great day and a happy, safe Halloween.

### **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Wednesday, Nov. 1st. As we start the month of November, your challenge is to make others feel good. What are some ways you can do this? Here at school, you can make others feel good by paying them a compliment about how they look, be a friend to someone at lunch and on the playground, and, if it's ok with your teacher, clap for someone who tries their best. You can make others feel good at home by helping out with chores, taking care of your younger brothers and sisters, and just being respectful to your family members. Make others feel good today and Make a great day!

The book fair goes through Friday! Don't forget to bring your money in!

### **Thursday, November 2, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Thursday, Nov. 2nd. Did you know that If you are someone who likes to listen to music, dance, draw, paint, write poems or stories you are a creative person? People who are creative can also be very interesting because they have many ideas to share. Creative people also work very hard at improving something – they are not happy unless they are doing something better. As a creative person, you might like it when things change and are not always the same. Anyone can be creative – try it!!

The book fair goes through tomorrow! Don't forget to bring your money in!

Next week Thursday we will have our Veterans Day Assembly. If you plan on submitting a picture for our slideshow honoring Veterans and those currently serving, please send them in by tomorrow, Friday, November 3rd. We will not be able to accept any pictures after Friday. Also, please return your papers telling us how many guests you will have at the assembly on Thursday, November 9th. Remember, guests maybe any active duty military members or anyone that has previously served in any branch of the military. Thank you.

Spoon winners

K- Kunz 1st- Bohenstiehl 2nd- Horton 3rd- Rongey 4th- Lambries

### **Friday, November 3, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Friday, Nov. 3rd. I hope this week was a great one for you – if you were respectful to others while trick-or-treating, made others feel good by showing them support, smiled at people, and tried to be creative, good for you! It's not too late if you

did not do these things so your challenge today is practice your smile, share your good mood, be creative and have a great day and weekend!

Today is the LAST day for book fair. Stop by before we close at noon!

Don't forget to turn in your poster for the Bully Awareness Month poster contest. Posters are due at the end of the day today! Winners for the poster contest, the Random Act of Kindness and the make a new friend drawing will be announced next week. Thank you for making Bully Awareness Month such a success! Remember to keep it up even though it isn't Bully Awareness Month.

### **Monday, November 6, 2017**

Don't forget, tomorrow is Spirit Day! Wear red, white, and black or your Bomber gear to show your Bomber Pride! The classroom with the most participation is entered into the drawing for the classroom pizza party!

Congratulations to following POP winners.... DeCarlos B, Aubrey W, Wendel S, Sophia H, Aurora M, Sebastian F, Abby M, Aona I, and Jordan C

AND NOW A MOMENT OF SILENCE At this time, please think about how lucky you are to be here at Belle Valley School.

### **Tuesday November 7, 2017**

Good Morning Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. I would like to start off our morning with a quote from a famous author...Ernest Hemingway. Some of you may not know who he is right now, but as you read more and grow older, you too will be impressed in some way by his writing. Here is his quote...

"Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you quit, try. " – Ernest Hemingway

Please send the following students to the office: Amna P, Arianna T, Tessa A, Caden G, Kevin B, and Mattison T.

Congratulations to everyone who sold items for our fundraiser. You were outstanding! The Elementary students brought in over \$11,000. You guys are amazing. Thank you! Thank you! Thank You!

### **Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

Good Morning Belle Valley! Today is Wednesday, November 8. The quote for today is- A bad attitude is like a flat tire. If you don't change it you'll never go anywhere.

Starting today, Belle Valley has 2 fantastic service projects to help our military. We have "adopted" Mrs. Miller's son Adam, Mrs. Shaw's son Caleb, and Mrs. Lambries husband Dustin. All three are deployed overseas. Please be on the lookout for these soldiers' wish lists or ask your teacher for a list.

The 2nd project is donations for Airmen's Attic located at Scott Air Force Base. The Attic helps soldiers based at Scott with everyday items. A list of needed supplies is also available so be on the lookout for that.

If you would like your bullying poster back, please pick it up from Mrs. Chandler's room.

### **Thursday, November 9, 2017**

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Thursday, November 9. Today we will be honoring our Veterans at an assembly this afternoon. Remember: Show our guests that we are respectful and responsible and Ready to learn.

The poem this morning is in honor of all our Veterans.

On Veteran's Day we honor all,

Who answered to a service call.

Soldiers young and soldiers old

Fought for freedom, brave and bold

Some have lived while others died

And all of them deserve our pride

We're proud of all the soldiers who

Kept thinking of red, white and blue

They fought for us and all our rights

They fought through many days and nights

And though we may not know each name

We thank ALL veterans just the same.

Picture Retake Day is next Wed., Nov. 15th. If you need to have your picture retaken, please remember to bring the original package to the camera with you and if you

are purchasing pictures for the first time, you will need to bring the payment envelope down to the camera with you when called. If you need a picture envelope, stop by the office to pick one

up. Everyone who has permission to have their picture taken needs their picture taken for the yearbook.

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

Veteran's Day - No School

### **Monday, November 13, 2017**

Do not mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.

Picture Retake Day is this Wed., Nov. 15th. If you need to have your picture retaken, please remember to bring the original package to the camera with you and if you are purchasing pictures for the first time, you will need to bring the payment envelope down to the camera with you when called. If you need a picture envelope, stop by the office to pick one up. Everyone who has permission to have their picture taken needs their picture taken for the yearbook.

Please remember to bring in donations for our adopted soldiers and the Airmen's Attic. A small donation such as Chapstick or flavoring for water makes such a huge difference for our deployed soldiers!

Congratulations to Mrs. Zeiter. Mrs. Zeiter received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award yesterday. Congratulations

### **Tuesday November 14, 2017**

Picture Retake Day is tomorrow Wed., Nov. 15th. If you need to have your picture retaken, please remember to bring the original package to the camera with you and if you are purchasing pictures for the first time, you will need to bring the payment envelope down to the camera with you when called. If you need a picture envelope, stop by the office to pick one up. Everyone who has permission to have their picture taken needs their picture taken for the yearbook.

### **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

Spoon Winners for last week:

K- Chandler

1st- Haare

2nd- Arnold

3rd- Maul  
4th- Lambries

Please send the following students to the office: Bentley B.

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Thursday, November 16. We have had this challenge before, but I am challenging you again today to keep a positive attitude! Many of you come to school with a positive attitude – you try to see the good in everything, you appreciate all the things you have, you use good listening skills, you don't complain, and you just enjoy everything about life. Practice keeping a positive attitude and have a great day!

Great news! Donations for our Adopted soldiers, Adam, Caleb, and Dustin and the Airmen's Attic has been extended! The deadline is now Tuesday, November 21st, the day before Thanksgiving break. Please consider making a donation to help out our military members.

**Friday, November 17, 2017**

"There is no limit to what you can imagine. And with commitment, with effort, what you can imagine you can become. Put your mind to work for you. Believe that you can do it. The world will tell you that you can't. Yet, in your belief you'll find the strength, you'll find the ability, to do it anyway." Ralph Marston

Tomorrow is the Girls on the Run 5K. You can see a star locker decoration on the runners' lockers. Please wish them well tomorrow!! Have a great race girls!! We know all of your hard work will pay off!! Good Luck Girls. You make Belle Valley Proud!

## **Monday, November 20, 2017**

Good Morning, Belle Valley- Today is Monday, November 20. A very short week.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Tomorrow is your last opportunity to bring in items for our three adopted soldiers and Airmen's Attic. Please consider making a donation.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls on the Run team!!! They ran their 5K on Saturday in downtown St. Louis. What a great job!!! Your hard work paid off! Be very proud of yourselves!! Love, your coaches!!

## **Tuesday November 21, 2017**

BE THANKFUL

Be thankful for home

Be thankful for food

Be thankful for birds that fly

Be thankful for sleep

Be thankful for flowers

Be thankful for clouds in the sky.

