

Thursday, August 15, 2019

Good morning, Belle Valley! Today is Thursday, August 15. Welcome to a brand new school year!! Think of it as the beginning of an adventure. Many opportunities will be offered to you--be ready to take advantage of them. Work hard, have fun, and keep your eyes and ears wide open to all the exciting new adventures and learning opportunities.

Thank you all for coming to Open House last night. It was great to see so many smiling faces. We have a great school and great families!! Make this a great year!!!

Friday, August 16, 2019

Good morning Belle Valley....Today is Friday, August 16. Welcome to the first full day of school. No two people in our school are exactly alike--we are all individuals! Each one of us has some special talents, and we want you to use your talents to make a difference in our school. Don't let others put you down. All of us possess wonderful qualities we may not yet have discovered. Focus on what's great about you, and let someone's negative comment slide off your back.

Monday, August 19, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Monday, August 19th.

Teachers, Please do not post attendance until 9:30. Thank you!

Hard work helps us realize our potential. If we strive for quality, our success will bring us more confidence, and our confidence will bring us more success.

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Tuesday, August 20.

When you write your name on the top of your papers think about how those papers are a reflection of you. What impression do you give others by the way you do that small thing? Always do your best work and leave a great impression.

Teachers, Please do not send the students down to the buses until the number has been called. I know you can see them coming in, but we are calling about 4 buses at a time to quickly get

them loaded and on their way quicker. By sending students out earlier, they must sit on the hot buses longer waiting for the first four buses to be loaded.

Students- Please remember to pick up the trash around your eating area before going out to recess. Let's help our custodial staff in order to make this a great/clean place.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Wednesday August 21.

Promise yourself you'll do quality work. It will become a habit---and we know how hard it is to break a habit! If you form good habits now it will lead to success in school-- and success in other areas of life.

Thursday, August 22, 2019

No Formal Announcements

Friday, August 23, 2019

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Monday, August 26, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Monday August 26, 2019. Being responsible means being accountable-- admitting your mistakes or wrong actions and accepting the consequences for them. It also means doing without being told what you know you should do.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Tuesday August 27.

Think about the woodpecker this morning. How does the woodpecker successfully cut a hole in a tree. By using their head. Think carefully about the consequences before you decide to act. Use your head to achieve success. Just like a woodpecker would.

Girls on the Run starts next week! Any 3rd or 4th grade girl interested please sign up TONIGHT at girlsontherunstlouis.org. Deadline to sign up is 12 noon tomorrow. Please see Mrs Horton or Mrs Augustine with questions.

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is August 28.

Abraham Lincoln said, "You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

Be responsible for your actions today!

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Thursday, August 29

Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher, said, "No one who desires to become good will become good unless he does good things." He advised his followers to ask themselves often: "Did I know that this was the right or wrong thing to do?"

Friday, August 30, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Friday- FriYay, August 30.

We would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Barb, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Neal and Mr. Dave for organizing, picking up and delivering water for us to have yesterday due to the water boil order. We are allowed to drink from the fountains today so the bags have been removed from them. Be sure to extend a thank you to these amazing people when you see them today!

When we do something wrong, we are often quick to think of excuses or quick to blame someone else. "It's not my fault!" is not something a responsible person says.

Pop Award winners for the Month of August are:

Kindergarten: Caleb S.- Caleb has caught on to our kindergarten routines quickly. He works hard and likes to help others. He is always trying his best and having a great time at school!

First Grade: Kylie W. - Kylie is a great school citizen here at Belle Valley. She is always positive, willing to help others, and walks through the classroom door every morning with a smile on her face. Kylie demonstrates good character and sets an excellent example of respect, responsibility, and being ready to learn in first grade. Great job Kylie!!!

Second Grade: Jordyn C. - Jordyn is a great young lady who is friendly and always has a smile on her face! Jordyn demonstrates all the components of PRIDE. Congratulations Jordyn! You are awesome!!!

Third Grade: Penny Pierce always shows respect to peers and teachers. She's responsible for her learning and is always eager to help others. In the morning she helps remind students to make their lunch choice and put their things away. She will gladly work with another student to help them improve in IXL. Penny also sets wonderful examples for others to follow. Thank you Penny for being a person of P.R.I.D.E.

Fourth Grade: Abigail M. - She is always on time, working hard, and helping others. She even laughs at my corny jokes Ms. Witt tells the class. She is awesome!

Elementary Classroom: Omir T! - Omir has done a really great job this school year of being a leader in the classroom! He is always prepared and ready to go when it's time for class. He assists us when we need help and is dependable! I can count on Omir to do the right thing. We're very proud of him!! Way to go Omir!

Monday, September 2, 2019

Labor Day – No School

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley Today is Tuesday, September 3. I hope you all had a great 3 day weekend and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

The best gift we can give others is our good example. When someone mentions a role model, you may think about a parent, teacher, or other adult. But each one of us is a role model for others every day. Try to be a good one. Make a great day!

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Don't be afraid to try new things. We can amaze ourselves when we do something we didn't think we could accomplish. What a great Feeling! Don't sell yourself short; be willing to the risk.

Thursday, September 5, 2019

A hero is simply a person who always tries to do his/her best, even if they make a mistake. Sometimes it takes great courage to admit our mistakes and to say we are sorry. Be a hero today!

Friday, September 6, 2019

Your parents and teachers have taught you what it means to be good, and your conscience leads you in the right direction, but it's up to you to choose to do the right thing. What kind of person will you choose to be?

Monday, September 9, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Monday September 9. Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great American writer and poet, said, "The only way to have a friend is to be a friend!

Let's make this a great day to be a friend!!!

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Friday is PTO hat day! Wear your best hat and bring \$1 to wear your hat all day!

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

If you are lucky, you can have more than one best friend at the same time. Don't be too quick to leave someone out simply because you are with another person. When it comes to friendship, The more the merrier".

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Do you have Bomber Spirit? Spirit Days are back this year!!! Show your Bomber pride and wear red and black or Bomber gear tomorrow for our first SPIRIT DAY! The homeroom with the highest percentage of students showing school spirit will win bragging rights and will be entered into the drawing for the FREE pizza party!

Today is 9-11. I know a lot of you are not familiar with the incident that has brought us to recognize Sept. 11.

Thursday, September 12, 2019

A true friend is someone who makes us happy simply by being in his or her presence. If you have a friend who has a problem, just your being there will be a help. Sometimes we worry too much about not knowing the right thing to say when someone is hurting. Just be there to listen.

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Friday, September 13, 2019

"If you can make me laugh, make me cry, make me mad, and cheer me up... then you are a friend"

Congratulations to Mrs. Lauko's room for having the most participation on Belle Valley Spirit Day!

Monday, September 16, 2019

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Be proud to be an American and be glad that we live in a country where we can make choices and express our opinions. If you see a problem in your community, take action by writing letters to important officials or ask you parents to attend a town meeting. Get involved to make your community the best and safest place to live.

If you see Mr. Musso today, wish him a very Happy Birthday!!! Happy Birthday, Mr. Musso

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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“We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or we will perish together like fools.” ---
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Congratulations to this year’s Ambassadors.

Kaylee M. Gabby E. Maddisyn S. Brandy B. Hayden D. Akayla P. Trevor A.

Jarod R. Aliyah I. Vanessa S. Aunisty S. Xander W. Erica C.

Tessa A. Georgia K. Addie M.

There will be a brief ten minute meeting in Mrs. Iffert’s room immediately after lunch.

Friday, September 20, 2019

Show your school spirit and take an active part in making our school a better place by volunteering your services. If you'd like to join a club or volunteer to be a student

Representative on a building committee, see your teachers, or guidance counselor for suggestions.

Monday, September 23, 2019

Attitude is actually a choice. It is our most important choice because it affects the way we live every single day.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

The race doesn't always go to the strongest or fastest. The one who wins the race is the one who thinks they can."

I would like to address all students about the proper shoes to be worn to school. I have been noticing a lot of students with soccer slides or similar sandal type shoes. P. 42 of the handbook under student dress states: Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Heelys or any shoe with the built-in wheels, flip-flops, or soccer slides are prohibited. Reminder: Tennis shoes must be worn for physical education classes.

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Thursday, September 26, 2019

A positive attitude requires a serious commitment. You can't control everything that happens to you, but you can choose what you feel and do. It is not easy to be positive, but we all like to be with positive people.

Friday, September 27, 2019

Instead of concentrating on what life brings to you, concentrate on the attitude you bring to life.

It is Belle Valley's Fun Fact Friday

Do you know Ms. Sarah Williams? This is her first year at Belleville and she teaches Kindergarten. She has three daughters and loves the color green. Ms. Williams enjoys spending time outside with family, especially in the pool!

Kindergartener Mariah H. is also sharing some fun facts with us on this happy Friday morning! Mariah is a hard worker, a kind friend, and a great listener! She likes to read books, play soccer and watch movies with her family!

Ms. Williams and Mariah H, thanks for sharing your fun facts with us! Listen next friday for some more fun facts about a BV student and teacher!

