

11-5-2022 BES Weekly Update

Hello Parents and Guardians!

Here are a few updates for Belmont Elementary School...

1. No School 11/8 and 11/11 - Please remember that we will not have school on Tuesday due to the elections, and no school on Friday in observance of Veteran's Day.

2. Parent-Teacher Conferences - Conferences will be held this week on Monday and Thursday after school from 4-7pm. You should have already received the invitation to sign up for a conference, and hopefully, you all have one scheduled. Please make sure you are on time for your scheduled conference and plan for it to end at the scheduled time, out of respect for all families. If you need more time, you can always schedule a phone call for another day.

The COVID pandemic reduced learning time and time in school over the last couple of years. Accordingly, many of our students are not yet able to demonstrate mastery of the academic and social-emotional skills that are "normally" achieved at their ages. As always, I have asked teachers to provide you with an honest report of progress for your student. Please don't be surprised if your son or daughter is behind the typical grade level standards. I would encourage you to determine if your student is behind the majority of their peers during your conference, and if so, to understand the reasons why that might be. Teachers should also be able to provide guidance regarding what you can be doing at home to help with your son or daughter's continued academic and social-emotional growth.

3. Phone Alerts from School - On occasion, I send a message out via the phone system to alert families to important and timely information. I recently sent a reminder about the Halloween parade and the procedures we would be following to maintain safety on that day. More than 50 people called the school when they saw they had a missed call from Belmont Elementary School, which was difficult for the one secretary working in the office. In the future, please help us by checking your voice messages. If you have not received one and do not know who called, please refrain from calling the school. Belmont Elementary staff will leave a message if they want or need you to return a call. Thank you for your support.

4. Veterans Day Celebration - A friendly reminder ... I would like to invite our local veterans to attend our Veteran's Day assembly on Thursday, November 10th at 9:15 am in the gymnasium. Each grade level will be sharing in our celebration of veterans. Due to limited capacity in our gymnasium and parking lots, we are not able to invite families to attend. However, if you have veterans that are family members in attendance, please feel free to join us as we celebrate and thank them for their service.

Enjoy this beautiful weekend, and let's all make it a wonderful week!

- Ben Hill