Be thankful for friends

Be thankful for rain

And the rainbows that follow close by

Spoon Winners for the week

K- Kazmierczak

1st- Bohnenstiehl

2nd- Barker

3rd- Maul

4th- Iffert

**Wednesday November 22, 2017**

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

**Thursday November 23, 2017**

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

**Friday November 24, 2017**

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

## **Monday, November 27, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Monday, Nov. 27th. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! Because Christmas is right around the corner, now is the time to think about giving. The holiday season should be a time for you to think about what you can do for others – not just what others can do for you. Remember that there are all kinds of gifts – the gift of friendship, the gift of helping someone else, or just the gift of a smile. Think about what you will be giving others and make a great day!

Reminder: Today is PBIS Refresher Day! Your teachers will be reminding you of the 3 Big Ideas: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn. When you practice today, show your teachers and your friends what a great Belle Valley student you are!

Calling all BV students: let's stand up to cancer and help out the Siteman Cancer Center! Starting tomorrow morning, we will be accepting donations before school and at lunch until December 19th. Just place your donation in the cup of the teacher you would like to see have an icky surprise dumped on them at the holiday assembly! No donation is too small!

## **Tuesday November 28, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, Nov. 28th. When you look around your classroom or your school, you see many different types of people. Some have different skin colors, hair, height, weight, and some even speak a different language. One of the best things you can do is get to know someone who is different from you. You will learn so much and make a new friend. Get to know others who are different than you today and Make a great day!

Don't forget, donations start today for the Siteman Cancer Center. Place your donation in the cup of the teacher or administrator you would like to see have an icky surprise dumped on them at the holiday assembly. You can also pick the icky surprise, just donate money to your favorite one! We will accept donations in the morning and at lunch from now until December 19th.

### **Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Wednesday, Nov. 29th. I have a challenge for you today that will help you practice 2 of the 3 Big Ideas: Be Respectful and Be Responsible! If you see someone who is being teased, treated unfairly, or even being bullied, I want you to be courageous and stand up for that person. When you stand up for others, you will be a person others will look up to and feel safe around. If you are in Stand for the Silent, you are learning about this. Practice being courageous and Make a great day!

Don't forget, to donate today for the Siteman Cancer Center. Place your donation in the cup of the teacher or administrator you would like to see have an icky surprise dumped on them at the holiday assembly. You can also pick the icky surprise, just donate money to your favorite one! We will accept donations in the morning and at lunch from now until December 19th.

There a lot of good deeds that go on at this school. Deeds that touch the hearts of Administration, Teachers, Staff, and Students here at Belle Valley. This morning Mrs. Ferguson witnessed a very special good deed done! Jenasis S. donated her birthday money to the Siteman Cancer Center. Thank you Jenasis for the good deed and for the kindness and thoughtfulness you shared this morning! Many of you have donated already and every single penny you have given is a blessing for the Siteman Center.

#### **SPOON STANDINGS!**

There are four weeks with spoons to be awarded left before the report cards go home!!

K Zeiter and Kaz with three each

1 Haare and Freimuth with three each

2 Gulley and Barker with three each

3 Maul and Ackerman with three each

4 Iffert in front with four

### **Thursday, November 30, 2017**

Good Morning, Belle Valley Today is Thursday, November 30th. The last day of November and it may not seem like it this week, but it's getting colder outside. Did you know that many children do not have warm clothes to wear? It's true! Some children have to go to school and play outside without a warm sweater, sweatshirt, or coat. If you and your family have extra clothes

in your house that someone else can use, please think about donating these to a place like Goodwill , the Salvation Army, or even your school! Think about how you can help someone stay warm and Make their Day.!

Don't forget, to donate today for the Siteman Cancer Center. Place your donation in the cup of the teacher or administrator you would like to see have an icky surprise dumped on them at the holiday assembly. You can also pick the icky surprise; just donate money to your favorite one! We will accept donations in the morning and at lunch from now until December 19th.

### **Friday, December 1, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> . If you have given a gift to someone else – not a store-bought gift – but a gift of your friendship, I am so proud of you. I also hope you have gotten to know someone who is different from you and made a new friend, donated some warm clothing to others who do not have any, and stood up for someone else, you have had an awesome week! Please practice these as much as you can and have a great day and weekend

Want to see Mr. Kelly get pied in the face? How about make Mr. Weiler a human sundae? Mr. Forness kiss an animal? Well, donate to the Siteman cancer fundraiser and this could happen! Donations are accepted before school and during lunch, so place yours in the teacher or administrator's cup of your choice. Let's help fight cancer BV!

### **Monday, December 4, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Monday, Dec 4th . There are many wonderful activities coming soon: Reindeer Lane Christmas Shop, our annual Christmas Concert, and a Night with Santa. Please remember that these activities are planned for you and for your families so you have safe, fun ways to enjoy the holidays. These are also privileges so you must do your part by showing your classmates and your teachers you know and can show the 3 Big Ideas of being respectful, being responsible, and being ready to learn. If you don't make good choices, these privileges will be taken away. So show us your best today and the rest of the week – Have a great day!

Don't forget: tomorrow is a SPIRIT DAY! Wear your Red, Black, and BOMBER gear to show your school spirit. The classroom with the highest percentage will be entered into the drawing for the classroom pizza party!

This week are the last home games for boys and girls basketball. The Bombers play Whiteside on Tuesday and Emge on Thursday. Reminder that any student grades PreK-4th grade must have a parent or guardian with them at the game and you must sit with your parents and enjoy the exciting games. Also, any student who brings in a canned good item gets free admission to the game. Also, if you make a poster to support your Bombers, you get a free popcorn! So come on out and support your teams!

Spoon Winners for K- Zeiter

1st- Haare

2nd- Shaw

3rd- Maul

4th- Childress

## **Tuesday December 5, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, Dec. 5th. How many of you watch TV shows, movies, or sports and wish you could be just like one of your favorite actors or athletes? If you do, I want you to know that I'm glad you are who you are – not someone else. When we try to be somebody we're not, we don't give people a chance to see who we really are – a person who is kind, respectful, and responsible. The actors and athletes make a lot of money but are often not kind, respectful, and responsible people. Be who you are and make a great day!

Want to see Dr. Leib duct taped to the wall? How about Mr. Musso made into a human sundae? Then donate to the Siteman Cancer fundraiser and make it happen! Donations will be accepted in the mornings and at lunch from now until the 19th.

Tonight the Bombers take on the Whiteside Warriors for our 8th grade appreciation night. Any student who brings in a canned good item gets free admission to the game, and if you make a poster supporting your Bombers, you get a free popcorn! So come on out and support our boys at their last home game of the season! Remember to bring your parents with you to the game and please sit with them and cheer the boys on to a victory.

## **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Wednesday, Dec. 6th. Your challenge today is to be an organized person! This is not just for students but for teachers (and yes, even administrators) as well! It's easy to let things pile up and pretty soon you have too many things you are trying to do. That's why it is important to turn in homework and projects on time. If you do not, not only will your grades go down, but you will feel unhappy and rushed instead of happy and relaxed. So check your desks and try your best to stay organized – have a great day!

Do you want to see Mr. Forness duct taped to the wall? How about Mrs. Callahan made into a human ice cream sundae? Well here's your chance! Donate to the Siteman Cancer fundraiser either before school or during lunch, and watch the teacher with the most money in their cup earn an icky surprise at our holiday assembly. Donations will be accepted up until Dec. 19th, so start scrounging through your couch cushions today!

Congratulations to the following students who are the POP award winners for the month of November: Please come to the office after these announcements.

Kindergarten: Abigail J.

First Grade: Vera J. and Layne R.

Second Grade: Gabby E, Da'Shaunti T, and Brandy B.

Third Grade: Jamison P.

Fourth Grade

### **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Attention students, do you want to see Mr. Forness turned into a human ice cream sundae? How about a pie thrown in his face? Well, donate to the Siteman Cancer fundraiser and this could be your chance! All proceeds go to help fight cancer, so start donating today! Donations are accepted before school and during lunch.

### **Friday, December 8, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Friday, Dec. 8th. I hope this week has been a learning week for you – and fun! If you showed people who you really are and didn't try to be somebody else, good for you! I also hope you were a little more organized and stayed on top of your homework and other projects. And finally, you showed others every day what good character looks like – you will feel great and make others happy and proud.

It's not too late to donate to the Siteman Cancer fundraiser! All you have to do is place your donation in the cup of the teacher or administrator of your choice, and watch them earn an icky surprise at our upcoming holiday assembly. Donations are collected before school and during lunch, so start today Bombers!