Monday, September 30, 2019

Life is not always what we expect it to be nor what we want it to be. It doesn't help anything to complain and whine. Life is made better by working hard and reaching out to others for support. It doesn't mean we won't suffer, but we must learn to accept the challenge.

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

A diamond is a chunk of coal made good under pressure.” This unknown author meant that we become stronger when we work through our difficulties, and don’t blame them on something or someone else.

Kindergarten: Lileigh E. is the POP winner for Kindergarten. Lileigh is extremely respectful and helpful to everyone. She always has a smile on her face and very excited to learn. Lileigh follows all of our PBIS rules in the hallways, cafeteria, classroom and playground. Way to go Lileigh you make everyone at Belle Valley proud!

First Grade: Brooklynn B. is an excellent example of a Person of Pride. She is a good listener and works hard in class. She is always paying attention and ready; she's kind and is a good friend to others.

Second Grade: Journi R: It is a delight to have Journi in second grade. She walks into class with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She is a hard worker and doesn’t give up. Journi is kind to others and helpful to her classmates and teacher.

Third Grade: The POP award winner for third grade is Sophia H. Sophia sets an example for kindness every day. She always looks for ways to help her peers and teachers. She puts forth 100% effort on her work at all times. Sophia is respectful, considerate, patient, and caring. I am so lucky to have Sophia in my class and am so proud of the wonderful person that she is!!

Fourth Grade: Madison H. - Madison has demonstrated classroom citizenship in a number of ways. She is always quick to offer to help other students, if papers need to be filed she quickly volunteers, and she is respectful of classroom rules and procedures. Madison is a positive role for her peers. She takes pride in her work. Keep up the good work, Madison!!

Elementary Classroom: This month’s Pop winner is Brielle T. Brielle is always willing to help her friends and teachers out. She works hard in the classroom and does not get frustrated. She completes all of her homework with pride. Brielle has a great personality. She really enjoys school. Congratulations Brielle! Keep up the good work!

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Benjamin Franklin said, “Those things that hurt, instruct.” He meant that we often learn the most valuable lessons of life when we are suffering and working through difficult times. When we overcome an obstacle we gain a tremendous sense of achievement.

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through the experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved”
--Helen Keller

Friday, October 4, 2019

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy” --Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Happy Friday! This week for Belle Valley’s Fun Fact Friday we would like to spotlight Mrs. Kayla Maschoff and Pre-K student Londyn G.

Mrs. Maschoff has been at Belle Valley for 5 years and she is our Speech Pathologist for Early Childhood and First Grade. Some fun facts about Mrs. Maschoff is that she likes to dance, she has an adorable 1 year old daughter named McKinley and she loves to shop.

Pre-k student Londyn G. is a sweet girl and loves to compliment others. She loves her cat Pepper, her favorite food is meatballs, and she loves to spend time with her family and her brother Zylon.

Thanks so much to Mrs. Maschoff and Londyn for sharing your super fun facts with us on this awesome Friday morning! Next Friday we will spotlight another teacher and BV student so be listening...it may just be your day for fun facts!

Monday, October 7, 2019

If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything! Mark Twain

Tell the truth always! The consequences will be less than if you tell an untruth.

Author Jennifer Nielsen is coming to Belle Valley Oct.17th! 3rd and 4th graders who read any Jennifer Nielsen book and pass the AR quiz will win a FREE Jennifer Nielsen book! You can also get it autographed at her book signing on the 17th! You have until the 16th, so get reading!

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Being honest is a struggle every day. It means doing all you work yourself; following rules even if no one is watching; and telling the truth about your age, even if it means paying more for a ticket. Being honest takes effort, but it's always worth it because we can never fool ourselves.

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Have you or one of your friends ever been the victim of a rumor? How did it make you or your friend feel? It's easy to stop a rumor that you hear about someone else- just refuse to pass it on!!

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It is Thursday and because there is no school tomorrow, we are doing fun facts today!

Today's fun facts are brought to you by Ms. Carly Maul and 3rd grade student Layne R.

Ms. Maul is a 3rd grade teacher and this is her 3rd year at Belle Valley. She loves reading and reading to her students. She has a dog named Henry and she is totally scared of birds.

3rd Grade student Layne R. is super awesome at helping others! She likes to ride dirt bikes, and enjoys Math! She has been at BV since Kindergarten.

Thank you so much to Layne and Ms. Maul for sharing your fun facts with us!!! Happy Thursday!

Students that catch the bus by Casey's, you must move your bus line back. I will be placing a line on the road that you must stay behind. Please move back from the road Mascoutah Ave.

Friday, October 11, 2019

Teacher's Institute – No School

Monday, October 14, 2019

Columbus Day – No School

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

It is easy for us to complain about things we do not have. Instead, let's be grateful for our many gifts and be willing to share them with others.

Author Jennifer Nielsen is coming this Thursday! You still have time to pass an AR quiz on one of her books and be rewarded with one of her books for free from the library! We also still have her books available for purchase until Thursday. Only those with her books will get to come to the book signing reception!

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

There are so many reasons to give thanks, Make a list of all of the things and people who make a difference in your life and find a way to show your thanks this week.

Thursday, October 17, 2019

True happiness can only be found when we learn to be content with what we have.

Tomorrow is Hat day---Please Help support our PTO by bringing \$1 to wear your fun hat all day!

Friday, October 18, 2019

Being Grateful will give you a sense of peace and will make others glad to be around you.

Monday, October 21, 2019

If you notice something that needs to be done, take the initiative to do it. Pick up papers from the floor; pass out books; get someone a napkin or something to drink; dry the dishes; put down the cell phone when talking with someone- these are simple acts of kindness that will be appreciated by others.

Hopefully you have been able to go out with your parents to sell the BoBo's items. If you have sold 3 items Wednesday, you will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Please fill out the coupon provided in the packet and send it to the office. We will have our first drawing on Wednesday, October 23. Please continue to sell.

Haunted Hallway is Friday night. Don't forget to send in candy if you are able. Haunted Hallways begins at 6 and ends at 8:30 pm. This is an Indoor trick or treating opportunity. Please come with your parents to this Halloween event.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

William Wordsworth, a famous English poet, said, "the best portion of a good person's life are his little, nameless, unmentioned acts of kindness and love."

Book fair is coming next week! We will have books for every reader, including the new DogMan and Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. Start saving your pennies!

Great job to all of the 4th grade band students on a terrific concert last night! Mrs. Haas is very proud of you!

You packed the house. Wow! Congratulations!!!

A special thanks to everyone who helped make our third annual blood drive a success last night. The blood that we collected has the potential to save 45 lives! Also, thank you to the teachers AND principals who took time out of their busy schedules to donate as well.

Don't forget to send in the coupons for selling 3 items by tomorrow Wednesday, in order to get your name in the drawing for great prizes!!

Keep selling!! We will have more drawings next Wednesday Oct. 30th.

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

The great American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the greatest compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." When we do something for another person it makes us feel good about ourselves.

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Remember Friday night is the Haunted Hallways event. You must have your parents with you throughout the whole evening from 6-8:30 pm. Hot Dogs, Popcorn, water/soda, will be available for purchase. The best meal deal will save you \$1. Bring your parents and enjoy our Haunted Hallways sponsored by the PTO.

Don't forget to turn in your coupons for the drawing this afternoon for prizes. Keep selling. The next drawing will be on Thursday Oct. 30.

Third grade and Kindergarten- Have fun on your out of the building adventures. Be sure you follow Belle Valley school rules and listen to your teachers. Be respectful of all adults. Make Belle Valley proud.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

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Friday, October 25, 2019

Happy Friday!!! It is fun fact day and we are learning more about Mrs. Kathy Childress and Ali G. today! Mrs. Kathy Childress is a 4th grade teacher here at BV and has been here for 3 years. She loves to shop and she lived in England for nearly 4 years. She also has two Yorkies, Sadie and Izzy!

4th Grader Ali G. is kind and a hard worker. She loves art and just became a big sister. She also loves music.

Thanks so much to Mrs. Childress and Ali G. for sharing your fun facts with us.

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Monday, October 28, 2019

People often say they want peace in the world. But they don't take action to bring peace into their daily lives. Peace and a spirit of harmony begin inside each individual.

Red Ribbon Pledge

Respecting myself and being drug free. Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free. Understanding the dangers of drug use and abuse. Respecting myself and being drug free.

Be smart and don't start!

Are you good at finding things? Well, to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, we are hiding 3 Be Drug Free RED ribbons each day this week in the halls. If you find one, ask your teacher for a pass to take the RED ribbon to Mrs. Gulley's classroom to claim your prize. There will be 3 ribbons hidden today through Friday. Good Luck.

