

BUSANSKY BUZZ

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

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A Word from the Principal, Mrs. DiBella

December 4
Family Fun Learning 5-7PM

December 6
Tricky Tray Winter Auction 6:30-9:30PM

December 10
PTO Meeting 4PM

December 12
Snack Attack & Pretzel Sales

December 17
Squeak & Squawk Concert-Helen Fort
Middle School@ 6:30PM

December 17
Stockings for Soldiers 4:30-6PM

December 19
SERVICE Assembly

December 20
Winter Celebration @ 9:30AM
Interims Go Home
Early Dismissal@1:45PM

Happy Holidays!
School Resumes on January 2, 2020

Greetings Busansky Families!

Oh December! The cold arrives keeping us inside, holidays are upon us, students are excited, winter break, and the TEAM works diligently every day with and for the Busansky Families. I am a proud principal to be part of this wonderful TEAM. Please let your teachers know how much they are appreciated with a kind word this month.

We have completed the first marking period with much success on the part of our many students. Family/teacher conferences have been productive and new goals have been set for the second marking period. Whatever goals your family has set, please reach out to us, if you need support. Our staff is amazing at what they can help you with: resources, supplies, extra study time at recess, class DOJO information, and just with a clarification for understanding the content.

To learn more about what is being taught, come out to Family Fun Nights! Here some of our teachers are teaching families about our new reading program, ReadyGen. Come February, March, and April, teachers will be sharing information about My Math.

Character Education

December is a month dedicated to Service. Our Up, Up and Away with Service project has come home. Please send it in so we can fill our halls with beautiful balloons.

Our "Fill-Up Phil" cart is dedicated to collecting toys and gifts for students aged 8-12 for our Busansky Families.

Please be sure to complete the Climate/Culture survey posted on the website or sent home with your children.



Paw Prides have been awarded to J. Fijalkowski-Faur, S. Immel, A. Mejia, D. Cruz Cardenas, A. Roney-Dowdey, M. Vandt, E. Malone, A. Gadsden, C. Martin, L. Immel, I. Johnson, G. Nichols, S. Budden, S. Carrillo, for giving service to others. That can mean doing extra kind deeds this past month for their friends or staff.



Turkey Trot

Our first annual Turkey Trot was a huge success. Lots of canned goods were collected! The top three running students were awarded prizes for their runs and 3 families received turkeys. Congratulations Merle, Monroe, and Crawley families! All of the collected canned goods will be distributed to needy families for holiday meals.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

We honored students this month for academic success, improved reading, character, and math skills. Thank you to all the families for coming out!

Attendance

Students in school, everyday, all day, and ready for the day is always our goal. With that goal in mind, we track our daily attendance. Our school goal is 95.2% (less than 13 students per day) attendance everyday. If a student misses school more than 10% of the attended school days (180), that student is considered chronically absent. Please reach out to Mrs. DiBella or Ms. Gomba if there are any medical concerns that should be documented. I challenge you to reach the goal in regards to your children.

All of our individual classrooms have achieved 17 days of Perfect Attendance and have been celebrated for this accomplishment. Rooms 16 and 19 have counted 2 (17 days of perfect attendance). Also, **125 students** have earned perfect attendance for the marking period. Congratulations families, students, and staff for working toward our school goal!

Tutoring

Confirmation notes have come home for tutoring. Tutoring begins on December 3, 2019.

Our TEAM is here to support our students, staff and families in assisting our students to become confident, competent learners. If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child and their learning outcomes and needs, please contact us.



A Message from Ms. O'Malley



Thank you to ALL of those who were able to donate to our holiday canned food drive this year! We have been able to support and provide several of our local families in need with lots of delicious food because of you!!

For the month of December, we will be collecting toys and other gifts for children between the ages of 8 to 12 years old to support OUR Busansky families in need around the holiday season! Please join us as we support our families!

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston S. Churchill

Enjoy your friends and family & have a safe and happy holiday!

Community Resources: Click links → [Youth Community Resource Guide](#) , [Food Pantries](#) , & [Burlington Resource Net](#)

Working together,

Ms. Brittney O'Malley



Our School Nurse, Ms. Gomba

Welcome to December!!

As the weather is getting cooler please make sure your children come to school in seasonally appropriate clothing. Although our school is warm, most days the students will go outside for recess and gym class. Dress warmly with coats, hats, and gloves!!

Wishing all of our students, families, and staff a healthy December.

Nicole Gomba, RN, BSN, CSN



Our School Security Officer, Mr. Baker

As we head into December and the colder months, this is when we tend to have less students walking and instead being dropped off and picked up from the school. Please keep in mind that dismissal does not begin until 3:45 (1:45 on early days). We ask that you do not begin to arrive to pick up until 3:40 the earliest. This will allow any staff or visitors to the building to exit the parking lot safely and more importantly for the busses to navigate to their appropriate spot in line to be called. A more favorable option is to park across the street near the park and our crossing guard will safely cross your child over to you, allowing you to have a much smoother and timely departure.

Safety Patrol

Our Safety Patrol had the privilege of putting on two demonstrations at the Veterans Day assembly and I could not be more proud of the job they did! If you were not able to attend or would just like to see them again, you could visit the Safety Patrol web page by going to the Busansky homepage and clicking clubs & activities and selecting Safety Patrol. Congratulations to Caitlynn G. for earning November Safety Patroller of the Month.

As the patrol continues to carry out their duties of helping students and visitors transition safely around our campus, they will be switching gears slightly as they begin training to teach our Lizzie Sider Anti-Bully program to their peers. Patrollers will spend the next few weeks with me and Ms. O'Malley as they learn and master the program to present to the students beginning in January.

Wishing a safe and happy holiday season to you all.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time.

Just a few reminders:

- Student arrival starts at 9:00 am. Please DO NOT arrive and park in the drop off line prior to 8:50 am. Arriving any earlier disrupts the flow of traffic and staff trying to get to the staff parking lot. Dismissal begins at 3:45 pm. If you are doing everyday pickup, please try not to arrive more than **5 minutes** prior to dismissal and do not line up in front of the school until the bell rings as that is a fire lane and needs to remain open as long as possible

- Please have and show a valid form of ID **EVERY** time you pick up your child from the building.
- If you have someone pick up your child other than you (the parent/guardian) they **MUST** be on your emergency list. Exceptions will only be made on a case by case basis and with a note signed by the parent/guardian sent in advance or an email to either the security office (sbaker@pemb.org) or main office (smcguinness@pemb.org) from the parents **Genesis registered** email address.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time.

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December 10th @4PM

PTO News

Our biggest fundraiser of the year! Come out and have some fun! Check out the flyers on the website!

Tricky Tray Winter Auction-December 6th from 6:30-9:30PM

This newsletter will be published once a month to keep you updated on all the happenings at our school. If you have any news to share, please email Mrs. McGuinness (smcguinness@pemb.org) with your information. Thank you.