### **Monday, December 11, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Monday, Dec. 11th. Our Christmas break is almost here so I want you to start thinking of at least 2 things you can do for your family that you don't do right now. Maybe it's helping to clean the house, help with dinner, take care of a pet, or just read to your brother or sister. It must be 2 things you don't do now – you will feel good – I promise – and you will make others happy and proud of you. Think about these 2 things and make a great day!

Congratulations to the following Spoon winners

K- Zeiter

1- Haare

2nd- Arnold

3rd- Carter

4th- Forness

### **Tuesday December 12, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, Dec 12th. With Santa's Cottage starting tomorrow, this is the best time to remember that the spirit of the holidays is giving, not getting! When you are shopping, try to think about what your friends and family would like, not just what you would like. It's ok to do a little shopping for yourself but you will feel so good when you see a friend or someone in your family open a gift at Christmas that was picked out by you! Think of others this week and Make a great day!

### **Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Wednesday, Dec 13tgth. How many of you work on your homework right after you get home in the afternoon? If you do, you are using your time wisely and that is one of the 3 Big Ideas – being responsible! If you are playing inside or outside until it is dark and it is too late to get your homework done, that is not responsible and will affect your ability to learn at school. Get your homework done before you play – this is using your time wisely and will make you feel great! Have a great day

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Thursday, Dec 14th. Before you do something you are not sure of, do you ask yourself these two important questions: 1) is it safe? and 2) is it good for me or someone else? If you ask yourself these questions before you do something, you are probably going to make a good decision AND you are practicing all 3 of the Big Ideas: being respectful, being responsible, and being ready to learn. This is also called “thinking before doing” Practice this today and have a great day!

WOW! What a Fantastic Christmas Program last night. You were outstanding. Who were those beautiful young ladies in their Christmas dresses and all the handsome young men in their Christmas clothes? I am very proud of you all! I know your teachers are very proud of you too. You represented our Belle Valley family well. Merry Christmas to Everyone. I know I received a wonderful gift from everyone last night. Thank you!

Big Shout out to all the teachers who attended the concert last night in supporting our students. Also, a Huge Shout out to Mrs. Keys for her organizing, practicing and leading everyone in the fantastic evening.

**Friday, December 15, 2017**

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope you had a great week by practicing the 3 Big Ideas! Hopefully, you chose some thoughtful gifts for others at Santa’s Cottage, used your time wisely and did your homework before playing, asked yourself those two very important questions before doing something you’re not sure about – remember those questions: is it safe and is it good for me or someone else – and you remembered that many fun things you enjoy doing are privileges and to keep those privileges, you must do your part by making good choices. Make a great day and a great weekend!

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

Students: Remember to drop off your A and B papers in the Middle School Box in the office today. There will be a drawing at the Assembly Tuesday morning. This year we are starting a special drawing for students receiving an average of 90% on class DoJo with little to no disciplinary infractions outside the classroom.

Students, continue to work hard and demonstrate excellent Belle Valley PBIS behavior in the classroom, on the bus, in the cafeteria, on the playground, in the gym, and everywhere. You are a Belle Valley Bomber. Make your school family proud and demonstrate good behavior.

**Tuesday December 19, 2017**

No Announcements

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

Teacher's Institute - No School

See you January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

Holiday Break - No School

See you January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Friday, December 22, 2017**

Holiday Break - No School

See you January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

No School – Winter Break

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

No School – Winter Break

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, January 3. Welcome Back. Brrrr. Let's get back into the New Year with our PBIS refresher. Welcome to all the new students who have joined us here at Belle Valley. It will be a great 2018. Reminder to practice our 3 Big R's: Respect, Responsible, and Ready to Learn.

Reminder, please dress appropriately. It is very cold outside. We will be having indoor recess, but those that are at the bus stop in the morning, please dress in layers to stay warm. Hopefully we are coming back relaxed and ready to start the new year. Work hard and you will go far.

Do you have an abundance of soda tabs lying around your house? If so, bring them to school and help donate to the Ronald McDonald Charity! The grade with the most tabs earns free McDonalds!

**Thursday, January 4, 2018**

Do you have an abundance of soda tabs laying around your house? If so, bring them to school and help donate to the Ronald McDonald Charity! The grade with the most tabs earns free McDonalds! Please turn them in to your teacher by Friday.

**Friday, January 5, 2018**

Wow! We have had quite a 3 day week. I appreciate everyone for their patience with the cold, boil water order, and new arrangement for parent pick up. I would like to give a shout out to all my teachers for assisting in every area. Thank you everyone!!

Tuesday, January 9th, is another BOMBER Spirit Day! Don't forget your Bomber gear or red and white! The classroom with the most participation will be entered into the drawing for the pizza party!

## **Monday, January 8, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, Jan 8th . How many of you think you are active? If you think you are active, give me a thumbs up! Now, listen carefully - being active does not mean sitting in front of the TV, playing a video game, or just laying around not doing anything. Being active means you are up and moving – playing outside in the snow, walking your dog, or just doing some stretches and other exercises like you learn in P.E. – Now give me a thumbs up if you are active! Being active is not sitting around – being active makes your body function better and makes you happy! Be active and make a great day!

Don't forget your BOMBER gear tomorrow, it's SPIRIT DAY!! The classroom with the highest percentage is entered into the PIZZA PARTY drawing!

## **Tuesday January 9, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, Jan 9th. Being affectionate towards your family means you might give them a hug or a kiss sometimes. That is appropriate for your family but not at school. You can show affection towards your friends and other classmates at school by giving them a thumbs up however, it is not appropriate for you to give big hugs or kisses to other students at school. Make sure you show affection in appropriate ways!

REMINDER(S): Tomorrow is early dismissal so you will be leaving at 1:15 instead of 3:15. Please remind your parents of this. Write this in your agendas now while you have the time. Talk to your parents!!

Spoon winners for the first week in January...Way to Go

K-Zeiter

1st-Freimuth

2nd-Horton

3rde-Carter

4th-Lambries

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Jan 10th. I have a new word for you today – adventurous! Being adventurous means you are willing to try new things, explore new places, and make new friends! Being adventurous also means trying things that you think you don't like but haven't tried – like some of the foods you eat at lunch. Trying new things will not hurt you; in fact, you may just find out you really do like something or someone. Go out and be adventurous.

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, Jan 11th. We have talked about being brave or courageous before – you are brave or courageous when you do things that are good for you but might be a bit scary and you're just not sure if you can really do it. Being brave or courageous means standing up for others, trying to read something that might be a little harder, or trying a new food. Sometimes we just have to take a deep breath and say "I can do this." You will feel very brave and very good about yourself. Be brave or courageous and Make a great day

The PRIDE team is happy to announce the winner of the first pizza party for classroom spirit participation! And the winner is...(drum roll please) Mrs. Lauko's homeroom! Congratulations!

Keep up the BOMBER spirit each month, we will have another drawing at the end of the this semester for a BOMBER Pride Pizza Party!

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, Jan 12th. If you were a little more active than usual, showed affection in appropriate ways, were adventurous by trying something new, or were brave by trying something that was a little scary, you were a person of character this week! Remember to practice the 3 BIG IDEAS of being respectful, being responsible, and being ready to learn at home and at school and have a great day and weekend.

REMINDER(S): There is no school on Monday, January 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Inclement Weather - No School

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Jan 17th. I hope you had a nice long weekend with an extra day tagged on and you were able to practice the 3 BIG IDEAS.. Today I want you to think about how considerate you are of others. When you want something, do you consider how everyone else feels? Do you consider their thoughts and feelings? You might want to play a game at recess and somebody else wants to play something different. Or you are thinking of throwing trash on the floor – especially in the cafeteria – instead of the trash can. Do your best today showing how well you understand PBIS, be considerate of others, and Make a great day!

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Jan 18th. Do you trust yourself to make the right choices? If you have good thoughts about yourself and you believe you can do whatever you set out to do, you are a confident person! Being confident means you believe in what you're doing and you know what you are doing is right. When you are confident, you will be successful! Be confident today and Make a great day!

