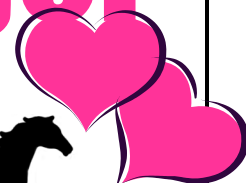


Mustang Messenger



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Attention Parents! Announcing...

...ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR ALL STUDENTS NEXT YEAR!

It's time to round up all our "future" Mustangs for the 2012-2013 school year. We are pleased that more students will enjoy all day kindergarten. We are glad we no longer need to have a lottery to determine who can be in the all day setting and our teachers are excited about using the extra time to have more fun and engaging hands-on instruction and activities.

TAKE A SNEAK PEEK • February 21st • 6:30-7:30 pm

Come visit us at our Kindergarten Sneak Peek which will be offered here and at each of our elementary schools. The classrooms will be open and staff will be here to talk about all the wonderful aspects of our Kindergarten program here at Bedford. Registration packets will be available for pick up and completed registrations accepted.

REGISTER YOUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENT EARLY & ENTER A DRAWING FOR AN IPAD

We are beginning our registration process a little earlier with wonderful incentives for those kindergarten families who complete the process prior to March 1st. Our thanks and appreciation to all whose donations make these prizes possible.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration packets can also be picked up in our office, or you may refer to the Bedford Public School District's website at: <http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/registration.html>. In order to register for kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2012.

Please help spread the word to families who aren't currently connected to our school.

YOUNG FIVES

The district will continue to offer half-day sections of the Young Fives program for children with birthdays from August to December 1, 2012 and who are qualified based on Gesell test results. Call the Instruction & Student Services Office at 734-850-6028 for more details.



GRAND PRIZE: iPad!

Use with kindergarten readiness apps or eBooks!

FIRST PRIZE: Family 4-Pack of Bedford Basketball Game Tickets plus half-time activity for the kindergartner at center court!

SECOND PRIZE: Community Education Gift Certificate good for the kindergarten student to enroll in any program such as Latchkey, Safety Town, recreational sports, classes and special events!

THIRD PRIZE: \$25 Food Service Credit placed on the new student's account for breakfast or lunch purchases.

MRE PTA BONUS PRIZES!

MRE's PTA will hold a special drawing on the first day of school for a prize package that includes a gift certificates for Spiritwear and Scholastic Book Fair purchases.

FEBRUARY

- 2 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m. @ MRE
- 7 MB&T Banking Day
- 8 **Student Count Day**
- 13 PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm in Media Center,
Roundtable Q&A
Computer Lab open for AR tests during meeting; Free Childcare
- 14 Classroom Valentine's Parties
- 16 5th Grade to Toledo Symphony Concert
- 17 Newbery Book Club Meeting
- 17 2nd grade to Valentine Theater
- 20 **NO SCHOOL— Presidents' Day**
- 21 MB&T Banking Day
- 21 Kindergarten Sneak Peek
6:30-7:30 PM at all BPS elementary schools
- 23 6th Grade Band Tour
8:30-9:10
- 28 Young Authors' Conference at ISD for Grade K-4 winners
- 28 BJHS Presentation to 5th Graders at 9:00 am
- 29 Young Authors' Conference at ISD (*Snow Date*)



To see the entire newsletter please visit our website: www.bedford.k12.mi.us/~mre.

Paper copies of the complete newsletter are available upon request in the Office.

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YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST WINNERS!

This year twenty-one students participated in the annual Young Authors' Contest. Fortunately, all of these talented young writers will travel to the MISD and meet with someone who has worked on a published book.

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, our fifth grade participants met author, Gary Schmidt.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2012, students in kindergarten through fourth grade who participated in the Young Authors' Contest will meet author/illustrator Dawn Baumer.

After the presentations, students are able to purchase books and have them signed by the author, share their own stories with their peers, and enjoy a small snack and beverage.

Congratulations to all!



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Kaitlin Hennessey and Ethan Chevalier represented MRE at the Bedford Board recognition dinner. They helped to serve the board members, administration and enjoyed dinner themselves at the BHS Silver Spoon Café .