The Pride team will be selling Lei's in the lobby all week for .50 cents each. These will be worn on Friday to go with the Say No to Drugs theme. Please get your lei's this week and wear them to school on Friday. See several colors you like, no worries, buy several. Each one is 50 cents. Look for Mrs. Carter in the lobby to purchase your lei tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. Today, millions of people celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, participating in community anti-drug events, and pledging to live drug-free lives. In many communities the celebration has turned into a variety of activities implemented throughout the month of October. These activities are meant to demonstrate the importance of making healthy and smart decisions throughout life so that your dreams and goals can be achieved.

Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for Red Ribbons today. There are 3 Be Drug Free Red Ribbons hidden in the hallways each day this week. When you find a ribbon, ask your teacher for a pass so you can take the ribbon up to Mrs. Eells' classroom so you can claim your prize!!!

Book fair is open through Thursday! Please ask your homeroom teacher when a good time to visit the fair is. You must have money to visit!

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

When we're having a serious disagreement with someone, we sometimes need to get help from others who are not involved in the situation. If you or someone you know is having a problem, remember you can get help by stopping in the social workers office, using peer mediation, or seeing one of your teachers or administrators.

Here is Gabbie P. with a Red Ribbon Week poem.

I pledge to stay in school and learn the things that I need to know.

I pledge to make the world a better place for kids like me to grow.

I pledge to keep my dreams alive and be all that I can be.

I pledge to help others and to keep myself drug free.

Have you found a red ribbon yet? There's still time. There are 3 Be Drug Free red ribbons hidden each day this week. If you find one, ask your teacher for a pass so you can take your ribbon up to Mrs. Eells' classroom to claim your prize!!

The Belle Valley PRIDE Team is inviting all Belle Valley students to help recognize Veterans Day 2019 by participating in a Poem and Poster Contest! Winners from elementary and middle school will present their poems/posters at the Veterans Day Assembly! (11/8/19)

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MAKE A GREAT DAY!

Thursday, October 31, 2019

"If we were supposed to talk more than we listen, we would have two mouths and one ear." Mark Twain

The book fair closes at NOON today! Make sure you've made your purchases!

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Friday, November 1, 2019

Mother Theresa lived as a peacemaker. She said, "When we say no to violence, we always imagine a weapon. However, to me, violence is caused by our attitude. For example, telling someone that they are good for nothing... If you and I will make that strong resolution to say "no" to violence and "yes" to peace by our kindness, by our attitude towards each other...it would help more than anything!"

Kindergarten: It is my pleasure to be able to announce Corbyn B. as Mrs. Kunz's Class Person of Pride! Corbyn should be proud of his self-motivation. Corbyn shows responsibility in the classroom by always being respectful and ready to learn! Corbyn is so helpful to all and is friendly to everyone. That is why everyone immensely likes Corbyn! He is an honest team player who is a positive role model. Corbyn is determined to make the best choices. He is always enthusiastic and participates in all activities with a smile! We are so proud to have Corbyn as our "POP" star!

First Grade: Maicy S: Maicy is a caring, honest, and respectful student. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face and a positive mindset. Anytime a student in our class needs help, she is the first person to help them out. Maicy works hard at everything she does and does not give up. She is a friend to everyone in the class. When another student has no one to play with, she chooses to include them just to make them happy. Maicy is an excellent student and Belle Valley is proud to have her in our school.

Second Grade: My POP winner is Chris H. Chris puts forth a huge amount of effort in every, single thing that he does. He returns all his homework and even asks for more work so that he's challenged. He practices his math facts at home so that he can get them in all in less than a minute! He looks up extra facts to share with all of us. He is always respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. Chris is a great helper to everyone in the classroom and we are very proud of our friend!!

Third Grade: Sophia T: Sophia is a wonderful addition to our classroom. She is always positive and up for anything. She works well with others and always tries her best! Sophia is a great friend to have.

Fourth Grade: Jade H. is our POP winner. Jade consistently helps classmates with mathematics. Jade is a hard worker, and she always goes above and beyond even doing extra work at home!

Elementary Classroom: Mrs. Gallo would like to announce Chloe W. as POP winner for October. Chloe is a great teacher helper in the classroom. She always does her homework and participates in class. Chloe tries her hardest at EVERYTHING she does. She has many friends at school. Chloe is a JOY to have in class.

It's Fun Fact Friday!!!!

Today we are learning facts about Miss Roberts and Aiden P.

Miss Roberts loves to travel. This past summer she went to Mexico, Belize, Florida, Tennessee, and down to the Ozarks. Next summer she plans to travel to even more places.

During her free time, she likes to play volleyball and softball. She also likes attending Cardinal games and Blues games. Also, she wants to adopt a puppy. She has been to many animal adoption clinics and is searching for the perfect fit puppy for her.

This is Aiden's first year at Belle Valley. Aiden works really hard on all his work and is very polite. At home, he loves to watch Blaze and the Monster Machine and play tag with his cousin. Last night, Aiden dressed up as Captain America and went trick or treating and got lots of candy. Today is a great day to celebrate Aiden because today is his birthday!

Thank you for sharing your fun facts with us Miss Roberts and Happy 6th birthday to Aiden P!

Monday, November 4, 2019

Always send a thank-you note or card when someone has given you a gift or done something especially thoughtful for you. These are always appreciated. If you owe someone a thank-you note, why not send it today?

ATTENTION: K – 8 Grade Students!!!

The Belle Valley PRIDE Team is inviting all Belle Valley students to help recognize Veterans Day 2019 by participating in a Poem and Poster Contest! Winners from elementary and middle school will present their poems/posters at the Veterans Day Assembly! All entrees are due tomorrow, Tues. Nov. 5, to the school office by the end of the day.

Tomorrow is the turn in day for the fundraiser. It is also the last drawing for great prizes and money. Be sure to turn in you fundraiser tomorrow (Tuesday)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Everyone likes to be spoken to politely. George Bernard Shaw, the famous playwright, said, "without good manners human society becomes intolerable and impossible." Try to speak courteously to everyone, especially to people you don't know.

Do you love PE class?! Well now you have a chance to enjoy more fun PE games, activities, and much, much more with your family next Wednesday, November 13th from 6-8pm as your PE teachers host our first Belle Valley Family Fitness Night. Come join us for a free and fun filled evening as we celebrate fitness, health, and overall wellbeing with games, food, and prizes. Come ready to play your favorite PE games as well as fun activities being run by outside companies from our community like Skyzone, Funspot, The Edge, YMCA, St. Clair Bowling, The Rec, Crossfit, World Class Gymnastics just to name a few! We hope to see you and your whole family there as we stay active, happy, and healthy!

PRIDE Veterans Day Poem and Poster Contest Entrees are due to the office today by the end of the school day. Thank you for all the time and effort you put into creating poems and posters to honor US Military Veterans. We are excited to select our winners and have you present your poems and posters at the Veterans Day Assembly this Friday!

There is a huge pile of coats in the lost and found in the cafeteria. Please claim your items before they're donated! Teachers, if you have a few moments, please walk by the lost and found with your class to see the huge pile. Thank you.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Do you love PE class?! Well now you have a chance to enjoy more fun PE games, activities, and much, much more with your family next Wednesday, November 13th from 6-8pm as your PE teachers host our first Belle Valley Family Fitness Night. Come join us for a free and fun filled evening as we celebrate fitness, health, and overall well being with games, food, and prizes. Come ready to play your favorite PE games as well as fun activities that are being run by outside companies from our community like: Skyzone, Funspot, The Edge, YMCA, St. Clair Bowling, The Rec, Crossfit, World Class Gymnastics just to name a few! We hope to see you and your whole family there as we stay active, happy, and healthy!

Thursday, November 7, 2019

When you are entering a building or a room, hold the door open for the person directly behind you. Good manners are infectious, and you'll influence others to be courteous.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who turned in an entry for our Veterans Day contest!!! Winners please Bring your poem to school on Friday to read at the assembly. Poster winners will be displayed.

Poem & Poster Winners

Elementary:

Poem - Brielle B. (4th)

Poem - Lyric J. (4th)

Poster - A'Niyah C. (2nd)

Poster - Alijah S. (3rd)

Middle School:

Poem - Carter L. (8th)

Poster - Kahleah W. (7th)

Poster - Lorelei W. (5th)

Poster - Camren S. (8th)

We will be calling the students to the office to claim their prizes at the end of the day today...Approximately 2:30.

Friday, November 8, 2019

“Nothing is more reasonable and cheap than good manners!”

Shout out to Darianna M! Ms. Barker would like to thank Darianna for assisting in the concession stand at the Basketball game. Darianna, please come to the office for a special treat!! Darianna definitely deserves kindness cash!!

It's time for Fun Fact Friday!!!

Today we are learning about Mrs. Horton and Kyleigh G.

Mrs. Horton has been at BV for 31 years!! She teaches 2nd grade. She has sailed through a corner of the Bermuda Triangle! She loves planning parties and events and ran her first marathon at the age of 53! Awesome facts Mrs. Horton!!

Kyleigh G is in Second grade. Her favorite fruit is apples. Her favorite subject is Math and she loves McDonald's for lunch!

Thank you to Mrs. Horton and Kyleigh G. for sharing your fun facts with us today!

