

Greetings Brewer Island School Community,

I hope this November Principal's letter finds you enjoying the fall weather as we have just returned from the Fall Intersession! This is the 1st time in my educational career that I have had time off in October. It was a stay-cation for me, and it was wonderful! It was so nice to stay at home and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Peninsula this time of year.

As we begin the month of November, I would like to highlight a few BIES events. November 10th-22nd marks a very important time for 1st-5th grade Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you for setting aside this time to meet with your child's teacher to review their academic and social progress in school. We are committed to your child's success, and our teaching staff will be providing valuable and helpful information regarding their educational program.

BIES students who are participating in the Reflections of Arts Contest will be submitting their entries by the end of this week, November 4th. The Reflections of Arts Awards Night will be held on November 15th in the BIES gymnasium.

On November 18th, all 4th grade students will participate in the Y-Bikes training sponsored through Safe Routes to School and the Peninsula Family YMCA's Y-Bike program. Students will be learning all about important bike safety skills, and they will have the opportunity to practice these skills on bikes provided by the Y-Bikes trained staff. This fun learning event takes place during the school day.

Be sure and set aside the evening of November 18th for a special PTA Movie Night. Come join other BIES families for this fun cinema event! Plans are also underway for the 2nd annual Father-Daughter Dance which will be held on December 9th. Be sure and check out the PTA website for more specifics on these BIES events!

BIES parents are also cordially invited to the PTA general meeting which will be held on the evening of November 29th. PTA general meetings are a great way to find out more about all the wonderful happenings at Brewer Island Elementary!

In closing, it was wonderful to see the BIES school community participate in the annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair and Math Night. It was awesome to see students engaged in math learning games with their parents as well as making an investment for the love of reading!

Enjoy these brisk, fall November days as we head into the holidays!

Best,
Gregg Elliott
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