Bulldog Dates:

NOVEMBER:

Reading Fluency Window
11/1/18 to 11/9/18

Boys Basketball Starts
11/8/18 @ 3:45 to 4:45 pm

Thanksgiving Recess
11/21/18 to 11/23/18

NWEA Window
11/26/18 to 12/14/2018

Picture Retake
11/30/18

Dress Down Day
11/30/2018

Starting Soon...

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys Basketball will begin on Thursday, November 8th.

Practice will run from 3:45pm-4:45pm.

Any interested 5th or 6th grade boy can see Miss K. Williams for a permission slip and schedule.

Parents will also need to attend a short meeting and sign a release before their child can play in any game.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Happy November to all of our Bulldogs!!!

I hope you enjoyed your fall break with your students. They have been working very hard to reach their goals.

Did you know that our school has to have a 96% attendance rate as deemed by the state of Indiana?

If we don’t achieve this number our school fails the attendance portion of our accountability grade. Please have students at the school on time every day.

We appreciate your support.

After the first of the year, we will be meeting with some families about student achievement and explaining our goals and mission. We are thankful for all of you- enjoy this season of gratefulness.

Respectfully,
Valerie Priller - Principal
Beardsley Elementary

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Elayna J. Silvas

October’s Student of the Month candidate is a student who gives 100% everyday by both words and actions and shows Beardsley PRIDE. This student is very persistent because she stays very focused to get daily assignments and homework done. This action has resulted in this student being on the Honor Roll for the first nine weeks this year. Elayna is very dependable person who takes the initiative to do what it takes to get things done and to help others when help is needed. She is a very efficient person who stays organized and continues to stay the course to get things done in a very timely manner. Congratulations Elayna!

Curriculum Information

IXL is a great way to practice math skills at home. If you do not have a username and password for your student, please contact the teacher.

This year we are implementing the EngageNY math curriculum. You can learn more about the program at www.engageny.org

Earbuds

If you have not already, please send in a pair of earbuds for your student to use while in the computer lab. Please put them in a bag with your student’s name and classroom teacher written on it.

www.facebook.com/BeardsleyElementaryElkhart
Our PRIDE t-shirts are Collecting Bone Rewards! Good Job Bulldogs!!

Winter Showcase -
This December, Beardsley will be having a Winter Showcase to display our students and their work in Art and Music. Mark your calendars for December 13th! Come enjoy a night of music and art created by the wonderful students of Beardsley Elementary. More details to come.

Science Fair
The Beardsley Science Fair is on December 4th. Please check with your child or child's teacher if they are required to participate in the science fair, as some teachers have required their class to participate. It is an expectation that any high ability student should participate. All 6th grade is required to participate. If you are unsure if your child is required to participate, please contact your child's teacher. All students across all grade levels are encouraged to participate in the science fair. Information about the Science Fair can be found from your teacher, or from Miss Kim Williams, Science Fair Coordinator. Public and parent viewing of the science fair projects will be available in the gym from 1pm-3pm.

Food Drive....
Our 4th grade students will be organizing a food drive for the month of November. Our goal is to collect 4,000 canned or non-perishable food items. We will be delivering the items we collect to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Bristol Community Food Pantry and/or Church Community Services of Goshen, IN.

Items we are looking for are canned vegetables, canned soup, canned pasta meals, canned meat and fish, crackers, rice, cereals (hot or cold), pasta, spaghetti sauce, boxed meals (hamburger helper, macaroni and cheese, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, and condiments. Food donations can be brought in any time between November 1st-November 20th. Our food donations will be delivered to the above named the week of Thanksgiving. The 4th grade thanks you so much for your participation and support of our service project.

6th Grade - Collecting Pop Tabs
We are collecting pop tabs all year to raise money for Ronald McDonald Charity House at Riley Children's Hospital - Indianapolis. Our goal is to collect one million.
As we prepare to conquer 2nd grading period, we ask that you prepare your students for inclement weather. In the midst of cooler weather, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the colder days ahead. Hats, boots, long pants, warm jackets, layers, scarves, gloves are essential for students to safely be outside during recess or any other period of time in our student’s school day.

Special Education Students

Spec Ed students in grades 4 and 6 have been introduced to NWEA MAP Skills on the iPad. Students will be working on areas of focus that were identified on the Fall NWEA testing. They will work on these skills to aid in increasing their scores when they take NWEA in November and December.

EXPLORERS PROGRAM

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES 3 to 5 YEARS OLD

Explorers Kindergarten Readiness Group was developed to provide parents an opportunity to give their preschoolers a chance to become comfortable in a preschool environment with the parent by their side! Look for brochures in your school’s office.

