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BEAGLE BULLETIN

Mrs. Dawn Kennaugh, *Principal*

NEXT WEEK AT BEAGLE
Monday - A&W Spaghetti Dinner - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday - Color Cruise Field Trip – 2nd Graders go in the morning, 3rd and 4th Graders go in the afternoon

MESSAGE FROM MRS. KENNAUGH
It was another great week to be a Beagle Comet! Students enjoyed the nice weather and Sport/Jersey day also!

Our school began a mathematics intervention called Delta Math this week. All students were screened on readiness standards to help determine their level of mastery on the previous grade's standards (ex: third graders took an assessment on second grade standards). We have an interventionist, Mrs. Collins, who will be teaching some students in small groups at times and assisting the classroom teacher with whole-group instruction at other times. We're excited to see this launched in our school to better support our students in math!

Public Act 306: Third Grade Reading Law
Please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter regarding this new law; it is the State's effort to boost reading achievement.

Halloween is quickly approaching. If your family participates in Halloween celebrations, we ask that you please remember our costume guidelines, as we believe these will help promote a fun, positive climate to the afternoon's activities:

- Costumes promoting violence, blood, indecency or involving weapons are not allowed.
- Be original, creative, and/or funny!
- Masks are allowed, but there is not enough staff or time to help with make-up.

Our next PTO meeting is this coming Monday, October 9! Please join us at 6:30 in our library.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns, please contact me.

LUNCH MENU

10/09 Chicken Drumstick and Soft Pretzel or Bagel, Sunbutter (peanut butter alternative), Jelly and Yogurt
10/10 Cheese Pizza or BBQ Rib Sandwich
10/11 French Toast w/Egg Patty or Ham & Cheese Sub
10/12 Crispy Chicken Sandwich or Spaghetti in Meat Sauce w/Garlic Breadstick
10/13 Crispy Fish Sticks w/Roll or Mini Corn Dogs

GL DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

Babysitting Workshop

Saturday, October 28 from 10 am – 4 pm Workshop is for students 12 – 18 years old. Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, diapering, age appropriate activities, pediatric CPR, rescue breathing, the Heimlich maneuver, and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Upon workshop completion, students will receive a pediatric CPR card, a basic first aid card, and a babysitting course certificate. Registration and class fee of $30 required. Checks can be made payable to C.P.R.C. Inc. and can be brought to the workshop. Participants will need a sack lunch.

Paws for Reading

Dogs love a good story too! Practice reading aloud to Bear, a certified therapy dog, in a no-pressure environment. Please phone the library at 517.627.7014 to register for a 10 minute reading time. Program dates and time: Oct. 17, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 @ 6-7pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. Oct. 9	PTO – A&W Spaghetti Dinner Fundrasiser
Fri. Oct. 13	2nd-4th Grade Color Cruise
Sun. Oct. 15	Color Cruise Ukulele Performance 1:30 pm
Wed. Oct. 25	Picture Retake Day
Tues. Nov. 14	PM Conferences
Thurs. Nov. 16	PM Conferences
Fri. Nov. 17	Afternoon Conferences
	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Recess
Fri. Dec. 8	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Holiday Recess
Mon. Jan. 15	No School – Martin L. King Day
Fri. Feb. 2	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
Wed. Feb. 14	Student Count Day
Mon. Feb. 19	No School – President's Day
Tues. Mar. 6	PM Conferences
Thurs. Mar. 8	PM Conferences
Fri. Mar. 9	Afternoon Conferences
	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
Fri. Mar. 30	No Students – Good Friday
Apr. 2 – 6	No Students – Spring Break
Fri. May 25	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
Mon. May	No School – Memorial Day
Tues. June 5	Last Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon

PTO NEWS

Please join us at the A&W in Grand Ledge on **Monday Oct. 9th** for a spaghetti fundraiser to benefit the Beagle PTO. Spaghetti dinners are $5.99 and include spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, and salad. For every dinner purchased that day, A&W will donate $2.00 to the Beagle PTO. Spaghetti is served from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. They are also available in the drive thru. Please come and support our school and a great local business!

EXTRA CLOTHES FOR THE DAY!!!

Please pack a little emergency bag for your child in a zip top bag. Include some clean undies and an extra pair of pants. Sometimes our students have to change their clothes during the day. If your child has to borrow some clothes please return them to the office after they are been laundered. Beagle could always use some extra pants and underwear for our "extra" closet. If you have any gently used clothing or if you see a great sale and would like to donate some clothes we will make sure to put them to good use!

ATTENTION 4TH GRADERS!

GIRL SCOUTS AT BEAGLE

Is your daughter interested in having fun and making new friends? Girl Scouts offers a wide variety of enriching experiences, such as field trips and community service projects.

Join us for a preview of the 2017-18 Girl Scouts year on October 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Beagle. Meeting dates and time will be determined as well as how to register to become an official Junior Scout. We hope to see you and your daughter there! For more information, contact Rebecca Lambrix (517.231.8248) or Karlene Ketola (517.230.4381).

