

Happy Second Semester, Bulldog Families!

We are off to a great 2018 at Bexley Elementary! The school year is flying by! When we opened our doors in August, we welcomed about 590 students. Currently, we have 720! Of those students, about 200 are former Otters, 300 are former Wildcats, and about 220 came to us from other counties, states, and countries. About 40 % of our students receive free or reduced lunch. Such a wide variety of Bulldogs united under our mission of Believe. Engage. Succeed!

Every Bulldog. Every Day.

Mrs. Huffman and I are so grateful to our families for embracing the new experiences at Bexley and being flexible as we establish our own culture and traditions. These include our latest activities- STEM Fair, Ted X, and National Elementary Honor Society. These options for our students help develop the skills students need to be successful in the future and we thank you for supporting them.

As we move into Spring, we will continue to prioritize classroom learning and maintain our focus on instruction. This will lead our students confidently into state testing. The initial schedule is listed below. More specific details will be sent home and posted to our social media sites as the time approaches . You can contribute to your child's success in school by maintaining consistent attendance, ensuring that they are reading quality texts each night, and ensuring that they are ready to learn each morning after a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast.

Mrs. Huffman and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events at Bexley!

Mrs. Wolin

Bexley Elementary Canine Headlines



Remind your Bulldog to follow
our Positive Behavior
Intervention System

(PBIS)

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Communication

Our Leadership Team is currently discussing how best to communicate with our families. We are strongly considering following the lead of several other elementary schools in eliminating paper planners school wide in 2018-19 in favor of more current technologies like Remind or Class DOJO. If you would like to contribute to these conversations, please let your child's teacher know your opinion. Some of our teams have already eliminated planners in order to prepare our students for the current trends in a global society.

Speaking of trending, make sure to join Bexley on Twitter @BexleyElem and update your emergency cards to reflect your current phone numbers so that School Messenger reaches you promptly for school wide alerts.

February

Feb. 2-

- Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- The 100th day of School!
- Groundhog Day

Feb. 5

- Cookie Dough/Tumbler Fundraiser begins

Feb. 8

- Progress Reports go home
- 8:00 am School Advisory Council

Feb. 14

- Valentine's Day

Feb. 15

- 4:15 PTO Meeting
- 6:30 K "I Love My Family" concert

Feb. 20-22

- 1st grade to Safety Town

Feb 22

Special Olympics

5:00 McTeacher Night (Gr. 5)

Feb. 23

- 3rd Grade to Legoland

Feb. 27

5:00 Dairy Queen Night

Feb. 28

- 5th Grade to MOSI

Just a reminder- the District calendar was revised earlier this year and we are in attendance on Monday, February 19, 2018 (President's Day) .

Did you know that our News Crew uploads a weekly update each week and that our students do our morning announcements?

Congratulations to our students who were selected as Top Dog and BES-T in Show in January! We also inducted our first students into our National Elementary Honor Society! Congratulations to MacKenzie Gyson who will represent BES at our District TEDX event !

Thank you to our outstanding PTO for purchasing Umbrellas for our outdoor seating. Please consider joining this organization. Your membership fee goes directly to supporting our students and you can contribute your time according to your schedule and preference. Please call 813-346-4300 for details.

FSA Testing Schedule

March 5	Writing	Gr. 4/5
April 9-10	Reading	Gr. 3
April 16-17	Reading	Gr. 4
April 18-19	Reading	Gr. 5
April 23-24	Math	Gr. 4
April 25-26	Math	Gr. 5
April 30-May 1	Math	Gr. 3
April 30-May 1	Science	Gr. 5