Today we will be honoring our Veterans. Please show our Veterans and visitors great respect by demonstrating good manners! Please, thank you and kind words should be heard throughout the building,

Attention readers for today's assembly. The shirts will be being delivered this morning and will be given to you as soon as they come in. Thank you

Monday, November 11, 2019

Veteran's Day – No School

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Inclement Weather – No School

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley, Today is Wednesday, November 13th.

"There are three ways to ultimate success:

The first way is to be kind.

The second way is to be kind.

The third way is to be kind."

Look around ladies and gentlemen...Notice all the cardigans (sweaters). We are inspiring World Kindness day today in honor of Mr. Rogers.

Early release day. Hopefully you have reminded your parents or caregiver that we are out early. We will most likely be indoors at recess. Practice Pbis indoor rules.

It's time to show your BOMBER SPIRIT! Wear your Bomber gear and colors tomorrow, Thursday, November 14th. The class with the MOST participation wins bragging rights and an entry into the raffle for the FREE pizza party.

Thursday, November 14, 2019

There are so many reasons to give thanks. Make a list of all of the things and people who make a difference in your life and find a way to show your thanks this week.

Bookplates are in! Those of you who purchased a Jennifer Neilsen book from the book fair, may come up to the Library after announcements to get your signed bookplate for your book!

Our first Belle Valley family fitness night was a blast. Thank you to everyone that came out to partake in the fun, fitness, and healthy activities. Your PE teachers are proud of all of our happy and healthy students. A big thank you goes out to the teachers that helped run the event. Congratulations to the many winners of attendance prizes, especially Penny P. who won the grand prize of a birthday party at world class gymnastics, a certificate valued at \$170! Stay active, happy, and healthy my friends.

Friday, November 15, 2019

Being Grateful will give you a sense of peace and will make others glad to be around you.

It's FUN FACT FRIDAY!

Today we are learning fun facts about Ms. Emily Chappel and MiKenlee B.

This is Ms. Chappel's first year at BV. She teaches Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd individualized education. She has 3 cats and lives in Alton, IL. Her favorite restaurant is Chipotle.

MiKenlee is a 1st grader here at BV. She works very hard and is an independent worker. She is very helpful and kind to her friends. She always has a smile on her face.

Thanks so much to Ms. Emily Chappel and Mikenlee for sharing your fun facts with us today!

Monday, November 18, 2019

The only real preparation for tomorrow is what we do today, so let's not waste our chances by always wishing for tomorrow.

This Wednesday is Picture Retakes. If you would like your picture retaken, please bring your original picture package with you to the photographer that day when called. If you haven't had your picture taken at all, please come to the office for a picture order form.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

There is an old English proverb: "One of these days is none of these days." Don't put off until tomorrow something you should do today.

Tomorrow is Picture Retakes. If you would like your picture retaken, please bring your original picture package with you to the photographer in the Fitness Room when called. If you haven't had your picture taken at all and are NOT on the No Photo List, please come to the office for a picture order form and make sure you include payment with your order if taking pictures for the first time tomorrow.

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare. In this Aesop fable we are reminded that, "Slow and steady wins the race,"

Today is Picture Retakes in the Fitness Room. If you would like your picture retaken, please bring your original picture package with you to the photographer when called. If you haven't had your picture taken at all, and are NOT on the No Photo List, please give your picture order form with payment to the photographer when you have your picture taken. Also, teachers please refer to your list for students who need their picture taken for the yearbook, everyone not on the No Photo List must have their picture taken for the yearbook including staff members. Thank you.

Congratulations to Ms. Drone's class for winning the School Spirit award. Their class will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

It's the Most Wonderful Season of All! Time to turn your favorite teacher into a Living Christmas tree!

On Monday when we come back from break, December 2nd, we will begin our Annual Collection for Siteman Cancer Center. The grade level to raise the most money gets Picker's Rights to select three teachers to be transformed into a beautiful human Christmas Tree. Students will be chosen to do the decorating. The collecting of spare change will begin Monday December 2nd from 8-8:30 in the lobby by the Elementary Gym Doors. Bring in your change to donate to a great cause!

Friday, November 22, 2019

In Poor Richard's almanack, Benjamin Franklin wrote: "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander Time: for that's the Stuff Life is made of." In other words, Do you love life? Do not waste time. That is what life is made of...Time. Use your time wisely. Enjoy life by making great choices. Do not waste time on disrupting others. We are here to learn. Listen to your teachers and you will have more time to do more fun stuff. Happy Friday!!!

It is another beautiful day for Fun Fact Friday and today's Fun Fact Friends are Mrs. Sharon Bennett and 2nd Grader Angela Kuc (Kootz)

Mrs. Sharon Bennett is in her 2nd year at Belle Valley and is the K-4 grade general music teacher and middle school chorus director. She has two big dogs at home names Jolene and Coco. Her favorite color is Lime Green and she lives in St. Louis.

Angela K. is a 2nd grader in Ms. Arnold's class. She loves colors and drawing. She has 2 dogs also, a husky and a chow chow. She recently moved here from Chicago.

Thank you so much Mrs. Bennett and Angela K. for sharing your fun facts with us on this awesome Friday morning! Stay tuned for more Fun Facts in the weeks to come.

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3rd and 4th grade Teachers: Please send all students that made their AR goal last quarter to the Library after announcements for their AR reward.

Kindergarten: Kynzho M. is the POP winner for Kindergarten. Kynzho always sets a great example with both behavior and working hard in the classroom. He always tries his best and is quick to help others. Kynzho has great manners and has been a true friend to his classmates. Great job, Kynzho! You make us proud!!

First Grade: KeMoni F. is a hard worker and a very sweet friend. She is always going above and beyond to help her teacher and her classmates. She works hard on her academic work and asks questions if she does not understand something. She participates in everything we do with a good attitude and a smile on her face. KeMoni is a wonderful student and a terrific role model for other first grade students.

Second Grade: It is my pleasure to announce Abigail O. as the second grade POP winner. Abigail has a great attitude about everything. She is willing to help her classmates. She is kind and respectful. She always has her assignments completed. She is a joy to have in the classroom! Congratulations Abigail!

Third Grade: Kiy'Lah C. is the perfect example of a fantastic third grade student. She is kind and caring and always willing to help! Kiy'Lah tries her best in reading, writing, math, and science. She is enthusiastic when answering questions and puts a smile on my face every day!

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Iffert's Fourth grader Kaleb K: Kaleb is a fun, friendly, and kind boy. Kaleb works very hard at staying on top of his grades and his homework. Kaleb loves to make people laugh. He claims to hate reading even though he is super good at it. He is also a math whiz! Kaleb deserves every bit of this award and am so proud to be his teacher!

Elementary Classroom: Seeley R: Seeley is a very bright student. He always tries his best at his work and really cares about doing well. Seeley is working on using tools to help him attain his goals. Seeley also does a good job about helping others and keeping others on task. He tries to help others make sure they are choosing the right choice as well. We are very proud of Seeley!

We will not have school for a full week. Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful you are a part of the Belle Valley Family. Enjoy your break with your own families! We will see everyone back in school on December 2nd.

Monday, November 25, 2019

Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-7:30 – No Student Attendance

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Teacher's Institute – No School

November 27-November 29

Thanksgiving Break – No School

Monday, December 2, 2019

The fourth grade will have their math contest today. If you have been selected to participate in this math contest, please meet in the library at 2:45 today. Good luck to all the participants!

Congratulations to the following students who have won a cool math game! These students put their name in a drawing during parent conferences and have won a math game to take home and play with their family. And the winners are: Mason S. in Mrs. Zeiter's class, Evan M. in Ms. Argo's class, Emmalin S. in Mrs. Ackerman's class, and Brian J. in Mr. Gleadle's class. These students should come to the office after the announcements to pick up their prize!

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

No one enjoys being around complainers! If you choose to be cheerful, others will be driven to you because of your positive attitude. Try to see the glass half full instead of half empty!

Would you love to see your teacher dressed up like a Christmas tree? Wouldn't Mr. Forness look fantastic wrapped in wrapping paper, decorated with tinsel, and topped with a huge red bow? You can make that happen! It is that time again for the Siteman Cancer Fundraiser and the class who collects the most money gets to choose teachers to be turned into a human Christmas tree. Dig through your couch cushions and find that spare change to donate to a great cause! Ms. Ferguson will be in the hallway by first grade collecting the change by grade level and she would love to see your smiling faces as you donate your change to Siteman. Bring in your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and put them in the milk jugs marked with your grade level!

There are a few students who need to come Thursday evening between 5:30 and 7 to pick up their fundraising items. Please come to the office for a note to remind your parents.

Thank you everyone for coming to pick up your items last week. We really appreciate all you do for Belle Valley. YOU are awesome!!!

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

The grass only seems greener on the other side. Contentment isn't getting what we want but being satisfied with what we have. Be grateful for all your gifts. We often wish we had more things or something bigger. Be Happy with your special talents and gifts. You are healthy and very much loved here at Belle Valley.

