Berlin Elementary School May 2017

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School Safety Procedures

Just a reminder to parents that Berlin Elementary will be conducting two more practice lock down drills and several fire drills prior to the end of this school year. These yearly drills are required to ensure that our students are prepared in the event of a true emergency.

PTO NEWS

The final PTO meeting of the school year will take place on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 PM. Officers for the 17-18 school year will be voted on at this time. If you, or someone you know is interested in running for a position, please contact JoAnna Maxon, maxonj@sage.edu. Our PTO does so much for the students and staff of BES. We are truly grateful for this wonderful group of people.

The PTO is looking for a volunteer to run School Banking for the 17-18 School Year. If interested, please contact JoAnna Maxon.

June Early Dismissal Days

Please note the following early dismissal days for the month of June.

June 2 - half-day, dismissal at 11:15

June 20 - Dismissal at 1:15

June 21 - Dismissal at 1:15

June 22 - Last day of school for students,

dismissal at 11:15

Science Scene

<u>Kindergarten</u> has been learning about weather. We've been learning how to read a thermometer and how to use our observations of the clouds, wind and precipitation to help us figure out what to wear. We're looking forward to our trip to Grafton Lakes State Park to learn about what we can find in soil.

1st Grade has been learning about organisms. We created an aquarium with some pond plants and have made some connections to the similarities and differences between plants & animals found in fresh water and on land.

<u>2nd Grade</u> (Mrs. Nichols & Mrs. Bell's class) have been working on creating models of mag-lev trains. We have been learning about the how engineers ask a questions, imagine solutions, and plan to solve their questions, create a design & improve upon it.

4th Grade has been learning about ecosystems. We created aquariums & terrariums using 2-liter soda bottles. We've been developing sensitivity toward living things & understanding that human behavior can positively or negatively affect ecosystems. We're looking forward to our trip to Dyken Pond to learn about the ecosystems there.

5th Grade has been learning how to make slides and use microscopes. We're looking forward to our trip to Grafton Lakes State Park to learn about the microworlds found in the lakes and forests in the park.

May Character Trait SELF-CONTROL

May Events

9 – Intermediate Concert (Grade 4 and 5) @BES, 6:30 PM

10 – 5th Grade Trip to the Bronx Zoo

16 – District Budget Vote @ BES

17 - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:15, MS/HS

23 – Primary Concert (Grades K-3) Grades K-1, 6:00-6:30 Grades 2-3, 6:30 -7:00

24 – Grade 4, Science Performance Test

29 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Observed