Many council officers and representatives have been proactive in making our school a better place to share and learn. Hats off to 4th grader **Drew Elwartoski** who designed a **Student Council suggestion box**. The box is in the art room and any student can submit an idea or complaint that will be reviewed by Student Council.

Drew also designed a **Green Recycling tally sheet** so our members can easily check off which classes have been serviced. Most of all, thank you to **Mr. Juan Duran**, our maintenance custodian who has eagerly worked with students on the recycling program.



Mrs. Talip is really pleased with the effort of Student Council with the **McDonald's night fundraising!** We are looking forward to using the funds for our Memory Reading Garden...hoping to plant some beautiful perennials this spring in the front of our school. THANK you to both students and parents who participated.



Bedford continues to use local television and radio stations in cases of school closings or event cancellations due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. However, with Honeywell Instant Alert, we can deliver a single, clear message to parents, guardians, students, and other interested persons — almost instantly.

Log on at: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>. If you don't have access to a computer, please feel free to come to the school to use one here.

2011 Reflections Awards

Reflections is a National PTA program. It is sponsored by the local Bedford PTA Council as well as the Douglas Road, Monroe Road, Temperance Road Elementary PTAs and the Bedford Junior High School PTSA.

Each year a new theme is selected. This year the theme was "Diversity Means..." Students are then encouraged to participate and submit an original artistic piece of work in one or more of each of the following categories:

- Dance/Choreography • Musical Composition
- Photography • Literature • Visual Arts
- Film/Video Production



The following students were recognized at an award ceremony at Bedford High School on December 8, 2011:

Student	Category	Award	Student	Category	Award
Brianna Lanzen	Dance	Most Outstanding	Kelsea Chen	Visual Arts	Most Outstanding
Regan Dawes	Film	Award of Excellence	Alyssa Cunningham	Visual Arts	
William Brooks	Literature		Lauren Falzone	Visual Arts	
Gage McCloud	Literature		Stephanie Harasim	Visual Arts	
Jeremy Pridgeon	Literature	Outstanding	Brianna Hinkelman	Visual Arts	
Sajan Shah	Literature	Award of Excellence	Skyler Howard	Visual Arts	
Sajan Shah	Literature	Award of Merit	Chloe Johnson	Visual Arts	
Breeanna Long	Literature	Most Outstanding	Steven Kraine	Visual Arts	Award of Merit
Jamie Lanzen	Literature	Most Outstanding	Sophie Mohr	Visual Arts	
Kelsea Chen	Photography	Outstanding	Sajan Shah	Visual Arts	
Sareena Carter	Photography		Hope Stevens	Visual Arts	
Alexis Fisher	Photography	Award of Excellence	Alyssa Vandecaveye	Visual Arts	
Brooke Hinkelman	Photography		Reagan Yelverton	Visual Arts	
Emily Schultz	Photography	Most Outstanding	Monica Cunningham	Visual Arts	Outstanding
Sajan Shah	Photography		Olivia Cunningham	Visual Arts	Most Outstanding
Brady Pridgeon	Phtotography	Outstanding	Carter Johnson	Visual Arts	
Joseph Ritenour	Photography	Most Outstanding	Alexandra Stevens	Visual Arts	
Sareena Carter	Visual Arts	Outstanding	Samantha Wittenberg	Visual Arts	
Alivia Overbee	Visual Arts	Award of Excellence			





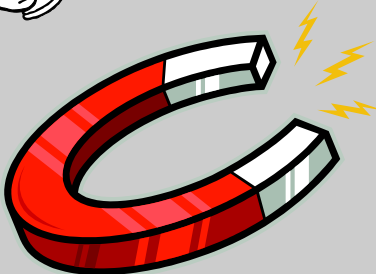
THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