THIRD GRADE READING LAW

A Parent Guide to Public Act 306

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1 What Is The Law All About ?

- In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016.
- Michigan's test scores on both the Michigan-based M-STEP ELA assessment and the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) reading assessment have shown a need for attention to early reading and literacy.
- On the 2015 NAEP, Michigan was 41st in the nation for fourth grade reading achievement.
- To help more students be proficient by the end of third grade, the law requires extra support for K-3 grade students who are not reading at grade level.
- The law also states that a child may be retained in third grade if he/she is one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of third grade.

2 What Do I Need To Know As A Parent?

- Your child's reading progress will be closely monitored.
- If your child is not reading where expected, a plan to improve reading will be created.

This includes:

- Extra instruction or support in areas of need
- Ongoing checks on reading progress
- A Read-at-Home plan
- If you are notified that your child may be retained, you have the right to meet with school officials and to request an exemption if it is in the best interest of your child. You have the right and are encouraged to be involved every step of the way!

3 How will this affect my child?

In Grades K-3 :

Your school will use tests to identify students that need extra help with reading. These students:

- Are at risk of not passing the M-STEP ELA in third grade.
- Are not reading at the expected level for his or her grade level and time of year.
- If your child is identified as needing additional supports (extra help), your school will provide your child with an individual reading improvement plan. This means your child's teacher and school will work with your child to find where your child needs support in his/her reading development and create a plan to support him or her.
- The extra supports in your child's reading improvement plan will occur in small groups during the school day.
- Your child will not miss regular reading instruction.
- Part of your child's reading plan will include a Read-at-Home plan that encourages you and your child to read and write outside of the school day.
- Your child may also be encouraged to participate in summer reading programs.
- Your child's teacher will also receive supports in evidence-based effective practices in teaching reading and writing to support all learners to grow as readers and writers.

In 3rd Grade:

Starting in 2019-2020, a student will not be promoted to fourth grade unless he or she:

- Receives a reading score of less than 1 year behind on grade 3 ELA state assessment (M-STEP)
- Shows a grade 3 reading level on another test approved by superintendent of public instruction
- Shows a grade 3 reading level through a portfolio, or collection, of student work in all grade 3 ELA standards.
- A child will only be required to repeat third grade once.
- You will be notified by the state and district if your child may be required to be retained.
- You as a parent have the right:
  - To ask for a "good cause exemption" with the school or district within 30 days once notified.
  - To request a meeting with school officials

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3 How will this affect my child?

Are there any exceptions? Considerations **may** be made if your child:

- Has an IEP or 504 plan.
- Is a English proficient student (speaks second language).
- Has had a reading improvement plan for 2 years and was previously retained.
- Has been enrolled in the current district for less than 2 years and did not receive reading support.
- Is at grade level in all other subjects.
- Is in the best interest of the student and requested within 30 days.
- If a request is made, the district superintendent will make a decision in writing and notify parents.
- The decision will be shared at least 30 days before school begins. The decision is final.

4 What can I do to support my child?

Read at home with your child daily with books they enjoy - even during the summer. Some ways to engage your child in reading are:

- As you are driving in the car or waiting for an appointment, engage your child in listening games.
- Play rhyming games - I am thinking of a word that rhymes with ____.
- Listen to children's songs and nursery rhymes - point out words that rhyme.
- Play sound games - I spy something that starts with the sound /b/ or I know someone whose name starts with the sound /s/.
- Look for letters on signs and discuss its sound(s).
- Work on phonemic awareness/first sounds in words - What is the first sound you hear in the word cat? Man? Mom?
- Guess my word - "I am going to say the sounds in a word and you have to guess my word. Adult says the sound in each word and the child has to guess the word. b-aaa-t Ask: What word? Child replies, bat!

As you read:

- Ask your child to share what they remember.
- Ask questions about the reading.
- Talk about your favorite parts, what you've learned, or who is in the book and what they do.
- Help connect the stories to your child's life or other books you've read.
- Hold the book so that your child can see the text as you read.

If your child repeats third grade :

- His/her class will be with a highly rated teacher and/or reading specialist.
- Most of the day will be spent on reading instruction but some fourth grade standards will also be taught.
- Students will still have an independent reading improvement plan and get extra support.
- Student progress will be closely monitored.

- As you read, move your finger along under the words.
- Have children decode unknown words by saying the sounds of the letters in the word and blending those sounds together to read the whole word. Do not just tell them the word.
- Read stories with full expression, use of different character voices is highly engaging.
- Ask your child to act out a story following the read aloud.
- Allow your child to draw a picture and write about the story.
- Label objects around their bedroom/house e.g. On a sticky note, write the word "bed" and post it next to the bed.

Talk to and with your kids a lot: Knowing more words helps kids to understand the words they read better.

Encourage writing: Let children write the sounds they hear, spelling is developmental and a work in progress.

Be involved in your child's education and support the reading plan if your child has one.

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