Wouldn't Ms. Barker look fantastic wrapped in wrapping paper, decorated with tinsel, and topped with a huge red bow? You can make that happen! The Siteman Cancer Fundraiser is under way and the class who collects the most money gets to choose teachers to be turned into a human Christmas tree. Dig through your couch cushions and find that spare change to donate to a great cause! Ms. Ferguson will be in the hallway by first grade collecting the change by grade level and she would love to see your smiling faces as you donate your change to Siteman. Bring in your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and put them in the milk jugs marked with your grade level!

Thursday, December 5, 2019

People who are content learn to spend quiet time by themselves. It is a great stress reliever to reflect upon your actions and think about important decisions.

Did you know you have the power to choose a teacher to be turned into a human Christmas tree at the Holiday Assembly? Start bringing in your loose change and fill up your grade levels' jug in the morning. The grade level that raises the most money will get to choose several teachers to be turned into human Christmas Trees!

Some of our Belle Valley third graders recently participated in their first ICTM math contest for the year. First place in the individual contest went to Kaeleb H, Hannah S, Emmalie S, and Carson W. In second place were Kylen C, Vera J, Harper K, and Penny P. The team who placed first in the team competition was Harper K, Emmalie S, Sophia H, and Emmalin S. Second place went to Carson W, Myah A, Kylen C, and Alijah S. Congratulations third graders, and good job!

Today is Part 2 of the 4th grade math contest. Those participating should come to the library at 2:45.

Friday, December 6, 2019

When the door of happiness closes another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.

You have the power to help doctors fight to find a cure for cancer and at the same time turn one of your teachers into a human Christmas Tree! By bringing in spare change and donating to Siteman Cancer Center, you are making a difference in the lives of many people that are fighting cancer and waiting and hoping for a cure to be found. Ms. Ferguson has all of the milk jugs set up by the gym close to the first grade hallway and she would love to see your smiling

faces as you donate for a terrific cause. Who knows? If your grade level wins the contest, you could pick Mrs. Childress, Miss Rongey, or even Ms. Roberts to be turned into a human Christmas tree! The donations will continue to be collected all next week also so bring in those nickels, dimes, quarters or pennies.

It is fun Fact Friday!!! Today we are learning about Mrs. Olivia Ford and Donnie E.

Mrs. Ford is in her first year at Belle Valley. She teaches early childhood. She married her high school sweetheart and they are going on ten years of being together. She is completely obsessed with her kitty cat Jameson and Mrs. Ford found a new passion for Special Education and she is grateful to be a part of the Belle Valley Family!

Donnie E. is in early childhood. He is a great friend to others. Donnie loves to wear sunglasses and watches to school. He also likes to make friends and teachers laugh. He always tries his best during learning activities and art projects.

Thank you to Mrs. Ford and Donnie E. for sharing your fun facts with us today! Happy Friday!

Some of our top fourth grade math students competed in the ICTM math contest, and here are the results. In first place is Jade H, with a perfect 8/8 score! In second place is Mason M. Third place was a tie between Ahmylah J, Rylan G, George S. Jr., and Kaleb K. In the team competition, the first place team was Xander W, Rylan G, Addie M, Madison H, and Tessa A. Awesome work, fourth graders!

Monday, December 9, 2019

Excellence takes practice. Arthur Rubinstein once said the following about practicing his music:

"If I miss one day, I notice it.

If I miss two days, my friends notice it.

If I miss three days, the public notices it."

Speaking of music and the public, Tonight is the Christmas program. Please be on time and ready to perform. K-2 grade will start at 5:30. 3rd and 4th grade will begin at 6:30

Come tonight in your festive outfits. I always look forward to seeing everyone with smiles on their faces and beautiful music from the heart. Make your parents proud and practice PBIS assembly rules and be respectful to your classmates as well. Come and enjoy the evening!!

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Going into our second week:

K--\$49.81

2--\$40.26 and two Halloween erasers

3--\$30.61

4--\$21.74

1--\$20.87

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Before you hand in any assignment, ask yourself if you have given it your best effort.

Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful program last night. I appreciate and want to personally congratulate Mrs. Bennett for putting together the program to showcase all the wonderful talents. Thank you, teachers, for supporting your students and participating in the program. Your presence was an excellent way to show your love and care for Belle Valley students. I saw beautiful young ladies and handsome young gentlemen coming in with smiles and leaving with that same smile and excitement. What a fantastic evening.

Again, thank you all!!

Have you been bringing in your spare change? If you haven't there is still time to bring that in. Ms. Ferguson will be collecting all week and part of next week so check those couch cushions and the floor of your car and donate your spare change to Siteman cancer research. You could end up being the one who gets to wrap your teacher up like a Human Christmas Tree!!

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is, then, not an act, but a habit!” - Aristotle

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Don't forget to drop off your A and B papers in the office. Drawing will be on Friday, December 20th during the assembly that starts at 10:00.

This Thursday, 12/12 is our next SPIRIT DAY!

Remember if your class wins, you get your picture hung on the bulletin board and a chance to WIN a class pizza party! Good Luck!

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Good Morning Belle Valley Today is Thursday, December 12th. Happy Spirit Day!!

Getting rid of old habits and forming new ones is a slow and difficult process. Striving for excellence means we have to take our time. If we are patient and keep working at it, we'll eventually achieve success.

Please send all Bus D 32 students who rode the bus home yesterday to the office.

Friday, December 13, 2019

Vince Lombardi, the great football coach, said, “We must pay a price for success. It's like anything worthwhile. It has a price. You have to pay the price to win and you have to pay the price to get to the point where success is possible. Most important, you must pay the price to stay there. Success is not a ‘sometimes thing. In other words, you don't do what is right “once in a while”, but all the time. Success is a habit. Winning is a habit.”

Belle Valley students you have been doing a fantastic job of bringing in spare change to raise money for the Siteman Fundraiser. So far here are the results...

4th grade--\$84.93

2nd grade--\$76.11

K--\$67.33

1st grade--\$41.05

3rd grade--\$38.02

Wouldn't you love to see your teacher dressed up like a human Christmas tree??? Bring in that spare change. We are collecting until Thursday next week!!!

It is Fun Fact Friday!!!!!!

Today we will be learning more fun facts about Mrs. Lori Zeiter and Kindergartener Maya D!

Mrs. Zeiter has been at Belle Valley for a whopping 34 years!!!! She teaches Kindergarten! She loves volleyball and really enjoys playing and winning against Miss Roberts and Mrs. Freimuth's team over the summer! She collects Mickey Mouse things and Family and Friends are very important to her!

Maya D. is in Kindergarten here at Belle Valley. Maya always has a positive attitude. She smiles all the time and has a twin! She also loves to color!

Thank you so much Mrs. Zeiter and Maya D. for sharing your fun facts with us!!! Happy Friday to all!!

Shout out to Jarred F, Kimya M, and George S. They helped to carry a lot of items this morning

Kindness Kash winners- Please send the following student to the office, Cassie B.

Monday, December 16, 2019

Inclement weather – No School

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Inclement weather – No School

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Welcome Back after a long snowy weekend. Today is Wednesday December 18th.

Courage requires us to speak out if we see something that we know is wrong. If we remain silent about it, people may think we agree with the wrongdoing.

Tomorrow is the last day to donate to the Siteman Cancer Fundraiser! Grab those last few coins and put them in the jug of your choice!

4--\$115.47

K--\$88.58

2--\$81.04

1--\$55.93

3--\$38.62

Tons of quarters brought in Friday by K and 4...K brought in \$21.25 and 4 brought in \$22.25 plus \$8.29 more. Total brought in by all grades on Friday...\$72.20! Fantastic!

We are now at a grand total of \$379.64. Fourth is ahead by \$26.89

Don't stop now, You could see your teacher dressed up like a Christmas tree! O what fun!! Friday is our assembly where we will announce the totals and do the decorating!!! Get excited!!!

Don't forget to bring your A and B papers to the office.

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Many times we forget to rely on our own common sense. Common sense is the ability to think before you act. If your common sense tells you something might not be a good choice. Don't let someone convince you otherwise.

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

Friday, December 20, 2019

"Whoever is happy will make others happy too. He who has courage and faith will never live in misery."

Enjoy your day! Let's make great choices and have the courage to tell someone they are not doing the right thing. Let's make this a great, fun day and enjoy all the fun. Reminder, the assembly starts at 10:00. We also have an early release day at 1:45. Merry Christmas to everyone. Be Safe and we will see everyone back here on January 6, 2020....

Kindergarten: My POP winner is Kaylee H! Kaylee is a kind friend that is always volunteering to help friends any way she can. Kaylee likes to help keep our room clean and organized without being asked. When you see Kaylee walking in the hall or lining up in the classroom she is always standing peacefully. Kaylee makes good choices and is such a pleasure to have in class! Great Job Kaylee!

First Grade: Mr. Hinnen's pop winner is Brianna J. Briana is everything you would want from a POP winner. She is smart, talented and helpful. She is always willing to go the extra mile and is a great role model for other students in class. Keep up the great work Brianna!

