



Bertrand Community School

May 2018



From the Desk of the Superintendent:

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

I hope all of you have a safe and fun packed summer of activities. It has been a very rewarding and productive school year and the students could use some R and R before starting up again next year! Remember, we have summer school beginning the last week of May, Driver Education begins the first week of July, and various camps are already scheduled and listed on the school calendar.

MEDIA CENTER WILL OPEN DURING JUNE and JULY

The school media center will open every THURSDAY from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We hope students will come in to check out books or even take Accelerated Reader tests during this time. It would also be an excellent opportunity to sit in the comfortable chairs and read a good book. Please take time to bring in your children for quality reading time!

Driver Education Update:

Driver Education class will be offered again this summer. Mr. Kurt Banzhaf, from Elwood, will again teach this course. Bertrand students will be bused to Elwood for classroom instruction. Students will travel by bus to Kearney to the Safety Center for simulated driving experience and drive 2 hours with Mr. Banzhaf. June 28, 29, July 5, and 6th has been set for the classroom instruction for Bertrand and Elwood from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Bertrand Students will also be scheduled for one day at the Kearney Safety Center on July 11th from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the office and a statement in the daily bulletin. As we receive more information from Elwood we will pass that along to all students that have signed up.

Students are required to have a state issued Learner's Permit or School Permit prior to driving. Further, the students are required to pay a fee of \$350.00 prior to the first day of classes. Bertrand Community School will fund the rest of the class fee, transportation to Elwood and Kearney, and books.

Ms. McKenna Howard

Ms. McKenna Howard was recently hired as the new kindergarten teacher at BCS and will replace Mrs. Michaela Holen. Mrs. Holen recently had a baby girl and has decided to stay home. McKenna graduated from Colorado State University. She student taught in kindergarten at Sanborn Elementary in Longmont, Colorado. She has been substitute teaching and paraeducating in the Alma Schools. McKenna is planning a July wedding and will reside in Holdrege. She enjoys spending time with family, shopping, and playing with her chocolate lab, Oakley. Please help us welcome McKenna to our community and school!

Ms. Haley Stutzman

Ms. Haley Stutzman was recently hired as the new Spanish teacher and Guidance Counselor at BCS. She will replace Mrs. Kim Johnson. Mrs. Johnson recently accepted a new Agricultural Sales job. Haley graduated from University of Nebraska at Kearney and is pursuing her Master of Education at Doane University. She is currently teaching Spanish at Exeter-Milligan Public Schools. Haley is planning a October wedding and will reside in Holdrege. Please make Haley feel welcome to our school!

Mr. JordanWetovick

Mr Jordan Wetovick was recently hired as the new 6th grade teacher. Jordan will be replacing Mrs. Kylee Wilken. Mrs. Wilken is planning on staying home with her two active boys. Jordan graduated from University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Jordan is from Eustis and plans to teach and farm. He enjoys Husker Football games, hunting, and golfing. Please welcome Jordan to our school!

Summer School:

Bertrand Community School will again provide a summer school program for students who qualify in grades K – 5th. It will begin on May 29 and end on June 14 and will be held at the school.

Our program is aimed at reinforcing skills in mathematics, reading, and writing. Students who qualify for special education services are automatically invited to attend. Other students are also invited to attend through the use of Title I teacher assessments, achievement test scores, teacher evaluations, student performance, and report cards.

The summer school program is “optional.” Attendance of those who qualify is not mandatory, but it is highly encouraged. Participants will attend summer school free of charge. In past years, the instructors have endeavored to make summer school enjoyable for the students and have reported that students continue the process of learning during this time.

Students have been identified for this program and should have already received a letter of invitation with specific dates and times. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Dennis Shipp, Teresa Shipp, or Michelle Samuelson.

Mr. Chesterman will be working with 7-12 grade students who need credit recovery. This will also take place in June.

Principally Speaking

End of Year Testing

Our students are working hard as they are currently finishing up the NCSAS testing. Please encourage them to do their best as they finish the NCSAS and start the MAPS testing. This data is instrumental to the school district as we assess student progress and continue to work on school improvement. Research shows that students perform at a higher level on standardized testing when they get 8 or more hours of sleep at night and start the day with breakfast. Thank you again to all the parents for assisting the school in the education of our children.

Graduation

Another great group of young men and women will be graduating May 12th. Twenty-one students will be leaving us for a variety of opportunities. Going to college, joining the military, and getting a job are the most common responses I've received when visiting with our outgoing seniors. I'm anxious to see what great things this group will accomplish in the future. Good luck Seniors!!!

Summer School

Letters have come or will be coming home for those students that qualify or that have been recommended for summer school. Mrs. Shipp and Mrs. Samuelson will be conducting the elementary group and Mr. Chesterman will be in charge of the junior high and high school students that need to work on credit recovery. The junior high students in jeopardy of failing a core class and the high school students in jeopardy of failing a graduation requirement will be notified soon of their need to attend summer school.

7-12th Grade Honor's Program

We decided to try something a little different this year for our Honor's Program. In the past, for various reasons, students receiving awards have been unable to attend. This will ensure that any students receiving awards will be there to accept them. This year we are having the Honor's Program Friday, May 4th at 1:15 in the afternoon.



Reading Crosses Bridges

Congratulations to the following students who crossed a bridge in March!

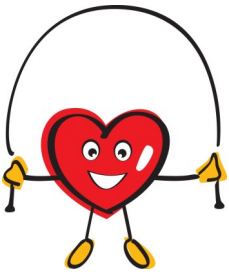
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Alyvia Rabe
Kyler Schroeder
Bailey Vinzant
Jennifer Elox Mora
Hunter Nelson
Ivy Nelson
Adrian Sand
Aspyn Chapin
Alexis Estrada
Elli Foster
Jayden Glassmeyer Weber

Jayce Hansen
Isaac Hernandez
Eli Kidder
Yulissa Lopez
Lucas Murphy
Evelyn Pelton
Rylan Renken
Nena Escobar Salas
Tanner Manley
August Nelson
Waylon Olesen
Shelby Schoene

Tipton Bieker
Carson Hansen
Wyatt Isaacson
Quentin Mumm
Garrett Scholz
Chase Vosler
Eric Wood
Brayden Benson
Addison Hansen
Jacquobi Kliewer
Coleman Langford
Bethany Pelton



The 2017-2018 Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 pm in the high school gym. This event is sponsored each year by the "B" Club to honor the achievements of the Bertrand High School athletes. Individual sports season honors as well as the Outstanding Athlete awards will be presented. This event is a potluck meal format. Please bring your own table service and drink glasses. Drinks will be furnished. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart Students,

On behalf of the American Heart Association and the millions of Americans we serve, thank you very much for your school's donation of \$3,024.30. Families and students are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country; you have raised awareness about heart-healthy living! And you help us fund more lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts. Thank you!!



END OF SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

LOST AND FOUND: Throughout the year many items are left at school. These items will be on display till June 4th. Items not claimed will be given to Goodwill.

LUNCH BILLS: HOT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED UP TO AND INCLUDING MAY 16th, BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED MAY 17th. Students who owe money will be notified in advance and must pay their bill before clearing school on May 17th.

REPORT CARDS: School will be dismissed for the year on May 17th at 12:00 P.M. Report cards may be picked up from 8:00 – 4:00 P.M. beginning June 10th.

ALL BILLS MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT (and leave school) FOR THE SUMMER, UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH MR. KIDDER.