Spoon winners for the week-

K- Chandler - 1st- Roberts - 2nd- Barker - 3rd- Carter - 4th- Wieseman

GRAND WINNERS FOR THE COOKIE PARTY-Zeiter, Haare, Barker, Carter, Forness, Lauko, Moore, Wilson, Gallo

We have a big shout out to Mrs. Callahan for the new, safer procedure for parent pickups. Way to go! We love it!

**Friday, January 19, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, Jan 19th. Even though this was a short week, it was a busy week if you showed others how well you understand PBIS and were considerate of others. I hope you were confident about the choices you made – if your choices made you and others around you happy, you did a great job! Continue to practice the 3 BIG IDEAS of being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn – be careful about your choices and have a great day and weekend!

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, Jan. 22nd –. You have heard this message many times but there is a word to describe “speaking up” in a respectful way and that is “assertive.” When you express yourself by sharing thoughts and feelings without demanding, insulting, or being disrespectful, you are an assertive person. If you feel strongly about something – like standing up for others who will not or cannot – you can be assertive! Be assertive and stand up for someone in a positive way.

**Tuesday January 23, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, Jan. 23rd – Turn to someone and tell them what the 3 BIG IDEAS are – if you said Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready to Learn, that is great – you know the 3 BIG IDEAS! Now I want you to think of something you did yesterday to practice one of these ideas and then think of something you are going to do today to practice these ideas. Don’t tell anyone – just show others that you know what the 3 BIG IDEAS and what they mean. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Jan. 24th. Are you a cheerful person? Do you show others that you are happy, have happy thoughts, and are fun to be with? I hope so. Being cheerful does not mean trying to make others laugh by doing things that are mean, disruptive, or silly. If you show those types of behavior, no one will want to be with you. Being cheerful means you want others to feel positive and happy. Be cheerful today and have a great day!

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, Jan 25th – Are you a cheerful person? Do you show others that you are happy, have happy thoughts, and are fun to be with? I hope so. Being cheerful does not mean trying to make others laugh by doing things that are mean, disruptive, or silly. If you show those types of behavior, no one will want to be with you. Being cheerful means you want others to feel positive and happy. Be cheerful today and have a great day!

**Friday, January 26, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, Jan. 26th – If you were assertive and spoke up for yourself and for others in a respectful way, if you practiced the 3 BIG IDEAS, if you were cheerful and made others feel good, and if you were funny in a positive way, you had a great week! Practice these skills at home and Make a great day and weekend!

### **Monday, January 29, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, Jan.29th – How many of you have heard the story about Alexander and his Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day? The minute Alexander got up in the morning, he knew he was going to have a bad day. Sometimes we all have a day like Alexander's – not getting the lunch we wanted, having to wear something that a brother or sister already wore, or even going to the dentist! We can't move to Australia to make it better but we can be optimistic! That means that when we get up in the morning, we think "this is a new day – I can start all over and everything is going to turn out ok. Be optimistic today and Make a great day!

### **Tuesday January 30, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, Jan. 30st –Do you think you are an organized person? Take a look at your desk and your locker – are they neat and clean or are they very cluttered and dirty? If you have a neat and clean desk and locker, you are probably a good organizer. Many of you put papers in your desk, locker, and backpack and they never come out. This not only makes you disorganized, but it means your parents aren't seeing important papers and other information. If you need help with this, ask a friend who is organized to help you – but only during a time that is ok with your teacher! Be an organized person and have a great day!

### **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, January 31 – I hope everyone had an opportunity to look up in the sky last night and then again this morning. Unfortunately, the Super Moon was not visible in the sky this morning. This being said though, I hope you all take some time to look around and enjoy the beautiful world we live in. We all have differences and that is what makes us special. Please be kind to one another and let's make this world an even better place to live. We may be a small portion of the world, but change has to come from you. YOU make a Difference!

Speaking of change, Boys and Girls, we must make changes to your behaviors on the bus. I have been watching videos from the buses and there may be some students that will no longer be allowed to ride the bus due to the poor manners and respect of others on the bus. You are

better than that. It is a safety concern for you. You are causing some distraction to our drivers and that is when accidents happen. I want everyone to make it home safely. Teachers, please take a few minutes and remind all your students how to sit properly on the bus and what voice level they are to be using on the buses. Remind them about No eating on the bus. This will be a warning to all. If I see inappropriate behavior on the bus or the bus driver tells me my students are misbehaving on the buses, I will have to call your parents and not allow you to ride the buses. Think about your behavior and let's make a great day.

## **Thursday, February 1, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, Feb 1st – It's the start of a new month! February is a month of celebration – Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Black History month are just a few of these celebrations. Valentine's Day celebrates our consideration, compassion, and caring towards others; Presidents' Day celebrates our patriotism for our country and our past and present Presidents. Black History Month recognizes those who have made great contributions to our world. Let's start February by practicing the BIG IDEA OF Respect – showing respect to ourselves and to each other.

We all know February is the month for hearts and roses, but did you know that February is also Library Lovers month? How about Friendship month? Well, if you forgot too, it is also Black History month. This is a time where we study and honor famous African Americans throughout our history. In celebration of this, facts will be given every morning to help teach you something new; and songs will be played the last day of the school week to celebrate famous African Americans in music. Today's music was brought to you by Alicia Keys, Whitney Houston, and Aretha Franklin. Stay tuned for next week's artists and more info to come!

Jackie Robinson was a successful athlete who was the first black player to break the baseball color line and play in the major leagues. While serving in the military, Jackie Robinson was arrested for refusing to move to the back of a segregated bus. In 1947, he made history when his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers ended racial segregation in Major League Baseball. A talented and versatile player, Robinson won the National League Rookie of the Year award his first season, and helped the Dodgers to the National League championship – the first of his six trips to the World Series. In 1949 Robinson won the league MVP award, and he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

"I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me... All I ask is that you respect me as a human being"- Jackie Robinson

## **Friday, February 2, 2018**

Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School

## **Monday, February 5, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, Feb. 5th. Since we returned from Christmas break – almost 5 weeks ago – we have seen many students forgetting the 3 Big Ideas and being

disrespectful towards teachers, teasing and bullying other students, cheating and lying about tests and homework, and even stealing. PBIS teaches us that these behaviors are hateful and wrong. Students who are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn will be enjoying all the privileges that go along with making good choices. Please think about that before you choose a behavior that is wrong. Practice the 3 Big Ideas every day – and make a great day!

It's time to show your Bomber Spirit! Wear red, white or your BOMBER gear tomorrow! The classroom with the most participation wins bragging rights and you are entered into the drawing for the whole class pizza party!

### **Tuesday February 6, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, Feb. 6th. How many of you are humble? If you don't know what that means, it means you are proud of what you can do and what you have but you don't have to tell or "show off" to others. When you show off, or brag, about things you have to others who may not be as fortunate, people will stop liking you. People who are humble are liked by others. So be humble by showing others how you can help, not how you can "show off" and have a great day!

Valentine candy grams are being sold through Feb. 8th.

Did you know that the first licensed African American Female pilot was named Bessie Coleman? Born in Atlanta, Texas in 1892, Bessie Coleman grew up in a world of harsh poverty, discrimination and segregation. She moved to Chicago at 23 to seek her fortune, but found little opportunity there as well. Wild tales of flying exploits from returning WWI soldiers first inspired her to explore aviation, but she faced a double stigma in that dream being both African American and a woman. After earning her pilot's license in 1921, Coleman performed at numerous airshows over the next five years, performing heart thrilling stunts, encouraging other African Americans to pursue flying, and refusing to perform where Blacks were not admitted. Way to go Bessie!

### **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Did you know that every single person in this school is smart? It's true! Each person in this building is smart because they may know about things that others may not know about. For example, you may know how to dance, play an instrument, ride a bike, or have a conversation with someone. That makes you smart! So if

anyone ever tells you you're not smart, don't believe them – you are! And the more you learn, the smarter you will be so be smart and have a great day!

Word of the Month" is Respect. We defined "respect" as "treating others the way you want to be treated.