Second Grade: Team Horton would like to nominate Kyleigh G. as our November POP winner! Kyleigh has a sweet, quiet way about her, but she is ready to help anyone who needs it. Her smile lights up the room! Kyleigh tries her very best to do the right thing in the classroom, on the playground, in the hall, and on the bus. We are proud of you, Kyleigh!

Third Grade: CaMonte D. is 3rd grade's choice for this month's P.O.P. award winner. CaMonte is such a hard worker whom always takes pride in his work. He looks out for his friends and is very helpful. He sets good examples for others and meets expectations in and out of the classroom. It's always nice to see his smiling face. Thank you CaMonte for all your hard work and support to your friends.

Fourth Grade: The 4th grade POP winner is Malakai P. Malakai is a very polite young man and treats everyone with respect. In class, Malakai volunteers and always puts forth his best effort. He is involved in 4th grade band and he enjoys playing the trumpet. He has many other interests, some of which he is yet to explore, including, karate, making items focusing on science and he wants to learn coding so he can develop video games. He has also developed an interest in Greek Mythology and enjoys telling the class new facts he has learned about the Greek Gods and Goddesses. Congratulations Malakai.

Elementary Classroom: Ava G! We are so proud of Ava! She has grown so much over the past year and has really taken a leadership role in the classroom. Ava works hard in the classroom and enjoys sharing her creative ideas and knowledge with the class. She strives to do the right thing and always comes in with a smile, greeting her peers and teachers alike. Way to go, Ava!

December 23 – December 31, 2019

Holiday Break – No School

Monday, January 6, 2020

Happy New Year 2020!!! Today is Monday, January 6. Welcome back!! I hope everyone is rested and ready to start 2020 with kindness, caring, hard work and most of all love towards each other. "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born" Make this a new year resolution... Meet and make new friends, but keep the old too!

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Hubert Humphrey, a former U.S. Senator who ran for the presidency, said, "The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love." If you are having a hard time, turn to a friend for some healing power.

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

It is important to make new friends, for friends are the treasures of life. However, there is nothing quite like getting together with an old friend who knows you well. Is there an old friend you need to contact? Do it today. This goes back to our Monday morning announcement about Make new friends but keep the old!!

Today is an early release day at 1:45. I hope you have reminded your parents about this early release. Mr. Sawyer has sent out a reminder as well. Remember Kindergarten and 1st graders...DO NOT GET OFF THE BUS UNTIL YOU SEE YOUR PARENT AT THE STOP. THIS IS A BIG SAFETY CONCERN!! THE BUS DRIVER WILL BRING YOU BACK TO SCHOOL AND YOUR PARENT WILL BE CALLED TO PICK YOU UP AT ESP. PLEASE BE SAFE!!!

Thursday, January 9, 2020

George Washington reminded us of the importance of choosing friends carefully when he said, "It is better to be alone Than to be in bad company."

You will often be judged by the friends you keep so learn about the character of a person before you make him or her a friend.

Please wish Mr. Gale a happy birthday when you see him today.

Friday, January 10, 2019

Robert Louis Stevenson was a Scottish poet and novelist who became one of the world's greatest writers. He wrote of the true value of friendship: "A friend is a gift you give yourself."

Happy Student Appreciation Day and PBIS reward day. I am proud of all the students who practice the PBIS on a daily basis and have earned the reward party today. You will have fun! Continue practicing your PBIS today with the Jump units and always!! It is a rainy day and we will be inside for recess. This is the best time to show what your teachers have been talking to you about. Make great choices.

Monday, January 13, 2020

Being successful in life requires a plan. Some modern authors refer to it as a vision. It's what gives your life meaning. What is your plan for the future?

Due to the snow day on Monday, December 16th, the Coach Limo Party Bus to the Edge has been rescheduled for this Friday, January 17, 2020. If you were one of the winners, please give your permission slip to your teacher. Thank you.

PTO Hat Day is this Friday.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

PTO Hat Day is this Friday.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

We know it's impossible to accomplish everything most of us would like to do in our lives, so we need to set priorities. What are the most important things to you? Make a list in order of importance. Start with a list of priorities that you need to accomplish in one day. You may be surprised at how this will keep you focused on your long-term goals. Sometimes you need to make an adjustment and revise your goals. Don't let that discourage you from working toward your dreams.

Reminder - Friday is Hat day. Please bring \$1 and wear your hat. Support our PTO.

Reward - \$50 Cash Lost Cell phone Wed., Jan. 8, 2020 in the small gym. If you know or have found a cell phone in the small gym, please see me. Thank you!

Thursday, January 16, 2020

An old Chinese proverb states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Even a small step in the right direction is progress toward your goal.

Reminder - Tomorrow is Hat day. Please bring \$1 and wear your hat. The classroom that has the most hats will win a class pizza party. Thanks to PapaJohns and our PTO. Don't forget your hat!

Friday, January 17, 2020

Inclement Weather - No School

Monday, January 20, 2020

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Today is Tuesday, January 21. Welcome back from a long, extended holiday.

Hat day is rescheduled for Friday, January 17. Please bring a \$1 and wear your hat all day. The classroom that brings in the most money will win a class pizza party.

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

"Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it."

Friday is PTO hat day. Please bring \$1 and wear your best hat. I love seeing all the hats on that day because I know you are supporting our PTO. The money raised helps cut the cost of buses for field trips, the carnival, Santa's visit, and more. Please support the PTO and be the class that brings in the most money to win a class pizza party.

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Teachers please do not post attendance until 9. We have several late buses.

The greatest satisfaction in life comes when we know we have worked hard and lived up to our personal responsibilities. Your responsibility now is to get the best education you can. This means listening to your teachers, completing work on time, make good choices. study hard and do your very best in all that you do.

3rd and 4th grade teachers: Please send the students to the library who have made their AR goal last quarter for their AR reward.

Friday, January 24, 2019

3rd and 4th grade teachers: Please send any students who made their AR goal last quarter down to the Library after announcements for their AR reward.

Monday, January 27, 2020

“Forgive and forget”

Once we have forgiven someone for a mistake, we should not keep reminding the person of that mistake.

“Forgive and forget”

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

No Announcements

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Teachers, please do not post attendance until 9.

An ancient Indian holy man wrote- “There is no shark like hatred!” Don’t hold grudges!!

I am getting a lot of write ups of students not following PBIS rules. This is a reminder again...I will be pulling bus tapes throughout the week. You will not know what day I will have these pulled. If I find you are following the rules put into place, there will be consequences given. You should be seated in your seat at all times, voice level of no higher than 2, feet out of the aisle, hands and feet to yourself and do not poke holes, or write on the seats. Pencils and pens should be kept in the back packs. Kindergarten in front then first, second third and fourth to the back. (unless I have assigned you a spot in the front of the bus.) This is a safety concern for you and others, Be considerate of the driver! We are better than what I am hearing from the bus company!

If you see Dr. Leib in the office, please wish her a Very Happy Birthday.

Thursday, January 30, 2020

No Formal Announcements

Friday, January 31, 2019

Only when you can forgive others and yourself will you really be at peace and feel deeply happy.

Kindergarten: I am extremely pleased to announce Bailey O. as Kindergarten's January Person of Pride. Bailey is a very hard-working young lady. She is always trying to perform her best and continuously shows genuine concern for others to succeed as well. On a daily basis, Bailey can be found helping with chairs, cleaning up, and assisting others as needed. She is a good friend and tries very hard to make good choices in Mrs. Zeiter's classroom. Keep up the great work Bailey!

First Grade: I would like to nominate Isabel O. She has improved so much since the beginning of the year. She works hard on all her class work and is always willing to help others. She is very dependable and is always kind to others. Keep up the great work Isabel!

Second Grade: Blake T. is a great young man who is friendly and always has a smile on his face! Blake demonstrates all the components of PRIDE. Congratulations Blake! You are awesome!!!

Third Grade: Dax E.- Dax is a fantastic student, he works hard and earns great grades. Dax is always helping others, and nobody has a bad word to say about him! I am very fortunate to have Dax in my class this year!

Fourth Grade: I choose Connor M. as the Pop Student. He is always helping and encouraging others. He is positive and always has a smile on his face.

Elementary Classroom: This month's pop winner is Jayden N. Jayden is always willing to help other with a smile on his face. He works hard in the classroom. He completes all of his work with pride. Jayden has a great personality. He really enjoys school. Congratulation Jayden! Keep up the good work.

It's also Fun Fact Friday and we will be learning fun facts about Ms. Arnold and 2nd Grader Angela K.

Ms. Arnold has been a teacher at Belle Valley for 17 years. She teaches 2nd grade. Ms. Arnold was student at Belle Valley from Kindergarten to 8th grade and student taught with her 1st grade teacher and worked in ESP.

Her first classroom as a teacher was her 2nd grade classroom when she was a student.

She also loves smiley faces!