By Amy Kochendoerfer

Perhaps you recall driving through a busy intersection in Bedford earlier this fall, dropping a few coins into a container, and being handed a yummy Tootsie Roll from a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus? If so... THANK YOU! Each year, the Knights of Columbus (Council 8902) annually joins other councils throughout the nation to raise money for the purpose of supporting projects or programs that support the education or care of at-risk children. Last October, I wrote a letter to the Knights of Columbus (Council 8902) hoping to receive a monetary donation towards the purchase of the Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) System. LLI is a small-group, supplementary intervention program designed to help teachers provide powerful, daily, small-group instruction to students at-risk in the area of reading. On Tuesday, December 20, 2011, Mr. Angelo Ialacci, the Grand Knight, spread much cheer throughout the halls of Monroe Road Elementary School. He presented Mrs. Kirkwood and me with a check in the amount of \$1400.00—the complete cost of the kindergarten system! On behalf of Monroe Road Elementary School, I want to sincerely thank our community for supporting the Knights of Columbus and thank the Knights of Columbus for their very generous donation!



LOOK WHAT WE ARE DOING IN SCHOOL ...



In Mrs. Gladioux's and Mrs. Etts' classes we are working on energy transfer in science. The students are enjoying the hands-on experience with magnets and electricity! Government is the topic for social studies. Ask your child what the three branches of government are and what the government does for the citizens. In math, the students are learning all about multiplication, prime and composite numbers, factors, and multiples. All students have an AR goal and are encouraged to read every night. We are so impressed by the students' creative projects turned in for their French Explorer!



MUSIC NOTES

There are many exciting music opportunities coming up. First, the **5th graders** will be attending a Toledo Symphony Orchestra concert on Thursday, February 16th at 11:00 AM. The title of the concert is Fur, Feathers and Scales which will feature the world of animals as depicted in music. The **4th graders** are working toward a performance of songs they have been learning to play on the recorder. That concert is Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in the MRE gym. Finally, Soiree Junior begins March 18th and is open for any 3rd, 4th or 5th grader; Contact Ms. Newmeyer for information.

Music activities that were the focus in January for **3rd graders** were performing simple rhythms in rondo form using hand drums. **Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade** have been busy with some listening lessons including pieces from the Carnival of the Animals by French composer Camille Saint-Saens. You may notice fish swimming, kangaroos hopping and birds chirping 'cuckoo' at home!



MICHINDOH! MEMORIES

During the week of Jan 9th, over 100 MRE students made the annual pilgrimage to Camp Michindoh in Hillsdale, Michigan. Our campers participated in many diverse classes such as: rock wall climbing, archery, outdoor living skills, skits, and many more interesting and educational activities. The stories, songs, experiences, and memories will be with these young people for many years!

I LOVED CAMP!!!! I had an awesome experience. Throughout the week we made lots of memories that will always last with me. We gathered around a camp fire and sang songs, went on a nature night hike, participated in a hilarious skit night, and danced the evening away in our freshly tie-dyed t-shirts at the square dance. Friday, we left camp to return to our families. If I had the chance to do it all over again, I would!

-Josie Moore

Camp was the best experience ever! I had a blast! My favorite part at camp was seeing all the fascinating reptiles and amphibians. I loved it so much that I might even get a turtle as a pet of my own. Thank you to my teachers, my family, camp counselors and cabin leaders for making camp possible for me. If you haven't gone to camp yet, you should give it a try as I promise you're going to have an extraordinary time!

-Kaitlin Hennessey



Camp was the best experience in my life! Our teachers planned out a big schedule of activities, events, and classes for us. There were rows and rows of everlasting and scrumptious food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. After eating, many jokes were told and joyful games played. Some of my favorites were Nibbolely Bibbols and games like Rock, Paper, Scissors but it was called Man, Net and Gorilla. Some of the best classes were Michigan Settlers, Archery, and Reptiles and Amphibians. I LOVED camp soooooo much that I am going back in the summer for more fun!

-Griffin Geiger



See many more pictures at
www.theakirkwood.com



**About MRE DAY CAMP
with Mrs. Shade:**

One simple word for MRE day camp is..... AMAZING! Making a fort is one of the great experiences that I was involved with. We had fun building a GREAT fort out of a few materials provided and anything else that we could find. Then there are the puzzling activities, that when I said it was impossible, five minutes later I had in fact discovered that I HAD DONE IT with the cooperation of my classmates.

