BENTLEY PRIDE

April 2024

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NOTE FROM MS. ZASTRO

Hello Bentley families,

We hope everyone has been enjoying their Spring Break. As a reminder, we will return to school tomorrow, April 2.

Our 4th - 6th grade students will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) tests starting on April 3. We will test April 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9. Our students and staff are very prepared to show everyone what we know. I am so proud of how hard our staff and students have worked this year to prepare for our assessments. Now it's our time to shine! Our 5th graders will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) test April 16-18 during their Science class.

We hope our students are having fun while participating in the IXL Spring Break Challenge. The challenge will conclude at 7pm tonight. There are so many children who participated and the leaderboard has changed a lot! Keep practicing those skills!

We hope you are having an amazing Spring Break and we will see our students tomorrow!

Mary Zastro
Principal

ATTENDANCE

Please call our Bentley office at 815-485-4451 if your student is going to be absent by 8:00 am. If you are leaving a message give your student's name, reason for absence, homeroom and your name. If we do not receive a call and are unable to reach a parent or guardian we will have our New Lenox Police Department make a wellness check at your home.

NOTES FROM OUR NURSE

4th grade: Mr. Boersma and I will be presenting the "Growing Up" program to all 4th grade students during specials on 4/24/24. The boys and girls will be in separate locations. Below are the links for the videos. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Boys: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XF0awGRTWs
Girls: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gv21b3ZpSLg

6th grade: Dental forms are now due. If you have not turned in a dental examination form, please bring it to the office.

If you borrowed clothes from the nurse's office, please return them. Thank you!

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Keeping Fit in P.E. with Mr. B

What's Happening in PE…

*This past month we worked on our volleyball skills, played volleyball games, & played a fun, new game called Battle Ball. We also had some guest "PE Teachers for the Day" where we played Domination, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, & Star Wars Galaxy Destroyer. As we move into April, we will be beginning our class volleyball tournament as well as finish up our FitnessGram Fitness Tests.

*Students are encouraged to bring in pictures of themselves (or of them and their family) being active outside of the school day for our bulletin board.
Let's see those spring activities!

Club News

Volleyball Club will be finishing up with an "End of Club" tournament….see next month's newsletter to see who won it all!!!

PE SHOES

Please remember to wear or pack your PE shoes on PE day.
WHILE QUITE FASHIONABLE, CROCS & SLIDES ARE NOT PE SHOES 🙂

MR. BOERSMA/PE TEACHER jboersma@nlsd122.org

April

1	No School-Spring Break
	Registration for 2024-2025 school year opens online in Powerschool
2	Return to School
3-9	IAR (Illinois Assessment Readiness)Testing
5	Spirit Day - Wear your favorite baseball/softball team!
12	Midterms Online
	Spirit Day - Spring into Fitness, wear workout clothes
16	NLSD 122 Board Meeting 6:00 pm
16-18	5th Grade ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing
17	4th Grade Music Show 5:30pm
19	NO SCHOOL-Institute Day
23	Candor talks-6th grade at Bentley
24	4th grade growing up talks
25	Autism Acceptance Month-Wear bright colors
	ABC Countdown to end of year begins (See attached flier)
26	4th grade field trip-Schranz, Fijolek, Farmer
29	4th grade field trip-Augustine, Degroot, Shileny

THINKING OF CHANGING YOUR WAY TO GO HOME?

Bentley Parents: This is the time of year your student may want to walk home or go home with a friend. Please be reminded that students are not allowed to change their way home without a note from you or a phone call to our Bentley office. Students will not be allowed to call home during the day to change their plans going home. This should be done the night before with your permission. Thank you for helping us make sure every student arrives home safely!

NOTES FROM OUR LRC

Author Visit

Bentley and Nelson Ridge students had a wonderful day meeting author Lindsay Currie on March 6! Mrs. Currie talked about haunted places in Chicago that inspired her books, how she works through the writing process, and her new book, *Mystery of Locked Rooms.* If your child would like a copy of this book, it will be available for purchase to the general public on April 2.

Battle of the Books

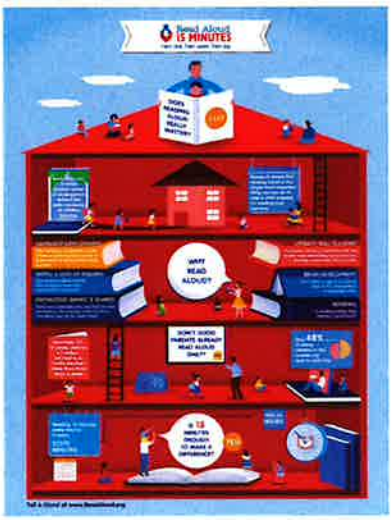
Bentley has just begun the 2024 Battle of the Books! The books this year are:

Moo - Sharon Creech
Save Me a Seat - Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
Scritch Scratch - Lindsay Currie (our visiting author)
The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez - Adrianna Cuevas

Each book is linked to a description.

Students register by team through a Google form. Registrations are due by April 25. Here is a link to the information sheet.

These books are also perfect to be read aloud with your children! Here is an infographic on the benefits.



Happy Spring!

Mrs. Kathleen Drews

NOTES FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

I hope everyone had a fun and safe spring break!

Bentley School will be celebrating Autism Acceptance Month on Thursday April 25, 2024. Please wear bright colors to school on April 25th to show our support of celebrating differences. Always remember to be kind to everyone!