2nd grader Angela K. is very good at ice skating. She loves nature and her favorite color is turquoise. She was born in Poland and speaks Polish. How exciting is that!!

Thanks to Ms. Arnold and Angela K. for sharing your fun facts with us today!

Monday, February 3, 2020

We have a responsibility to ourselves and others to respect all living things. If we don't, we are simply destroying our own future.

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Happy 100th day of school!

Look at the beautiful world around you! Notice its variations and colors. This month we are celebrating Black History month. We should be celebrating our differences and how we are making this world better. Do everything you can to make it a better world.

Did you know that Black History Month is celebrated annually in the United States, Canada, in the United Kingdom and in Germany? It is also known as African American History Month in the United States. The purpose of this month is to remember both the important people of African descent and the important events in Black history. In an effort to honor this expansive and growing history, Black History Month was established by way of a weekly celebration in February known as "Negro History Week" by historian Carter G. Woodson. But just as Black history is more than a month, so too are the numerous events and figures that are often overlooked during it. Throughout the month of February, stay tuned for more information and facts about famous African Americans and how they have made their mark on the world.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Adopt the hallways of our school by picking up litter you see in the halls.

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!

Friday night is the Belle Valley Bingo night, 6-8. Have you turned in your slips to attend. It should be a lot of fun for the whole family. Prizes will be given. See your teachers if you have any questions.

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th President, was deeply concerned about conserving our natural resources. He said, "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value"

Do you love peanut butter? If so, did you know peanut butter was invented by George Washington Carver, a famous African American, who discovered 400 uses for peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and pecans. In the process, he transformed lunchtime sandwiches forever. Yum! Thanks George!

Friday, February 7, 2019

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!

It's..... Fun Fact Friday!!!

Today we are learning about Miss Jade Rongey. and Londyn F.

Miss Rongey has been at Belle Valley for 3 years. She has a daughter named Emersyn. Miss Rongey loves to eat popcorn and her favorite subject is Math, besides lunch.

3rd grader Londyn F. is a math whiz! She loves to bake and enjoys hanging out with family.

Londyn's favorite sports are tennis, volleyball and swimming.

Thanks so much to Miss Rongey and Londyn for sharing your awesome Fun Facts with us today! Happy Friday!

Monday, February 10, 2020

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!

Mc Teacher's night is tomorrow night at the McDonalds by the fairgrounds from 4-8pm. Bring your family to enjoy a night of visiting with teachers and some yummy food!

The fourth graders had their individual contest on Friday, and here are the results: Tied for first were Mason M. and Madison H. In second was Kaleb K. and Rylan G, and in third place were Jade H. and RaMiyah Y. Also participating in the contest were Tessa A, Eli J, Lawrence P, Canaa S, and George S. Jr. Great job fourth graders on a very difficult contest! Third grade has their contest today and tomorrow at 9:30. Meet Mrs. Kowalski in the hall outside your classroom.

Congratulations to Kaleb K, Adelie M, Georgia K, Akayla P, Lawrence P, Brielle B, Tessa A, and Amaudra N. for receiving 1st place at the band solo/ensemble contest this weekend.

Congratulations to Alexander B. for receiving 3rd place at the band solo/ensemble contest this weekend.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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!

I hope you all enjoyed the NED'S assembly! Are you excited about your own Mindset Mission and by using the Power of YET. Next time you feel like you can't do something... remember, it's just that you can't do it...YET! But you will get there...IF you keep on taking the next step. Just like when you're learning to yo-yo. You may not be able to do those amazing tricks...YET. But if you practice a lot and keep at it, you will get better. You can check out all the yo-yos at NED's Pay-It Forward sale this morning outside the cafeteria from 8-9. Remember NEVER GIVE UP and your best will get even better tomorrow!! Thank you to Mrs. Schaustal for assisting in the purchase of the yo-yos! You can get an order form from your teacher if you need to know

prices. Classic yo-yos \$8 Super Spinners \$10 Specialty selection \$15. Replacement string \$4 and Yo-Yo holsters for keeping track of your yo-yos \$5.

If you have purchased a yo-yo, you must remember to keep them in your backpack. You may take them out to recess during lunch, but they may only be played with in the NED zone on the playground. (Look for the signs for your area to try your yo-yos.)

Mc Teacher's night is tonight at the McDonalds by the fairgrounds from 4-8pm. Bring your family to enjoy a night of visiting with teachers and some yummy food!

The third graders had their individual ICTM math contest yesterday. Here are the top winners: In first place, with a PERFECT test was Hannah S! In second place, only missing one question were Kylen C. and Kaeleb H. In third place, only missing two questions were Penny P, Myah A, Emmalin S, and Carson W. This was an amazing performance, third graders! We have the team contest today. Meet Mrs. Kowalski in the hall outside your classroom at 9:30.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Good Morning! NED really inspired me ... and today I am going to encourage others. I am going to encourage... YOU. Did you know you're a treasure? It's true. Even if you feel like a dusty old rock, deep inside there is a spark that makes you shine. Your kind words and actions can spark courage in OTHERS and help them shine too. That's encouragement! And it's not just here at our school... When you buy a yo-yo at NED's pay it forward sale, you're helping bring NED's Mindset Mission to another school. You are the spark to help THEM shine! Thanks for the inspiration, NED. Help someone shine today.

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!

The third graders had their team part of the math contest yesterday, and there was a 3-way tie for first! Here were the teams that tied: Izeah S, Kaeleb H, and Vera J; Hannah S, Penny P, Londyn F, Esma R, and Scarlett H; and Harper K, Emmalin S, Sophia H, Emmalie S, and Alijah S. Fantastic work, third graders!

Thank you so much to all of you that came to Mc Teachers night last night! Teachers thank you too for all your support! It was so wonderful seeing all the smiles and excitement between kiddos and their teachers. Always a great night!

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Parent Teacher conferences - No Student Attendance

Friday, February 14, 2020

Teacher's Institute - No Student Attendance

Monday, February 17, 2020

President's Day - No School

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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!

Is your Go Brain ready to GO? Every day you will face a challenge, an obstacle, a mistake or even a failure but don't let it give you "Brain Freeze" NED says NEVER GIVE UP! When you get stuck, get your "Go Brain" going and give it all you've got. Sometimes you've got to problem-solve. You might pay-it-forward and send NED's Mind set Mission to another school. We've done a great job so far. Our NED sale will be ending tomorrow so if you'd like to help pay-it-forward, be sure and get your yo-yo's before it's all over.

Do you like waffle fries? How about chicken nuggets? Well then, you're in luck. Tomorrow night is Belle Valley Chick-Fila-Night. Bring your whole family between the hours of 5pm and 8pm and part of the money will go towards the Belle Valley PBIS team. It will be our pleasure to get to serve you tomorrow night! Hope to see everyone there!

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Well today is the last day of NED's yoyo sale. I think Belle Valley has done a great job of helping to pay it forward so NED can visit another school. You know, there's another way YOU can "pay it forward"? go tell your family about your favorite parts of NED's message. Maybe you'll help THEM to use the Power of YET or get their Go Brain going. You could be the spark to help them shine. As you all continue your own Mindset Mission, remember that you are a TREASURE, and the things you say and do can make a BIG difference. Have a wonderful day, Everyone and Thank you from Tabitha and NED.

The 8th grade boys' basketball team won their semi-final state playoff game last night over Collinsville 55-50. It was a back and forth game, but the Bombers played tough defense in the 3rd and 4th quarter to overtake the Trail Blazers. The boys will be back in action in the state championship game Thursday night at 7:30 at Rend Lake College. Gooooooo Bombers!! Let's show our support to the boys and wish them well in their tournament.

Cluck, Cluck Do you like Waffle Fries? How about Chicken Nuggets? Tonight's the night you can get both of those while supporting our school. Come to Chick-Fil-a between the hours of 5-8pm and some of the proceeds will go back to our school. It will be our pleasure to serve you tonight! Hope to see everyone there.

Today we are very fortunate to have Fred Bird and Al Hrabosky from the Cardinals visit our class. I am looking forward to the assembly which we will learn a lot and have a lot of laughs. Please respect Mr. Hrabosky and Fred Bird. I heard there will be prizes given for those who follow our PBIS assembly procedures. Go Cards!!

Thursday, February 20, 2020

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.

Did you know in 1992, Dr. Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to go into space aboard the space shuttle Endeavor? During her eight-day mission, she worked with U.S. and Japanese researchers, and was a co-investigator on a bone cell experiment. Wow! Way to go Mae!

Spring Picture Day is coming up on Wed., 02/26/2020! No order is due now. Picture Flyers will be delivered to the school approximately 10-14 days after Picture Day. Time to start thinking

about the outfit! Tip: Solid colors or patterns look best. Try to avoid green, white and shirts with graphics.

Belle Valley Yearbooks are now on sale until Friday, March 13th for \$10. To order a yearbook you can return the exact amount of \$10 payable by cash, money order, or check payable to Belle Valley PTO in the envelope you received or you can order online at www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter the code 45188R.