Monday 1-2:30 @Beardsley

PRIDE T-SHIRTS

All Beardsley students MUST wear their PRIDE t-shirts for Quarterly Awards Assembly and for Monthly Dress Down Days. Nov. Dress Down is: 11/30/18
**Grade Level Updates**

**Kindergarten:** Parents make sure you check your child's backpack daily. Continue to practice letters and sounds. It is important for your child to know all 26 letters and sounds in order for your student to become a successful reader. Reading to your child every day greatly improves their vocabulary, comprehension and their reading level. Continue to practice counting. Our goal is for student to count to 100.

**First Grade:** First graders continue to show Beardsley Pride through their hard work and respect for all students and staff in the building. This month we are learning how to show initiative: to work harder and be prepared without anyone telling us. We are starting a unit on measurement in math. We are working, working, working on sight words in reading. The goal for rainbow words is to be working on white words by Christmas. The best way for a child to learn to read is...to read. Reading to or listening to your child read is the most powerful thing you can do to help your child be successful in school!

**Second Grade:** The second graders had an amazing time at Amazing Acres last week! They were able to apply a lot of our story’s concepts about animals that they learned from our reading curriculum. The students visited farm animals, flew through the air on a zipline, slid down the miner's slide, jumped on the huge jumping pillow, and even mined for gems, all before coming back to school with their own pumpkin! It was a great day for everyone!

We want to send out a special congratulations to all of our 1st quarter PRIDE winners. We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing who our next award winners will be!

Parents please continue reading with your child over fall break and practicing the basic math facts! Have a wonderful fall break!

**Third Grade:** Hello Parents! First grading period is over and we are very proud of our third grade students. I’m sure you are equally proud. New students are arriving and we are enjoying each new student to our third grade family/team. Our PAX training is doing wonders for classroom discipline. All three classrooms are so pleased with the work ethic that your kids are showing each and every day. Working hard independently allows for us to call small groups of kids to provide practice in a specific area of need. The entire staff traveled to Chicago to learn a new teaching process that would allow for greater success on specific skills in preparation for our high-stake tests; IREAD and ILEARN (the replacement for ISTEP). Third grade has completed one PLC unit and are now providing interventions to achieve success for all; ALL MEANS ALL!!

We started our second PLC unit at the beginning of this second grading period. We do believe the kids are enjoying the new approach as much as we are. Our 1:1 ipad focus has been to provide practice in Reading and Math as a follow-up to our daily instruction. Ms. Engen, Miss Williams, and Mrs. Misura have all received additional ECS training with NWEA Maps Skills. We see this as an excellent way, again,to look at your students' specific needs, and then assign them work to review and practice toward mastery of their "need work" skills. Technology - WOW! We look forward to discussing your students' school experiences with each and every parent at parent/teacher conferences. Be safe and enjoy the upcoming Fall break!!
**Grade Level Updates...**

**Fourth Grade:** We have completed our Native American Unit and are now learning about Colonial America. We will be learning about life in Colonial America and this will lead us to a research project at the end of the unit. For math we are currently working on a multiplication and division unit. Remember that we have asked our students to study basic multiplication and division facts at home. An easy way to do this is with flashcards. We are also encouraging our students to practice on IXL or Freckle at home.

**Fifth Grade:** 5th grade is working really hard to show PRIDE in all aspects of our school day. We are working hard on respectful behavior to peers and adults. We ask families to reinforce and explain what this looks and sounds like at home as well. In order to help build our reading stamina and comprehension, be sure your student is reading at least 20 minutes each night. Ask questions as they read such as the basic Who? What? Where? When? and Why? questions. If students have access to technology, IXL and Freckle are great resources for extra practice in both math and reading! Have your student reach out to his or her teacher for their log in if they need it! If you haven't already please send in a pair of earbuds for your student to keep at school. Soon we will be getting more technology- having these now will make the transition much easier! Your students teacher will keep them labeled for only their use. We thank you so much for your ongoing support!

**Sixth Grade:**
Sixth grade will be finalizing their novel study of “Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief” and will be finalizing their essay about “A Hero’s Journey”. They will conclude by watching the movie and doing a comparison of the novel and the movie. Our next novel study will be “Bud, Not Buddy”.

Students will be coming home with a packet about their Science Fair projects and the timeline to get everything done in a timely manner before the Science Fair on December 4. Remind your student that this Science Fair project will count as a big portion of their science grade for the second nine weeks. They will also be receiving one display board for the Science Fair. Another Medieval Times fundraiser will be starting soon. Details coming in a few weeks.