Denise Adams
Social Worker
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Community Resources 23-24

NOTES FROM MUSIC

We are finishing up the final trimester of music for the year with some fun project based learning! 6th graders will be going retro with a video game music composition project. 5th grade will learn a new solfege syllable and complete a digital music project. 4th grade is getting their instruments and punchlines ready for their program this month! We hope to see you there!

Save the Date

Bentley 4th graders present the music program

"LOL"
April 17th at 5:30pm
(performers arrive 5:15pm)
Bentley Gym

REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

April 1, 2024 is the first day to register returning students for next school year. Please register your returning students online through Powerschool. The easiest way to access Powerschool is through the District website at www.nlsd122.org and at the bottom left under "Featured Pages" it states "Powerschool Parent Login". Final day to register online for returning students is April 19, 2024.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Testing

In the upcoming weeks, New Lenox School District 122 students will participate in online state testing. During the weeks of April 3rd-19th, students in third to eighth grade will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test. The IAR assessment consists of ELA tests and math tests.

In addition to the IAR, students in fifth and eighth grade will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) during April 15th-18th. The ISA consists of three units and will be administered during your child's science class.

Parents,

BeSure Consulting
Training for Law Enforcement, Schools, Parents and Children

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April is the month for one safety video; Digital Footprint and Closing (16). Attached is the parent login information for Be Sure Consulting for Cyber Safe Schools. If you would like to watch the student videos with your child, please see the following login information. We will not be showing the student videos at school.

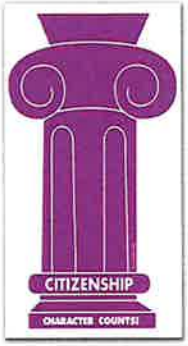
Parent login:
URL: vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp
Password: NLSP623!

Student login:
URL: vimeo.com/showcase/nlss
Password: NLSS876!

May Pillar

Citizenship

- Treat others with respect: follow the Golden rule
- Be tolerant of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements



PILLAR OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Nate D.	Lilah W.	Chance C.
Kyle O.	Maggie H.	Riley R.
Aiden K.	Isla R.	Paige S.
Leah M.	Ivee A.	Noah J.
Dominic W.	Avery R.	Dominic C.
Madelyn P.	Ellie H.	Gabriella F.

LUNCH TIMES

4th Gr. Lunch 10:35-10:50 am Recess 10:50-11:05am
5th Gr. Lunch 11:10-11:25 am Recess 11:25-11:40pm
6th Gr. Lunch 11:45-12:00 pm Recess 12:00-12:15pm

Lunches are now $4.00 each-they are not free unless a student qualifies for free lunch. Lunch orders will be sent to parents by email or can be ordered on the NLSD122 website under Parents & Students, Lunch program. Orders will be for a 2-week period. Milk can be purchased for .35 each day during lunchtime. Payments can be made through your NLSD122 PowerSchool account.

We are selling ice cream in the lunchroom on Wednesdays for $1.00.

NOTES FROM ART

2024
LINCOLN-WAY ARTWORKS SHOW

End of the Year ABC Countdown!

Thursday, April 25th
Autism Awareness
Wear Bright Colors!

Friday, April 26th
Beach Day!
Wear sunglasses, shorts, sunscreen & beach hats!

Monday, April 29th
Chicago Day
Wear your favorite Chicago Sports team or a Chicago shirt!

Tuesday, April 30th
Disney Day
Wear your favorite Disney character/ movie shirt and hat!

Wednesday, May 1st
Exercise and Energize
Wear exercise clothes

Thursday, May 2nd
Favorite Crazy Sock Day
Wear Crazy Socks!

Friday, May 3rd
Glow in the Dark Day!
Wear your neon clothes.

Monday, May 6th

Hat Day

Wear a favorite or FUN hat!

Tuesday, May 7th

Inside Out

Wear your clothes inside out!

Wednesday, May 8th

Jersey Day

Wear your favorite Jersey!

Thursday, May 9th

Kindness Day - Wear a kind word or quote

Create kindness quotes with your class!

Friday, May 10th

Logo Day - Wear your favorite Logo!

Write a letter to the incoming students or letters to former teachers!

Monday, May 13th

MisMatch Day

Wear 'mismatched' clothes!

Tuesday, May 14th

Number Day

Wear your favorite number or jersey to show your favorite number!

Wednesday, May 15th

Over the Rainbow - Wear your favorite Tie Dye or colorful shirt

Enjoy an activity outside (walk, story-time, etc.)

Thursday, May 16th

Pajama Day

Wear your favorite PJs to school!

Friday, May 17th

Queen & King Day - Dress like you're in the Royal Family

Do a QR code activity!

Monday, May 20th

Rock n Roll Day

Read a book in class today!

Tuesday, May 21st

School Spirit Day

Show your Bentley Pride by wearing Bentley clothes or blue, white or yellow!

Wednesday, May 22nd

Team Day

Support your favorite Sports team!

Thursday, May 23rd

USA Day

Celebrate the USA by wearing Red, White, and Blue!

Friday, May 24th

Wear your "Very" favorite outfit!

Tuesday, May 28th

Workout Clothes Day

Field Day Fun!

Wednesday, May 29th

eXtra Fancy Dress Day - Dress like you're headed to Prom!

Thursday, May 30th

Yellow Day

Year End Cleaning Day! Have students take belongings home!

Friday, May 31st

Zero Days Left

There are ZERO more days of school, so ZIP up your backpacks and ZOOM out of school!