



NEXTON NEWS

Our Vision: To empower all students for success.

January 9, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 10th	SIC Meeting at 2:45 p.m.
Jan. 15th	Report Cards
Jan. 15th	School-wide Reading Celebration
Jan. 16th	2nd Quarter Awards Day 4th Grade-8:00 5th Grade-9:00 3rd Grade-10:00
Jan. 21st	Martin Luther King Day- No School
Jan. 24th	PTA Math Night at 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 28th	Boosterthon Student Pep Rally
Jan. 30th	Early Release Day - 10:50 a.m. dismissal
Jan. 30th	Character Ed Celebration at 8:00 a.m.

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Parents, are you struggling to make sure your kids have enough books on their reading level to read at home? We are here to help! Any NES parent or guardian can open up a library account for you to check out up to 10 books at a time for your family. Just come to the school library when you drop off your student in the morning, or stop by after school before 3:00 p.m. Any parents who cannot come in person during those times, please contact our librarian Ms. Brinkley at brinkleyc@bcstdschools.net so she can find a solution. Happy reading!

School Counseling News From Dr. Tolbert and Mrs. Lee

JANUARY'S HABIT FOR HAPPY HEALTHY CHILDREN Habit 4: Think Win-Win® Everyone Can Win!

"I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' emotional bank accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for other alternatives."

Family Activity

Make a "wish poster" with your student. Start by drawing a line down the middle. On one side cut and paste magazine pictures of things your student wants from you (like desserts after dinner). On the other side cut and paste pictures of things you want from your student (like a clean room). Together look at your wish poster. See how you can work with each other to make both your wishes come true. Thank you so much for your support from home and for fostering the leader in your child!

JANUARY'S CHARACTER EDUCATION WORD OF THE MONTH - CITIZENSHIP

Students don't need to vote in elections to be good citizens. Being a good digital citizen is a great way to be start being a good citizen. Here are some good tips from commonsensemedia.org on how to help your student become a better digital citizen: stay aware of kids' online activities. Constant monitoring of what they do and how they interact with others online is necessary to teach them how to use the internet appropriately. Many young kids don't realize the difference between joking and bullying and don't understand the consequences of their actions. Talk to children about how it feels to be the target of cyberbullying. Signs of behavior to watch out for, are things such as: being withdrawn, secretive, fixating on digital devices, having a constantly buzzing cell phone and dramatic changes in behavior. Talk about empathy, compassion, and integrity. Make sure to give kids plenty of freedom to express their interests but set clear, strict boundaries.

Leadership in Literature: These books help create a sense of empathy in a way that kids can understand. Look for them in our library or at the public library. **Grades K-2: Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla By Katherine Applegate, We're All Wonders By R.J. Palacio. Grades 2-5: The Invisible Boy By Trudy Ludwig, One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street By Joanne Rocklin, A Whole New Ballgame: Rip and Red, Book 1 By Phil Bildner, Junonia By Kevin Henkes**

PTA NEWS

The box top and dimes contest has begun and ends 2/22/19! Special prizes will go to every student who contributes a combination of 50 box tops and/or dimes by each deadline 12/20/18, 1/24/19, 2/21/19. The class that collects the most combined total will earn a PIZZA PARTY! The grade level that has the most combined total will receive HALF the collected funds for classroom budgets. **RULES: Box tops must be valid (not expired). DIMES ONLY are accepted (no nickels or pennies). Box tops & dimes must be enclosed in an envelope or a ziplock bag with the following information: STUDENTS NAME, TEACHER AND GRADE.**

Reminders:

****Hoods are not to be worn inside the building.****

****There are still many jackets and lunchboxes in Lost and Found. Please come by and check the area for your family's belongings. Always label your student's belongings if possible.****

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and tidy!