#### **Thursday, February 8, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, Feb. 8th. I hope you have had a great week. Remember on Monday we talked about students making very bad choices lately, such as being disrespectful, bullying, cheating, lying, and stealing. Many of those students did not get privileges this week but for those who made good choices, I hope you had fun and thank you! I also hope you didn't have to "show off" to others to get them to like you – because we know they won't- but showed others how you can help, and finally, knew how smart you are!

This announcement is for the 4th grade...Was that bowtruckle I saw running through the halls? He must be here with Newt for Harry Potter Book Night tonight 6:30 to 8:30! Come dress in your best Harry Potter or Fantastic Beasts costume to win prizes!

#### **Friday, February 9, 2018**

What better way to learn more about Black history than by listening to some of the great African-American music legends? Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong was one of the most influential artists of all time. He transformed jazz into an art form, and his trumpet style is still imitated today. His two international hits, "Hello Dolly" and "What a Wonderful World," are still often heard today. Way to go Louie!

Good luck to the 4th grade band students participating in solo/ensemble contest tomorrow.

Please send the following students to the office; Jashawn Hardy, Jodie Williams, Darius Mosby, Rashad Holliwell, DJ Jones, Jacobi Brown.

Harry Potter Book Night was a huge success. Thank you to all the students who came. A tremendous thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night such a success!

## **Monday, February 12, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Feb 12th. Do you stay calm and relaxed when things get hard or something makes you angry? Did you know that if you stay calm, you can think better and make better choices? When you make better choices, the chances are you won't stay angry! If you know that you need to work on this, practice taking some deep breaths and remember that when things don't go your way, you are smart enough to make the right choice! Stay calm and Make a great day!

A number of African-American female athletes have emerged as trailblazers in their particular sports over the years, from track and field and tennis to figure skating and basketball. The struggles and hard-won glory of pioneers such as Alice Coachman, Althea Gibson, Wilma Rudolph and Lynette Woodard helped pave the way for later generations of sports greats like Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Sheryl Swoopes and Venus and Serena Williams.

Great job to the 4th grade band students who participated in solo/ensemble contest on Saturday. Congratulations to Cali H. for receiving a first superior with a perfect score. Congratulations to Bella C, Ion T, Aiden C, Jenasis S, and Marvelous W. for receiving first places. Congratulations to Travis Y. for receiving a second place. Great job!

## **Tuesday February 13, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, February 13th. . You can do anything you put your mind to! If there is something you really want to do better but you need more help or knowledge, ask for help! If your teacher or parent knows you want to do better and are willing to work hard at it, they will help you. But if you're not putting forth any effort and just want someone to do it for you, you won't get the help you need and your grades will drop. Try your hardest and Make a great day!

A woman called Moses? You bet. Harriet Tubman was born a slave but later escaped to Philadelphia, only to return to Maryland to rescue her family. But she didn't stop there. She earned the name Moses because she risked her life traveling at night helping hundreds of Southern slaves escape to the north and Canada through a network of safe people and safe houses called the Underground Railroad. Way to go Harriet!

### **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Happy Valentine's Day! Today, you will be celebrating Valentine's Day by exchanging cards, treats, and hopefully, kind words. Remember this is the day to show others friendship and affection in appropriate ways – with words rather than hugs and kisses – those are for your family. It is also the day to show others the very best YOU by being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. Have a wonderful day!

Thurgood Marshall is a must-know figure in Black history. He was the first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. But as a kid, he was mischievous, and was once forced to write copies of the Constitution as punishment for his misbehavior. He later said that punishment piqued his interest in the Constitution. As a young adult, he applied to his hometown law school at the University of Maryland, but was denied entrance because of being Black. He later sued the school and won. And before he became a judge, he was a successful attorney who, most famously, won the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education case, which ended school segregation. Way to go Thurgood!

### **Thursday, February 15, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, February 15th. . I hope you learned a lot this short week. Hopefully, you had a great Valentine's Day by showing others how much you care and appreciate them through your words, you stayed calm and relaxed when things did not go your way, and put forth your best effort! Have a great Thursday and a great weekend! Remember we do not have school tomorrow, Friday and Monday. We will be honoring all Presidents on Monday by not having school.

There are many examples of successful black women in the modern day, including Oprah, Tyra Banks, and countless others. But did you know that the first female self-made millionaire was a black woman? Madam C. J. Walker, born with the name of Sarah Breedlove, was the wealthiest African-American woman at the time of her death. Madam Walker built her wealth by developing a line of beauty and hair care products for black women. Aside from being an entrepreneur, she was also known as a philanthropist and made great contributions to the cause of education of black women to help them become financially independent and successful. Way to go Madam Walker!

### **Friday, February 16, 2018**

Teacher's Institute - No School

**Monday, February 19, 2018**

President's Day - No School

**Tuesday February 20, 2018**

This is a reminder to all students: Spring Picture Day is tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 21st. Everyone's photo will be taken, if you have permission to have it taken. A picture proof will be sent home with an order form, so you can preview the pose(s) before you purchase them. No money needed tomorrow.

The first of the last 10 spoons have been awarded to:

K-Augustine

1-Haare

2-Gulley

3-Maul

4-Childress

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Did you know John Mercer Langston was the first black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio in 1854? When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of Langston Hughes, famed poet of the Harlem Renaissance. Way to go John!

Please congratulate Ms. Arnold and Ms. Adams. They were chosen by their peers to receive the TOP Teacher of Pride award for the month of February. Congratulations!!

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, Feb. 22nd. You can do anything you put your mind to! If there is something you really want to do better but you need more help or knowledge, ask for help! If your teacher or parent knows you want to do better and are willing to work hard at it,

they will help you. But if you're not putting forth any effort and just want someone to do it for you, you won't get the help you need and your grades will drop. Always try your hardest.!

Did you know Lincoln University in Pennsylvania is the first institution of higher education founded for African-Americans? It paved the way for the 104 other historically black colleges, which have produced distinguished alums like Thurgood Marshall, Spike Lee, and the almighty Oprah.

### **Friday, February 23, 2018**

We know George Washington Carver invented peanut butter, but did you know the hair brush, lawn mower, cellphone, refrigerator, and — thank heavens — the air conditioner were all the fruits of other African-American inventors' creative laboring? Wow! Way to go guys! Maybe one of you will be next!

### **Monday, February 26, 2018**

Did you know the still-reigning King of Pop, Michael Jackson, snagged several Guinness World Records, including highest annual earnings for a pop star, best-selling album of all time for his classic, Thriller, and most Grammy Awards won in a year? (P.S. he took home 8) Incidentally, Beyonce holds that record for the ladies — she took home six in 2010. Way to go guys!

### **Tuesday February 27, 2018**

Long before Serena and Venus Williams were dominating women's tennis, there was Althea Gibson. In 1950, Althea became the first black woman to play at the US Nationals. She advanced to the second round of the tournament and showed many ignorant tennis fans that African Americans belonged on the tennis court. In 1957, she won the US Nationals and Wimbledon, and was welcomed home with a ticker tape parade in New York. Way to go Althea!

### **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Vonetta Flowers - the former track star turned Olympic bobsledder - made history at the 2002 Winter Olympics by becoming the first black athlete to win a gold medal at a Winter Olympics. Vonetta's gold medal will hopefully inspire future black athletes to become more involved in winter sports.

Respect! Respect!

Respect is the key.

For we all can be successful

when we work as a team.

Following directions

is important for you

Really can be learning

when you know what to do.

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Thanks to everyone who wore a pink shirt today! You helped show that Belle Valley celebrates differences and doesn't tolerate bullying!

Congratulations to our Second grade classes and welcome to all the Parents/Grandparents who participated in the Bagels and Books yesterday. I heard a lot of positive things from our students, teachers, and families. Shout out to Ms. Barker, Ms. Shaw, Ms. Gulley, Ms. Horton and Ms. Arnold.

Welcome Parents/Grandparents/Guardians/Family members here to watch our Kindergarten students perform GOAL! They did an awesome job yesterday and I am positive they will make their families proud. Congratulations on a job well done. Also, a shout out to Ms. Augustine, Ms. Kunz, Ms Kaz, Ms Chandler and Ms. Zeiter for all their patience.

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

The reason your life stays the same is because you think everyone else is the problem, Stop pointing fingers and placing blame on others. Your life can only change to the degree you want it by accepting responsibility for your actions.