Tonight, the Belle Valley Boys Basketball team will play in the championship game at 7:30 pm at Rend Lake. At 2:15 pm, we will be attending a Pep Rally sendoff wishing our BV Bombers luck in their game tonight.

Friday, February 21, 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended the state Basketball game at Rend lake.

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!

It is Fun Fact Friday and today we are learning more about Mr. Forness and Jaden M.

Mr. Forness is a 4th grade teacher and has been at Belle Valley 26 years. He loves airplanes and did you know he actually flew an airplane once. He also loves Hockey and used to play in different hockey leagues and once even played against Ms. Lauko. I bet Mrs. Lauko won! :) Mr. Forness was also lucky enough to ride on the Orient Express train while in Switzerland. Those are some amazing fun facts.

Jaden M. is in 4th grade and is a very kind and polite young man who always tries to help others. He likes to make videos and he likes to draw, especially cartoons. At the assembly this week Fred Bird gave him a hat! Cool fun facts. Thanks to Mr. Forness and Jaden M. for your terrific fun facts! Stay tuned for next Friday's fun facts and have a terrific day!

Two numbers add to 24 and multiply to 143. When each of these two numbers is increased by 5, what is the new product of these two larger numbers? This was one of the super-hard questions that was on the ICTM math contest that the fourth graders competed in yesterday. This was the team competition and there was a tie for first place. Addie M, Kaylee M, Ahmylah J, and Dejah H. were on one of the teams to place first. The other team of Rylan G, Canaa S, Brandy B, Tessa A, and Madison H. also tied for first. Congratulations to Jacarri G, Lawrence P,

George S, Malakai P, Jade Hk, Eli J, Ramiyah Y, Kaleb K, and Mason M. for solving some challenging problems to place second and third. Our last competition will be in April.

Monday, February 24, 2020

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.

Picture Day is this Wednesday, 02/26/2020, mark your calendar! No order is due now. Picture Flyers will be delivered to the school approximately 10-14 days after Picture Day. To prepare, pick out some simple accessories to complete the outfit and begin thinking about hairstyles.

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Responsibility reward winners are: Jarod R, Isaiah J, Jaxxon M, Camyra D, Jeremy T, Clair M, Vera J, Kyra H, Addalyn B, Mason C. Please send these responsible students to the office.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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 26, 2020

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.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

When African American neurosurgeon Ben Carson was a child, his mother required him to read two library books a week and give her written reports, even though she was barely literate. She would then take the papers and pretend to carefully review them, placing a checkmark at the top of the page to show her approval. The assignments inspired Carson's eventual love of reading and learning.

Book fair starts next week! After school on Thursday the book fair will be hosting "The Tie-Dyed Iguana" who will be bringing in all kinds of animals for you to look at, pet, and maybe even hold! Join us for this special event!

Friday, February 28, 2019

Today is Fun Fact Friday! We will be learning fun facts about Miss Lauko and Carmen C.

Miss Lauko teaches K, 1st, and 2nd special ed. She has been at BV for 14 years. She has been in Karate for 37 years. She likes to go Kayaking and riding her bike and motorcycle. Those are some super cool fun facts!

Carmen C. in Kindergarten. Carmen is making more friends and playing with them. Carmen is now saying 2 to 3 three word phrases. Carmen loves music and she loves to sing along with videos. Carmen also enjoys dancing.

Thanks so much for sharing your awesome fun facts with us today. We love hearing about our teachers and students and their interesting likes and interests and hobbies. Happy Friday everyone!

Buffalo Soldiers— a name given by Native-American plainsmen—were the all-black regiments created in the U.S. Army beginning in 1866. These soldiers received second-class treatment and were often given the worst military assignments but had the lowest desertion rate than their white counterparts. More than 20 Buffalo Soldiers received the Medal of Honor for their service. The oldest living Buffalo Soldier, Sergeant Mark Matthews, died at the age of 111 in 2005 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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POP AWARD WINNERS

Kindergarten: Jaxxon M. - Jaxxon is not only a fantastic student he is also caring, a good friend and always willing to help anyone. He works hard to learn new skills and then helps others when they are having a hard time. We love our Jaxxon!

First Grade: The POP winner for first grade for the month of February is Antionette C. Antoinette is a hard worker. She has grown so much since the beginning of the school year. She has a positive attitude and a smile the minute she walks through the school doors. Antoinette loves to help others, especially her teacher. She has a big heart and strives to put a smile on the face of everyone around her. She is a strong believer in the power of YET and never gives up on a challenge. Way to be an excellent role model Antoinette! I am so proud to have you in my class!

Second Grade: Payton H: Payton is an outstanding second grader! She arrives every morning with a positive attitude and comes to school prepared to work. She is a determined student that doesn't give up or get discouraged. Payton is kind and helpful and always willing to help her classmates and teacher. She always puts forth her best effort. Payton sets a wonderful example for everyone in class!

Third Grade: Kayla J. is the third grade POP winner. She is always doing what she is supposed to do in class and has not lost a DoJo point all year! She is kind to her classmates and always does her best. She is helpful to teachers and other students in the class when help is needed. At home she loves to hang out with her family and they often go to the park to play.

Fourth Grade: Tessa A. is a talented writer from Mrs. Childress's fourth grade class. She has entertained us with her wonderful stories. Tessa is also a student who can be counted on to coach other students in their lessons. She encourages her fellow students to do their best and will quickly jump in and help when it is needed without being asked. Tessa is a fabulous role model!

Elementary Classroom: Mrs. Gallo would like to announce William S. as her POP for February. William is very helpful in the classroom. He is always ready to help Chloe. He assists her with her wheelchair and many other activities in the class. William has improved greatly on his

classroom work and always does his homework. He is friendly to others and tries to please his teachers. Keep up the good work William!!!

Monday, March 2, 2020

No School - Casimir Pulaski Day

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Encourage teamwork in others and be a good team player yourself. Congratulate other members of your team for a strong effort. Don't gloat over your own successes. A team is not just a sports team. Think of your family, class, or community as a team. The same principles of success apply to them, so learn to work with others on many teams.

Have you ever held a tarantula? Or petted a boa constrictor? Now is your chance! On Thursday from 4pm-6pm the book fair will be hosting "The Tie-Dyed Iguana" who will be bringing in all kinds of animals for you to look at, pet, and maybe even hold! Join us for this special event!

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Set realistic personal goals for yourself and share them with your teammates (classmates). Work together to establish some team/classroom goals. Be sure to share this with your teachers.

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Thursday, March 5, 2020

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Friday, March 6, 2019

The state results are in for the ICTM math contests, in which Belle Valley recently competed. The highest placing grade level was... third grade, who got 17th out of 41 schools. Our 7th and

8th grade teams did well also, but the third graders had the highest place. We are proud of you, third graders!

Monday, March 9, 2020

You never have to apologize for doing the right thing.

Reminder that the Belle Valley Yearbooks are on sale until Friday, March 13th for \$10.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

"Fear less, hope more:

Whine less, breathe more;

Talk less, say more;

Hate less, love more;

And all good things are yours." anonymous

TODAY is the last day for the book fair! If you have money, please come before lunch!

It's time to show your Bomber Pride again. Thursday is Spirit Day! Wear your Bomber gear or school colors to help your homeroom have the highest percentage in Bomber Spirit gear so your homeroom can be entered into the drawing for the FREE pizza party! Let's Go Bombers!!

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

An 18th Century monk said, "living the truth in your heart without compromise brings kindness into the world."

This Friday is the last day to order your yearbook for \$10.

Reminder that today is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 1:45 pm today. Hopefully your parents have been reminded by you that it is an early release.

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Tomorrow is the last day to order your yearbook for \$10.

Friday, March 13, 2019

Irish Luck Spirit Day

Wishing you a wee bit of Irish luck on Friday,
Thank you for sending your class percentage on the O'Spirit Day,
Hopefully, your class will be doing a little jig,
Of celebration when I announce your class won big!
The percentages were totaled and sent Ms. Kunz's way
I am excited to announce the class winner today,
Let's give a big shout out to the most spirited ones
Who is the winner? Who gets pizza for fun?
Time for Mrs. Shaw's class to do a little jig,
with 80% they won it big!

It is fun fact Friday! Today we are learning fun facts about Mrs. Augustine and Melody L. Mrs. Augustine has been at BV for 7 years. She teaches 1st grade and coaches Girls on the Run and Track. She has a daughter, Cami, who attends Belleville East and a son, Cole, who is here at Belle Valley. She has 3 dogs named Louie, Taz and Vada (Vay-duh). She started Kindergarten in Italy as a child. Awesome facts.

Melody L. is in 1st Grade and has been at BV since Pre-K. She has 2 sisters and 1 brother. She plays basketball at the YMCA and her favorite thing to do outside is to run. Thanks so much to Mrs. Augustine and Melody Lillian for sharing your fun facts with us this morning!

Monday, March 16, 2020

No Formal Announcements

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

No School – Mandated Safety Shutdown