

Bristol Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 7 – Holiday Fair, 9-2
- Dec. 9 – Gr. 5 Constitution Presentation, 8:30, Music Room
- Dec. 11 – Gr. 2-8 Winter Concert, 6 PM
- Dec. 13 – Report Cards Issued
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2 – Vacation Break
- Jan. 8 – School Board Mtg., 6 PM, Library
- Jan. 10 – Geography Bee 1 PM, Gym

HOLIDAY FAIR



**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7**



**9 AM – 2 PM
BCS GYM**

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Sports schedules can be found on the BCS website:

<http://schools.aos93.org/BCS>

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WINTER CONCERT GRADES 2-8



This year the Grades 2-8 Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 PM. All students in grades 2-4, as well as all band, 5-8 chorus students and handbell students need to attend.

Concert dress will be "dress clothes". Band students should arrive at 5:30 to prepare for the concert. All other involved students should arrive at the school by 5:45.

Thank you for your support of the BCS music program. We look forward to sharing what your students have learned in music this year.

In art, many of the students are contributing to displays that will "dress-up" the gym for the concert. The festive art has been inspired by the songs students are singing and the joys of the season.



CHRISTMAS TREATS SALE



Cookies aren't just for Santa. Are visions of sugarplums dancing in your head, too? If so, stop by the Bristol School lobby directly before and after the Bristol Winter Concert on December 11 to purchase some holiday treats to munch or take home. Select your own assortment of homemade cookies and candies and pay by the pound. The eighth grade class of 2014 is sponsoring this tasty annual sale as a fundraiser for their June class trip. Come sample some treats as you enjoy an evening of delightful holiday music and art.



PENNY SLAM 2013



The 4th annual BCS Penny Slam takes place December 9-13. The proceeds from the Penny Slam go to the New Harbor Food Pantry and the Healthy Snack Pack for Kids program.

Grades 5-8 will have jars to collect coins and currency. The jars will be in the gym lobby from 7:45-8:20 every morning during the week of December 9-13. The jars will also be available in the BCS library after school. Parents and community members can make donations in the BCS office during the day. The jars will also be at the Holiday Fair in the BCS gym on December 7. The scoring system works as follows: all pennies are worth 1 point and silver coins and bills count for negative points. For example, a nickel subtracts 5 points while a dollar subtracts 100 points for the grades jar it is placed in. Students should put pennies in the jars of the grade they wish to win and put other coins and bills in the jars of the grade they wish to lose.

The grade with the most points at the end of the week will receive a party. There are two special point days during the week – Pennies will be worth double points on Thursday, December 12! Currency and all coins will count as positive points on Friday, December 13!

We will be tracking the amount of money collected each day. There will be a link on the BCS website to a page showing the current coin count. Last year we collected more than 31,000 coins weighing 180 pounds for a grand total of \$900. We have raised a total of \$3600 in the last three years!

WINTER HEALTH UPDATE

It is hard to believe we are into December already! Winter officially starts and the holiday break is just two weeks away. So far, the school population has been pretty healthy, there was the usual “back to school” cold that seems to appear every year, and there has also been scattered cases of Norovirus (nausea, stomach cramping, vomiting, and diarrhea). This stomach virus is easily transmitted and has a rapid onset, lasting 1-2 days. Children, especially young children, are at risk for dehydration with this virus, so be sure to encourage fluids as much as possible! Recently, I have seen several students with a rash, this rash starts on the face with red “slapped cheeks” and then progressing to other parts of the body, chest, back, and arms. This is being diagnosed as viral, possibly “Fifth’s disease”. It is more common in children than adults; spread through respiratory secretions. Symptoms are usually mild; fever, runny nose, and headache, adults with the virus may experience joint pain and swelling. **People with Fifth’s disease are most contagious before they get the rash or joint pain and swelling.** Pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems may be at risk for serious complications, please call your healthcare provider if you think you have been exposed to the virus. FMI go to www.cdc.gov/parvovirusb19

Handwashing is still the most important method for preventing the spread of infections and viral illness! Use soap, warm water, and scrub for at least 20 seconds. If your child is sick, (fever of 100 or higher) not feeling well or not acting like their usual self, please keep them home. Children should be fever free without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child is started on antibiotics by their medical provider, he/she must have 24 hours of medication in their system before they can return to school. Please call and let me know if your child has been diagnosed with an infection and is taking antibiotics.

THIN ICE REMINDER

A reminder to parents from Bristol Fire and Rescue to watch out for thin ice! Please talk with your kids and keep them safe as ponds and lakes start freezing.