

District 12 Newsletter

October 2019

November is here and before we know it, it will be December - school is 29.4% complete already! I'd like to personally thank all of you for your attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences. It's great seeing all of you here supporting your child and their education! Having said that, if you're ever in our building, feel free to stop and have a conversation with me. As the "new guy," I'm still working on names and faces, but I'd love the chance to meet all of you and connect with our entire school community (parents, grandparents, etc.). In a very "on-demand" society, I still believe in the importance of face to face interactions, so please don't hesitate to introduce yourself!

Recently, the state released the Illinois Report Card and the data for D12 is very encouraging. Here are a few of the numbers: 66% of our students were proficient on the IAR English test last year - 28% higher than the state average; 43% of our students were proficient on the IAR Math test last year - 11% higher than the state average; 61% of our students were proficient on the IAR Science test last year - 12% higher than the state average. Lastly, when comparing student growth, D12 students grew the same or more than 59% of their peers in Illinois on their ELA test and 55% in Math. This growth percentage is determined by comparing other Illinois students who scored the same on the test the previous two years. All in all, our students are above the state averages in every category. Kudos to our kids, parents, and teachers for their achievement!

Students of the Month

- **Beckemeyer**
 - Kindergarten - Kendric Thompson
 - 1st Grade - Izabella Barger
- **Breese**
 - 2nd Grade - Haley Buettikoffer
 - 3rd grade - Ella Haar
 - 4th Grade - Paityn Wintermann
 - 5th Grade - Ivette Onate-Angel
 - 6th Grade - Anakin Ricklefs
 - 7th Grade - Blake Heimann
 - 8th Grade - Colin Smith

Sports

- Congratulations to the Girl's Basketball for winning our 8th Grade Girls Tournament.
- Boy's Basketball recently placed 4th in the Wesclin Tournament.
- The 5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball season has finished and the 5th and 6th Grade Boys open their season next Friday & Saturday in the Aviston Tournament.

Music

- Christmas concert date - December 9th is the Band and Chorus Christmas Concert and December 10th is the K-2 Christmas play. Both concerts begin at 7:00 PM in the Breese Gym.

PTC

- Thank you to everyone who came out to support D12 during McTeacher Night!
- Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets! This will be the only PTC fundraiser throughout the year. Raffle winners will be posted to the D12 Facebook page.

Student Council

- If your child bought a "Stu Cru" shirt, it should be in soon. If they wear it to any home game, they will receive free admission. There will also be a student section at the games for any student to sit in and cheer for the Bobcats. Come out and support your team!!!
- Student Council will also be sponsoring a toy, coat, hat, gloves, scarves, and a food drive for the BCMW. We will collect items from Nov. 11th to Nov. 25th. Please consider helping out if you are able.
- The Student Council will be sponsoring a blood drive on April 29, 2020, from 3-7 in the Breese cafeteria. Your support is greatly appreciated. There will be an on-line sign up soon.

Other News

- With temperatures beginning to drop please take note of times doors will open at both campuses: Beckemeyer is 7:00 am and Breese opens at 7:15 am.
- Chess Club will begin soon; student sign-ups will begin soon.
- BoxTops - We are still accepting Box Tops for Education. Even though we will not be sending home sheets for the BoxTops to be taped to, we are still collecting them. Please send them in a baggie with your student's name & homeroom teacher's name on it. BoxTops is transitioning to electronic collection. If interested, check out the free BoxTops for Education APP.

Upcoming Dates

- **11/7** - Band and Chorus Photos
- **11/8** - Midterm
- **11/9** - Band Vendor Fair Breese Campus 9a-3p
- **11/11** - NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
- **11/13** - Music Booster Meeting in Breese Band room @ 6:30p
- **11/15** - Midterms sent home
- **11/19** - PreK Family Night at Beckemeyer 6:30 pm
- **11/22** - PE in the Park
- **11/27-11/29** - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- **11/30** - Breese Christmas Parade