The word of the month is Responsibility- Be responsible for yourself. Make Good choices. Take responsibility for your actions. We all make mistakes along the way, but we must take responsibility for our actions. Choose your words wisely and MAKE A GREAT DAY!

Congratulations to Mrs. Robinson's class for wearing the most pink shirts!

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

Did you know Casimir Pulaski was BFF's with Ben Franklin? Well, kind of...He met Benjamin Franklin in Paris and there was convinced to come to America and help fight in the American Revolutionary War. Casimir Pulaski really helped out at the Battle of Brandywine and was later rewarded with a commission as brigadier general and the command of all American cavalry. He was a great asset to our army during that time, and to honor his contributions to our country, the first Monday in March is considered Casimir Pulaski Day. Instead of coming to school on Monday, your homework is to eat pierogies and borscht and thank Casimir for all he did.

Would you like to see your teacher at McDonald's? Well On Tuesday March 6th you can! It's McTeacher's Night at the McDonald's by the Fairgrounds from 4-8pm. Come visit with Belle Valley Teachers and eat some yummy french fries and cheeseburgers. Bring your parents, grandparents, aunt and uncles and eat dinner. It is BV night at McDonald's by the Fairgrounds wear your BV gear!

**Monday March 5, 2018**

Casimir Pulaski Day – No School

**Tuesday March 6, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, March 6th. How many of you are trustworthy? That means that others trust you to do the right things. If you are trustworthy, you never cheat or

steal. When you are looking at other friend's papers, you are cheating; when you take something that does not belong to you and keep it that is stealing. If you are trustworthy, you do the right things and others will trust you. Be trustworthy today and make a great day!

Would you like to see your teacher at McDonald's? Well, tonight you can! It's McTeacher's Night at the McDonald's by the Fairgrounds this evening from 4-8pm. Come visit with Belle Valley Teachers and eat some yummy french fries and cheeseburgers. Bring your parents, grandparents, aunt and uncles and eat dinner. It is BV night at McDonald's by the Fairgrounds wear your BV gear!

Spoon winners are as follows

K- Kunz

1st- Roberts

2nd- Gulley

3rd- Ackerman

4th- Iffert

Congratulations to the following POP award winners

Mrs. Lauko class- Josiah

Kindergarten- Alijah S.

First Grade- Maylon M.

Second Grade- Madison H.

Third Grade- Quinn K.

Fourth Grade- Marcus B.

Please come to the office after these announcements for treats and a picture. Congratulations again.

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, March 7th. Yesterday, we talked about being trustworthy – remember, that means you don't cheat or steal and others trust you. Today, let's talk about being reliable. Being reliable means when you say you are going to do something positive, like finish an assignment at school, turn in a paper that is due, or even going to a friend's house at a certain time, you do it! If you say you are going to do something good and you don't do it, others will not believe or count on you the next time. Be reliable and have a great day!

Book fair starts on Monday! Don't forget to bring your money!

Shout out to Mr. Hinnen for being inducted last night into the High School Coaches Hall of Fame for Bowling and the Bowling Hall of Fame. We will SPARE you all the details but way to BOWL over the competition Mr. Hinnen.

#### **Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, March 8th. Are you a sensitive person? If you are, you listen to others as they tell you about themselves and show them you care. When you are sensitive, you talk about things that you know will not hurt someone else's feelings or make them feel uncomfortable. You pay attention to the way others behave and take the time to find out what makes them happy or sad. You are sensitive when you try to help others feel better about themselves! Be sensitive to others today and have a great day!

Book fair starts on Monday! Don't forget to bring your money!

#### **Friday, March 9, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, March 9th. . You had a busy week if you were trustworthy – you didn't even think about cheating or stealing;; you were reliable by doing the good things you say you'll do – not just saying you're going to do them and then not doing them; and were sensitive towards others by listening and helping them feel better. Keep practicing these great character traits – have a great day and have a great weekend!

Reminder: Book Fair starts next week!

### **Monday, March 12, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, March 12th . When was the last time you told your teacher “thank you” for teaching you important skills that you will use all through life? Not just reading, math, spelling, and writing, but also how to get along with others, be respectful, and be on time. These are skills you will need in school, in a job, and in a family. Teachers do the very best they can to help you be the best you can be so when you see a teacher today, say “thank you.”

The book fair starts today!! We are open tonight until 7pm. Bring your parents!

### **Tuesday March 13, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, March 13th. How many of you have heard the saying “if you don’t have something good to say, don’t say it?” That is really true! Sometimes, it is better to say nothing at all than to say something you could be in trouble for. There is another saying, which is “silence is golden.” It is better to not say anything at all than say something that could hurt someone else or get you in trouble. Think before you speak and if you don’t need to speak, stay silent and have a great day!

### **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, March 14th. Pi Day! What does this mean? Pi is 3.14159265... When you get into the upper grade math classes, you will be re-introduced/introduced to pi and what this number has to do with circumference.

I hope you start every day with a smile and tell yourself that today is going to be a great day! Maybe you didn’t want to get up this morning, or you don’t like what you’re wearing, or you didn’t like what you had for breakfast – start smiling and think to yourself “this is going to be a great day – no matter what” – I promise you will feel better instantly! Start each day with a smile and have a great day!

Shout out to: JaKobi B. from Ms. Carter’s 3rd grade classroom. He goes out of his way to be a good example to the other boys. He never gives up and always participates. He is AWESOME!! Please send JaKobi to the office.

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, March 15th. Did you know that actions speak louder than words? Another way to think of it is saying one thing but doing something else. For example, you say you will clean your room at home but instead sit in front of the TV, your actions spoke louder than your words – you didn't do what you said you would do and that makes people not believe you the next time. If you say you are going to do something – do it! Let your actions speak louder than your words and have a great day!

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, March 16th. St. Patrick's eve! I hope you had a great week! Many of you told your teacher "thank you" for helping you be your best and that is wonderful. If you decided to think before saying something, good for you – it's better to be a listener than a talker sometimes. If you started each day with a smile, I'll bet you had a much better day than if you had started the day mad. And if you let your actions speak louder than your words, others probably believed you when you said something. Keep practicing the 3 Big Ideas and have a great day and weekend!

Reminder: It is St. Patrick's Day tomorrow! May the luck of the Irish be with you!

## **Monday, March 19, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, March 19th. I want you to start this week by thinking to yourself "Everyone makes mistakes but instead of getting angry with myself, I will try to do better." Some people think that when you make a mistake, it is a bad thing but actually, making mistakes and learning from those mistakes is good! Remember that making a mistake and learning from that mistake is better than not trying something at all! Learn from your mistakes and have a great day!

Reminder: Spring pictures may be ordered online or return the order form to your homeroom teacher by Wed., March 21, Interstate studio will be here to pick them up.

Responsibility- The word of the month is Responsibility. Teachers please take a few moments this morning and discuss responsibility. What does it mean? How can you take responsibility for your actions?

## **Tuesday March 20, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, March 20st. How many of you play sports outside of school? If you do, you know that sports are supposed to be fun. Sometimes, it takes a lot of practice to play a sport but even practice should be fun. When you have to work very hard at a sport or even sometimes lose, that's ok. Be happy that you are able to participate and are having fun. Enjoy a sport , remember it is for fun,

Spoon Winners

K- Kunz

1st- Roberts

2nd- Arnold

3rd- Ackerman

4th- Lambries

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**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, March 21ST. I've noticed many of you are starting to eat healthier foods – good for you! You need to eat healthy foods to keep your body working hard and strong. If you only eat foods that are not healthy – like candy, chips, and soda – your body will get tired and you won't have the energy to do anything. Remember that your body is important and you have to take good care of it. Try to eat something healthy today!

If you have spring picture order forms, please turn them into your homeroom teacher this morning. Interstate Studio will be here to pick them up.

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, March 22nd. Pretty soon we will be talking about Earth Day – people around the world celebrate Earth Day in April but you can start caring about our earth even now by not throwing trash on the floor and on the ground. Littering shows you do not care about the earth so show others you do care and throw your trash in the trash can. If you see others throwing trash on the ground, please remind them to take care of our earth. Celebrate Earth Day early!

