

MAY/JUNE 2019 CALENDAR NEWS

Bethel Elementary School

Dear Bethel Family,

As the year is coming to a close, let me thank the students, staff, and parents for such an amazing year! Our students have learned much in and out of the classroom. They participated in many worthy efforts - Make a Wish Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy, Battle of the Books finalist, and a canned food drive. Thank you for helping us to teach children the importance of giving back to others.

Please join us for a **Meet and Greet for Bethel's new principal, Mr. Matt Critell**. This will be held on All Arts Night which is Monday, May 13th. Mr. Critell will be available to meet families in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:30 that evening.

This year, students in third, fourth, and fifth grades in South Carolina will take the SC College-and-Career Ready Assessment (SC READY). Students in those grades will take ELA (writing and reading) and mathematics tests. Additionally, students in fourth and fifth grades will take SC Palmetto Assessments of State Standards (SCPASS) science (4th grade) and social studies (5th grade) tests. Parents will receive a letter in their child's Friday folder with test dates and format.

All volunteers are invited to attend our **Volunteer Reception** on May 16th at 3:00 pm. Our volunteers support us by chaperoning field trips, providing lunch relief, serving on school committees, assisting in classrooms, and so much more! Please allow us to show our sincere appreciation by attending the upcoming reception. Childcare will be provided for children in grades K-5. Hope to see you there!

Partnering to help all children learn,

❖ **SPIRIT NIGHTS** Our first Spirit Night will be held on Friday, May 3rd from 3:00-9:00 pm at Chuck-E-Cheese on Haywood Road. The second will be on Tuesday, May 7th from 5:00-8:00 pm at Chick-fil-A on Woodruff Rd. Our third will be on Thursday, May 23rd from 5:00-8:00 pm at McDonald's at the corner of Hwy 14 and Main St. Simpsonville. **Please be sure to mention Bethel when placing your order.** Thank you for supporting our Spirit Nights this year!

❖ **ALL ARTS NIGHT** Please join us for All Arts Night on Monday, May 13th. **Bethel's new principal, Mr. Matt Critell, will be available for a Meet and Greet from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Cafeteria.** Starting at 5:30, the halls on the lower level will be a showcase of student artwork. To finish out the night, the strings ensemble will kick off their performance at 6:30 in the cafeteria. They will perform a short selection of songs. This will be followed by the Cardinal Chorus performance.

❖ **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK** May 6th-10th is a special week at Bethel. We are having a school-wide Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Each day will have a special, school-wide themed treat for all teachers and staff. Neon green flyers came home in Friday folders. Please take the time to let everyone at Bethel know how much they mean to all of us!

❖ **PTA OPPORTUNITIES** We are looking for someone to chair Hospitality next year or an individual event (teacher tailgate, teacher luncheon, and staff appreciation). We are also looking for someone to coordinate the copy room. If you are interested in knowing more about the open positions and how you can become more involved, please contact Kelli Pellerin at bethelptapresident@gmail.com.

❖ **REPORT CARDS** Report cards will be mailed on June 7th from the school office. Please make sure that the correct address is on file at school, so you will receive your child's report card.

❖ **SPRING PICNIC** We are excited about the upcoming Bethel Family Picnic on **Thursday, May 23!** This event will be held rain or shine! If it rains, we will eat in classrooms. **The price will be \$3.80 for all visiting adults and children. The cost for Bethel students will be their regular rate. Parents paying on the day of the picnic are asked to bring exact change and no large bills.** Make checks payable to Bethel Elementary (complete checks prior to getting in the lunch line to expedite the process). Reservation form will be sent home in Friday Folders on May 3.

❖ **MEDICATION** All medicine will need to be picked up by Tuesday, June 4th at 3:00 pm. Per district policy, any medication remaining after 12:00 pm on June 5th, will be discarded and destroyed. Please come by the school to pick up the medication.

❖ **5TH GRADE DAY** Fifth graders mark your calendars for your special day! A day of fun is planned for you on Friday, May 31st with a field trip to Big Air, followed by pizza and dance at the school. Parents, please make sure you have turned in your child's permission slip.

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES:

New Student Orientation- Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:00 pm

Meet the Teacher - Thursday, August 15 @ 4-6 pm

First Day of School- Tuesday, August 20th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Talent Show 3:00-9:00 pm Chuck-E-Cheese Spirit Night	4
5	6 8:30 am PTA Board Meeting	7 National Teacher Appreciation Day PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon 2:30 pm Strings 5:00-8:00 pm Chick-fil-A Spirit Night	8 <i>Jean Day</i> School Nurses Day	9 IMA Charleston 7:15 am Chorus Columbia 3 rd Grade	10 IMA Charleston	11
Teacher Appreciation Week						
12	13 5:30 pm All Arts Night 6:30 pm Chorus/Strings Performance	14	15	16 9:00 <i>SIC</i> 3:00 <i>Volunteer Reception</i>	17	18
19	20 6:30 pm Kindergarten Night	21	22	23 Spring Picnic 5:00-8:00 pm McDonald's Spirit Night	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day No School	28 8:30 am PMA Awards 10:00 am IMA Awards	29	30 <i>BAG MEALS</i> 8:30 am 2 nd Grade Awards 10:00 am 3 rd Grade Awards 1:00 pm 4 th Grade Awards	31 <i>BAG MEALS</i> Fifth Grade Day 8:30 am Kindergarten Showcase	1
2	3 <i>BAG Breakfast</i> 8:30 am 1st Grade Finale 1:30 pm 5th Grade Clap Out	4 9:00 am 5th Grade Awards	5 Half Day 12:00 noon Last Day of School	6	7 Report Cards Mailed	

