

Bartram Springs Elementary Newsletter

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News from the BSE Administration Team

Dear BSE Parents and Guardians,

Special thanks to MissionWay Church! Our faith-based partner donated Thanksgiving baskets to approximately 20 BSE families. They also donated a couple of gift cards to be used for a prize drawing for the staff.

If your child recently returned to BSE from Duval HomeRoom and they checked out a DCPS laptop, please be sure to return the laptop to the office as soon as possible.

December 18th is the last day of the 2nd 9 weeks grading period. If you have concerns about your child's academic progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or any administrator. Report cards will be sent home on January 11th.

The holidays are right around the corner and some teachers are planning festive activities for their students. Please keep in mind that food items and treats cannot be sent in by parents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding holiday celebrations, contact your child's teacher.

On behalf of the entire Bartram Springs Elementary faculty and staff, we wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday break!

Dates to Remember

December 15

SAC 6:00 pm

December 18

Last day of the 2nd 9 weeks grading period

December 21 - January 1

Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

January 4

Teachers' Planning Day - NO SCHOOL

January 5

Students return to school

January 9

DCPS Virtual School Choice Expo

January 11

Report Cards go home

January 18

MLK Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL



Attention 5th Graders!

Do you love art? Are you passionate about Theatre? Is Music your Jam? Even Writing is an Art Form. If any of these are true for you, check out La Villa Middle SOTA as an option. Auditions begin in January. You can sign up now on their website.

Happy Holidays



Counselor's Corner:

"Friendships are very important when it comes to emotional health. To a child, even having one good friend can make a huge difference" explains Julia Cook who authored "Making Friends is an ART!" While some children can make friends with ease, others may need some encouragement and it's important to talk to your children about some important tips used to make and keep friends.

- ✓ Talk about and model good friendship qualities with your child. Use concepts such as being friendly, being honest, laughing and having fun, willingness to share, being kind, and learning how to place others' needs ahead of their own.
- ✓ Set up opportunities for play in various situations- have play dates or participate in activities they enjoy where peers will be involved such as after school clubs or sports.
- ✓ Pay attention and teach empathy- help your child identify how people are feeling based on facial expressions or actions and talk to them about behaviors that could hinder friendships.
- ✓ Be realistic- understand that some children are more shy or socially reserved than others and that is just their personality.

In the end, children will continue to grow socially as they progress through school but, with the support of loved ones they will better enjoy their experience.