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, March 23th. I hope you had a great week! If you learned from your mistakes by doing better, if you had fun playing a sport – even if you had to work extra hard or even lost, if you ate healthy food to take care of your body, and finally celebrated Earth Day early by not littering, you did an excellent job. Keep up the good work, make a great day and great weekend!

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, March 26th. Easter is right around the corner! This is a great time to think about others and what you can do to make them feel good. Have you thought of ways you can do this? Here are a few ideas: cleaning your room without being asked, helping your mom or dad with dinner, reading to a younger brother or sister, or just being a good friend to someone else. Think of ways you can help others and have a great day!

Spoon winners are:

K- Chandler

1st- Hinnen

2nd- Arnold

3rd- Robinson

4th- Iffert

### **Tuesday March 27, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, March 27th.. Are you always asking your parents to buy you things? The next time you do, ask yourself if you really need it. Some of you have more toys than you need; instead of asking for more, think about donating some of the things you have to others who do not have much. Remember there are places that will gladly take your donations, like Goodwill, the Salvation Army, or even your church. This is a great way to show the Big Idea of being responsible. Think before you ask for more and have a great day!

### **Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

### **Thursday, March 29, 2018**

Spring Break – No School

### **Friday, March 30, 2018**

Spring Break – No School

## **Monday, April 2, 2018**

Spring Break – No School

## **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, April 3rd. PARCC testing for our 3rd and 4th grade will be starting on Thursday. May the Scores be with you? This is a good time to remember that even when things get hard, never, ever give up. Keep trying until you feel success! I promise that if you keep trying something that is hard, you will get better at it! You will feel so much better knowing you tried your hardest! Never give up and have a great day!

Today is PBIS refresher! Remember to practice the 3 big ideas. Be Respectful, Be Responsible and always be ready to learn.

Tomorrow is the first day of our PARCC dress up days. We will be starting with A New Hope ⇒

Wear Cancer shirts or bright colors

## **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, April 4th. Are you a sensitive person? If you are, you might have your feelings hurt easily when someone does or says something you don't like. Many people are sensitive and part of growing up is showing that you can handle something without getting upset or angry. Instead of getting upset or angry, try doing these things instead: draw a picture about how you feel, write a note to your teacher or parent, or talk to a good friend at lunch or recess. Remember that when someone tries to make you feel bad or sad, they will not win if you choose to talk, write, or draw instead of getting angry or upset.

It is great to see so many students dressed up in bright colors and cancer awareness shirts... It is a New Hope. As you all know, PARCC testing begins tomorrow for our 3rd and 4th grade. As a reminder, please get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, be sure you are on time to school. Our theme this year is Star Wars... Tomorrow, The Empire Strikes Back- Wear your shirt or hat backwards and Make a Great Day!

**Thursday, April 5, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Friday, April 6, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Monday, April 9, 2018**

Shout out to the following students for helping to keep our school beautiful. I understand they picked up trash on Friday morning. Thank you all....

Zaniya M. Talayiah H. George S. Jr. Anthony S.

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

## **Monday, April 16, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, April 16th. "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go." This quote from Dr. Seuss means only you choose your words and actions – you are smart enough to make the right choices. No one can make you do anything negative – only you have that choice. Think before you make a choice and Make a great day!

HAPPY EARTH WEEK! Today is the start of Earth Week here at Belle Valley. We have a lot of fun and exciting activities planned throughout the week. Some of those activities are a Earth Day Poster Contest, The BV Nature Walk, Guest Speakers from the St. Louis ZOO, a STAR PARTY, and a Belle Valley Campus Clean-up! Our planet needs a lot of help. Make sure to do your part this week to take care of our planet! "There is no job too big, there is no action too small, the care of the Earth is a task for us all!"

## **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, April 17. Have you heard the expression "think for yourself?" It means that in any situation, you have a choice – you can make the smart choice and do the right thing or you can make a bad choice and probably hurt yourself or someone else. When you think for yourself and make the good choice, you are going to help yourself and others. Make good choices today and every day and Make a great day!

Happy Earth Week!!! Did you know that the average American creates 4.4 pounds of trash every day? At the end of every year, it is estimated that 254 million tons of trash is created in America alone. In that 254 million tons of trash, 22 billion plastic bottles can be found. If we took all of the office and school paper from a years worth of America's trash, we could build a 12 foot wall from Los Angeles, California to New York, New York. We ALL need to be doing a better job Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling. Belle Valley will be starting a Recycling initiative today! Stay tuned for details. "There is no job too big, there is no action too small, the care of the Earth is a task for us all!"

### **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

Happy Earth Week!!! During lunch today, organic waste will be collected instead of thrown away. Make sure to look for the special compost container in the cafeteria for your orange peels, green beans, and leftover salad. Those items don't need to go to the landfill, they can be recycled and reused as soil in the greenhouse and outdoor gardens. Also, stay on the lookout for your new St. Clair County Recycling Bins in your classroom. Make sure to put all of your paper waste into it! "There is no job too big, there is no action too small, the care of the Earth is a task for us all!"

### **Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, April 19th. Have you heard the expression "think for yourself?" It means that in any situation, you have a choice – you can make the smart choice and do the right thing or you can make a bad choice and probably hurt yourself or someone else. When you think for yourself and make the good choice, you are going to help yourself and others. Make good choices today and every day and make a great day!

Happy Earth Week!!! Did you know 1 million Earths could fit inside the Sun. The Sun contains 99.86% of the mass of the Solar System. The temperature inside the Sun can reach 15 million degrees Celsius. The Sun is the most important star to the Earth, but it isn't the only star in the sky. Trillions of stars surround our planet and only 4 - 10 thousand can be seen at night. We hope everyone has had a chance to get involved in some Earth Week activities. Don't forget, tonight is the STAR PARTY from 8 - 9 pm! Also, tomorrow after school is the Campus Clean-up and posters for the Earth Day Contest are due on Monday, April 23rd! "There is no job too big, there is no action too small, the care of the Earth is a task for us all!"

### **Friday, April 20, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, April 20th. Your challenge today is to be thankful for everything you have – you have success when you work at something that is hard, you have a family that you can help without being asked, you have many things at home and may even have some things you don't need, and you have good friends who respect you and your privacy by not touching you or your things. Be thankful for everything you have and have a great day and weekend!

Happy Earth Week!!! We hope everyone has had a chance to celebrate Earth Week in some way over the last four days. If you haven't, it's NOT too late! The weather is perfect for the Nature

Walk today, you can still complete the Carbon Footprint Survey, and work on finishing and turning in your Earth Day Poster which are due Monday! Tonight after school is the Campus Clean-up. If you turned in your permission slip, report to the cafeteria after school today. This weekend the City of Belleville and St. Louis have a lot of opportunities to get outside and celebrate the Earth! "There is no job too big, there is no action too small, the care of the Earth is a task for us all!"

Today is ACES assembly in Wamser gym. I am very excited to see everyone working together. Congratulations to Mr. Weiler and Ms. Cooper for their guidance and patience with the ACES preparation. Make your teachers proud. Show them how hard you have been working and MAKE A GREAT DAY!

### **Monday, April 23, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, April 23rd. Actions speak louder than words! That means you do not wait for things to happen to you – you do everything you can to make sure things happen the way you want them to. If you are a person of action, you study hard for your tests so that you will pass with flying colors, you do your homework AND put it back in your backpack ready to turn in, or you ask a friend to play instead of waiting to be asked. Be a person of positive action.

Congratulations to all for the amazing ACES performance. Fantastic! I loved it.

### **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, April 24th. Did you know that smiling is contagious? If you have not smiled yet this morning, turn to a friend in your classroom and smile at them. If they smile back at you, then you just "spread" your smile, which makes it contagious! Practice smiling today at everyone you see, especially your teachers, the cafeteria workers, the playground supervisors, the custodians, and if you ride a bus, your bus driver! Start a smile chain by Spreading a smile today.

Congratulations to our TOP Teacher of Pride winners for the month of April.

Mrs. Lana Kunz- Mrs. Kunz always has positive vibes and smiles all the time. Mrs. Kunz is someone you would like to be around. She makes you smile with her contagious smile. Thank you Mrs. Kunz for your positive attitude, smile, and for the love of our children. Please follow in

Mrs. Kunz's footsteps and share a smile today. Especially share your smile with Mrs. Kunz when you see her today. Give her a BIG smile and congratulate her for being the TOP award winner.