-Derek Egner



We were delighted to have a number of students participate in this year's **ARTS for OUR FUTURE art show**, which was exhibited at the Bedford Public Library. A panel of judges (teachers & student teachers) selected a random number of original drawings and paintings for submission. We were very pleased to see the support of families and friends who attended the awards ceremony!

First grader Leah Babkiewicz's artwork was chosen as BEST of SHOW for our building! It was a watercolor mixed-media work based on Eric Carle's, "Mixed Up Chameleon".



Brie Crummel's mesa



The following students received ART awards:

Lauren Werbiansky, Mackenzie Seiler, Leah Babkiewicz, Allison McGee, Faith Ueberroth, Brie Crummel, Reid Eichenberg, Camryn Rufenacht, Melaina Torongeau, Morgan Decker, Sareena Carter, Margo Babkiewicz, Cole Marciniak, Kendra Bell, Hanna Mason, Kasidy Brooks, Kaitlin Brooks, Kathryn Falzone, Jeremy Pridgeon, Chloe Johnson, Regan Dawes, Lindsay Poulson, Brett Rufenacht, Griffin Geiger, Kelsea Chen, Mia Pasyk, Mia Freiheit, Samantha Hoogendoorn, Oskar Linsenmeyer, Alyssa Cunningham and Jacob Elhert.



Morgan Decker's marine painting

Character Counts

FEBRUARY

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Honesty Do's

- ☉ Tell only the truth.
- ☉ Tell all the truth.
- ☉ Say what you mean.
- ☉ If you find something, return it to its owner.
- ☉ Do the good things you say you'll do.

Honesty Don'ts

- Don't say you'll do something without really doing it.
- Don't tell a lie.
- Don't let anyone think something that isn't true.
- Don't trick anyone.
- Don't steal or cheat.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Not a member of the PTA? Haven't made it to a PTA meeting yet? We would like to invite you to come to our next meeting and check it out—keep informed about our school, meet other parents, and get great ideas!

WANTED: FUN RUN COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone who would be willing to work with a bunch of volunteers to coordinate our Fun Run this spring.



Please contact Shannon Wittenberg at 854-2076 or smwittenberg@buckeye-express.com if you're interested.



McDONALD'S NIGHTS CANCELLED

For lack of volunteers to keep this effort going, the remaining nights we had scheduled have been canceled.

NEXT PTA MEETING:

February 13th • MRE MEDIA CENTER • 7 PM

ROUNDTABLE Q & A

Have any questions you have been dying to ask? A dilemma that you need a solution for? Bring them to this meeting!

All are welcome! Free childcare is provided. Plus the Computer Lab will be open for school-age students to take AR tests.

PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION WEEK

February 6-10th

This is the week we set aside to show our appreciation for our wonderful principal, Mrs. Kirkwood. She works long and hard to make sure everything in our school is the best it could possibly be and to make sure that every student is successful! And she does it all with a bright smile for everyone! Thank you, Mrs. Kirkwood, for all you do for MRE!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We had a fantastic book fair thanks to the many wonderful volunteers that we have here at MRE. The students picked out many new books to read with your help. We earned a cash profit of \$1309.50 and the library received \$300 of books. Special thanks go out to Holly Bauman for taking care of everything that week!



BINGO!

Despite the beginnings of the biggest snowfall we have had all year so far, our gym was packed with MRE families ready to try their luck with Bingo.



Once again Cindy Clark and her crew of dedicated helpers arranged a fabulous evening of fun for all! Thank you, Cindy, and our gratitude to all of those who donated the prizes!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT PTA ONLINE:

- On Facebook: "like" Monroe Road Elementary PTA
- On MRE PTA's blog at: <http://mrepta.weebly.com/>
- On the school's website at: <http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us>
- Check out Michigan's PTA at michiganpta.org