Spoon Winners are:

K- Kunz

1st- Roberts

2nd- Gulley

3rd- Carter

4th- Iffert

### **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

### **Thursday, April 26, 2018**

HAPPY ARBOR DAY EVE! "Oh Arbor Tree, Oh Arbor Tree, we love to breathe your oxygen!" Belle Valley is excited to have a special guest here today to help all grade levels plant trees and understand their importance on this planet. Did you know that over 30% of the fresh oxygen in the air comes from trees!?! We look forward to seeing everyone outside!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Earth Day Poster Contest and CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners. Your certificate and prize will be delivered to your homeroom this afternoon!

Kindergarten: Brooklyn S.

1st Grade: Alyssa J.

2nd Grade: Abigail M.

3rd Grade: Jeanna D.

4th Grade: Amna P.

5th Grade: Ja'Nyla S.

6th Grade: Natasha P.

7th Grade: Jordyn P. & Monica S.

8th Grade: Paris K.

### **Friday, April 27, 2018**

HAPPY ARBOR DAY!!!

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, April 27th. Are you a problem-solver?? If you are shaking your head yes, that means you do anything you can to solve a problem before you get upset or angry. Problem-solving can actually be fun when you come up with creative ideas for solving a problem. For example, if you are mad at someone, listening to soft music not only makes you feel better but gives you time to think of a good solution to the problem. Some of your teachers use music to help you think and even relax. Be a creative problem-solver and have a great day.

### **Monday, April 30, 2018**

Do you have BOMBER Spirit? Do you like free PIZZA? Tomorrow is our last Bomber Spirit day! Wear your red, white, black, and BOMBER gear tomorrow, May 1st. The classroom with the most participation is entered into the drawing for the FREE PIZZA party! Let's go Bombers!

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, April 30. Today is the last day of April before we jump into May tomorrow. This does not mean you can stop putting forth effort! Some people use the expression "I'm going to finish with a bang!" and that is exactly what you should do – finish the school year off strong! It will make you feel proud of all of your accomplishments this year. Keep putting forth good effort and have a great day!

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, May 1st. Now is a good time to remember that when you say mean or unkind things to others, that is not playing. Some students say very mean, inappropriate things to others and then say they were just playing or didn't really mean it. That is not true because only you choose the words that come out of your mouth. Think about what you are saying about others because you don't want others to say mean or inappropriate things to you. Be kind in your words and actions and have a great day!

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, May 2nd. "From there to here – from here to there. Funny things are everywhere." This quote from Dr. Seuss reminds us that everywhere we go in life and in everything we do, we need to find the fun. School and work can be hard but it can also be fun! Math can be fun if you're working with a partner and you solve a problem together; reading can be fun when you read to someone else who loves to be read to. Find the fun in everything and have a great day

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Thursday, May 3rd . Last month, we celebrated Earth Day but taking care of our earth does not stop in April. We need to try our best to take care of our earth every day of the year. If you throw away your trash, or even pick up trash that someone else has thrown on the ground, good for you! If you pick up litter in your neighborhood and recycle water bottles and plastic bags, you're doing a great thing for our earth. Celebrate Earth Day every day and have a great day!

**Friday, May 4, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

Good Morning Belle Valley! Today is Monday, May 7. Today we are thankful for so many things. We are thankful for a successful Carnival on Friday, Beautiful weather this past

weekend and WE are especially Thankful for OUR TEACHERS! This being said, this week is Teacher appreciation week. Please take time this week to thank a teacher. Not only this week, but everyday. Our teachers work very hard to help prepare you for life experiences. One of the best ways to thank a teacher is to make great choices, stay out of trouble and make them proud as you move through high school, college, trade school, and you become very successful. You can do it and you can make us all proud!

Not all superheroes have capes, some have Teaching Degrees.” Author Unknown

ALL BOOKS ARE DUE TO THIS LIBRARY THIS THURSDAY!

Good luck to the fourth grade band students as they have their final concert tonight at 7:00 p.m.!

### **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

“The best teachers are those who show you where to look but don’t tell you what to see.”

Great job to the fourth grade band students on a wonderful concert last night. Mrs Haas is very proud of you!

### **Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, May 9th. I know many of you like to read and you might have a favorite author or character, like Junie B. Jones, Henry and Mudge, Encyclopedia Brown, or Curious George. Summer will be here soon so I hope you are thinking about adding reading to your fun list of things to do. Learning over the summer can be fun and will give you a great head start to the new school year. Start making a list of books you want to read this summer!

### **Thursday, May 10, 2018**

All library books are due to the library TODAY!!

Tonight is opening night of the middle school musical Alice in Wonderland Jr! The show starts at 7. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. The concession stand will be open for snacks as well. It will be a great performance, hope to see you there!

### **Friday, May 11, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Friday, May 11th. I hope you've had a great week! Make good choices today and every day by saying and doing kind things to others, find the good in everyone, think about fun books to read this summer, and don't take risks when playing inside and outside. Make a Great Day and Weekend.

The students and directors did a fantastic job last night in their opening night of the school musical , Alice in Wonderland Jr. Congratulations.

You have two more opportunities to see this funtastic performance. Tonight at 7 or the matinee show tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. If you have not seen it, now's your chance!

### **Monday, May 14, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Monday, May 14th. Do you know the difference between good attention and negative attention? If you get good attention, you are probably making very good choices and being kind, successful, friendly, and supportive. If you are getting bad attention, you have made bad choices, were unkind to others, or defiant and disrespectful. What kind of attention do you want to get? Think about this as you start this week. Try your very best to get good attention and Make a great day!

### **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Tuesday, May 15rd. When you think about summer vacation, you think about all the fun things you will do. Maybe it is swimming, riding your bikes, playing a sport, or reading a good book. Now is a great time to realize just how much your teachers have helped you to do some of these fun things, like teaching you good sportsmanship, teaching you how to listen and follow directions, and teaching you how to read. Because of good teachers, you are able to do some of these fun things so take a minute and thank your teachers for everything they've done for you this year.

Today is Field Day!!! YAY! Let's make a Great Field Day. Thank you Mr. Weiler and Ms. Cooper for organizing this wonderful day,. Be sure to follow our great character traits- Responsible, Perseverance, Self-Control, etc. Make a Great day and Have fun. Be sure to thank all the teachers for such a great school year and day.

" A Bee Cause you chose the right thing to to" goes to Marlow O. Marlow enters our building with a smile every morning and greets everyone he sees. Thank you Marlow for leading by example in helping people to Make a Great Day!

### **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

Good morning, BV! Today is Wednesday, May 16th. Your challenge today is to think and wonder. If you think before you do something, chances are you will make the right choice. Thinking before doing is always a great idea. If you wonder about things, that means you are curious. Find something you wonder about – maybe it's how many stars are in the sky, maybe it's how to cook, or maybe it's how to fix something that is broken. If you wonder about these things, you can read about them on the internet or books, or you can ask questions and talk to people who know about these things. This summer, learn more about something you wonder about and have a great day

### **Thursday, May 17, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

### **Friday, May 18, 2018**

No Formal Announcements

**Monday, May 21, 2018**

A great quote from Dr. Seuss is "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." This is your last day of school for the 2017-2018 year. Even though you have a fun summer vacation to look forward to, it's ok to start looking forward to next school year. Children who start school with a great attitude and excitement about the new things they will do and learn will be successful. Have a great summer break and look forward to school in the fall!

Any band student with NYC money needs to bring it to the band room after announcements.

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

Good Morning Belle Valley! Today is Tuesday, May 22nd. Today is the last day of school. Please continue working on the 3 Big Ideas---Be Respectful, Be Responsible and you will be Ready to Learn new things this summer. Those of you who may not be returning next year, I wish you well. Those who will be returning, I look forward to seeing you back in August. Thank you for making this a Great year! Be sure to thank your teachers, custodians, secretaries, cafeteria supervisors, ESP workers, Principals, superintendent for making through another year! We love our Belle Valley family. Make a Great Summer and see you in the fall.