



Bethel Elementary School

Weekly Update – April 10th, 2020

The campus of Bethel Local Schools is closed thru May 1st following the State Governor's orders.

Bethel Local Schools will keep our community informed through this pandemic via ONE CALL NOW messages and these sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bethel-Elementary-School-125534127535651/?ref=bookmarks> (Bethel Elementary Facebook Page)

https://www.facebook.com/thebethelbees/?eid=ARcm1qokazm5REnG3IMG3sS2dGSg8NHIGNsWyXuOshuSGScBouzzKU61JFBRWSt4p_2JbxhgfC7Rn1X8 (Bethel Local Schools Facebook Page)

<http://www.bethel.k12.oh.us/> (Bethel Local Schools District Website)

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School Work Update for Students & Parents

Parents and students will continue to receive a weekly schedule of learning activities **each Monday morning** from your child's teacher. This will provide you with what is assigned and expected for your child for the week (Monday - Friday). This will be shared on the communication app your teacher uses, through email, etc. Our intention to engage your child in 60 minutes of learning each school day. Feel free to provide your child's teacher with feedback on any questions or concerns with assignments.

If you are not receiving the weekly assignments, please reach out to your child's teacher via email, as staff should be checking their school email on a daily basis. Teachers are here to assist you in any way that you may need assistance with your child's academic assignments. Each grade level is working collaboratively to provide some consistent assignments for your child to keep them engaged in learning over this extended break from school. **A copy of all teacher email addresses can be found on the last page of this Weekly Update.**

Through emails, communication apps, phone calls, videos, FB posts, video conferencing, and other means, the teaching and administrative staff will continue to find ways to stay connected to our students in the upcoming weeks.



Kindergarten Registration (April 14th - 17th)

In addition to working diligently on educational experiences during this time, the district is also working hard to ensure we are fully prepared for next school year. One vital piece of this preparation is Kindergarten Registration.

As our district continues to grow, student enrollment directly and heavily impacts staffing. The district intends to continue with our planned Kindergarten Registration this month. All parents of incoming kindergarteners for the 2020 - 2021 school year are strongly encouraged to register their child online.

We will use Final Forms as our registration platform. Parents can access Final Forms through the district website (www.bethelk12.org) from April 14th thru April 17th. Registration documents will need to be collected at a later date when social gatherings are once again safe. We would also appreciate your help in spreading the word of the April 14th - April 17th Kindergarten registration window with any and all Bethel neighbors and friends in the Bethel community.

Please know how significant it is that we get a complete picture of what is coming to Kindergarten by getting all eligible kindergarten families to register their child. **The results of this registration period and the number of kindergarten students enrolled HEAVILY impacts the rest of the decision making for staffing next school year.** Thank you in advance for all your participation in this process in ensuring we have accounted for all kindergarten students.





Ways to Make the Most of Easter During Isolation

Holidays are milestones, and children need them to look forward to and enjoy. We need to make the holiday fun even if the kids are stuck at home with just their immediate family. Here a few tips on how to celebrate Easter with your family and children during the Easter holiday this weekend:

Pre-Easter Decorations/Egg Dyeing Activities: Consider engaging children with [pre-Easter decorating and egg-dyeing activities](#) they can share with their friends and family on Zoom or FaceTime. This link gives lots of ideas!

Have a virtual Easter egg hunt: On Sunday use Facetime, Zoom, or other apps with grandparents or relatives and chase the kids as they hunt, encouraging them to show and tell what they found. Because it's all about Easter eggs and candy, the kids will love it.

Easter egg hunts: We won't be having mass egg hunts in the park, but doing one in the backyard is still an option for those that have one. You could also move things indoors. Outdoor egg hunts are often over in 15 minutes, but if you move it inside, the fun might last longer. Treat-filled plastic eggs could be hidden in drawers, coat pockets, blankets and other places where kids could discover them over a longer period of time. Sure, it's fun to get a big haul of treats, but it's also fun to find candy in your sock drawer a week after the treats have been eaten.

Connect with friends and family: Gather online using Zoom, FaceTime or whatever video call app you prefer. Prepare a list of fun questions for everyone to answer, tell stories, eat together or come up with some other way to keep the conversation going. If your loved ones live in town, visit them and wave while they stay inside or interact outside at a safe distance.

Plan a special meal: Since you can't have family and friends over for a festive Easter meal, open Zoom or FaceTime in the kitchen Sunday and cook your own along with them. People are doing a lot more cooking now, and it's satisfying to share the experience

Attend church: Area churches are closed, but many are hosting online services. That means this year everyone can listen to a service while still in their pajamas, and you don't have to tell the kids to be quiet.

Plant seeds: Most of us don't start gardens on Easter, but it's one way to celebrate spring and new life and it has the benefit of giving back all season long. Start seeds together indoors or outside in the garden, depending on what you plan to grow.

Easter Games:

Easter Egg Lawn Bowling: Start with a dozen hard boiled eggs (or more, depending on the number of players). Leave one white, and dye each of the others a different color. Gently toss the white egg onto the lawn. Each player takes turns rolling their colored eggs toward the white one, trying to see who can get closest without touching it.

Match the Eggs: Gather an even number of plastic eggs. Divide eggs into pairs and fill each pair with different small objects like pennies or jelly beans. Put all the eggs together, and then let each child shake the eggs and attempt to place the two matching eggs together. Whoever has the most correct matches wins!

Easter Egg Rolling Race: Let the good times roll with this fun relay race. Start with a dozen (or more) hard boiled eggs, one for each racer. Mark off a straight race track with multiple lanes. Each player begins by placing his or her egg at the starting line in his or her lane. Just like the popular White House tradition, each player then uses a wooden spoon to roll the egg down the lane and across the finish line. The first one to cross the finish line wins!

Capture the Egg: Get ready for a little friendly competition with this fun take on "Capture the Flag". Divide all your players into two teams. For this game you'll need eight eggs, four each in two different colors. Have each team choose a color and then line up their eggs on their end of the field. Each team must try to capture the other team's eggs and bring them to their side of the field without being tagged by a member of the opposing team. If a player is tagged by an opponent, they are out. To win, a team must successfully capture all the other team's eggs, or must have the last man standing.



Check out the artwork being done at home and shared with Mr. Tayse!



Exciting News About Accelerated Reading

You can now access Accelerated Reading books from home, AND take tests on books from home! Mrs. Mills, our fabulous librarian, has worked her magic so that this is now possible! See the links below:

AR at Home

From now until May 3rd, grades 2-5 can take Accelerated Reader tests at home. This is an **OPTIONAL** activity that we hope will encourage reading. AR will not be added to 4th quarter grades. Below are instructions and tips for using AR at Home.

How do I Access AR at Home?

1. Students **must** use the following link to access Bethel's Renaissance Learning site.

www.hosted122.renlearn.com/113626

2. Students will use the username and password they use at school. In most cases, their username is their lastname, firstinitial and last two numbers of their graduation year. For example, millsh27

Their password is their 5 digit lunch code.

What books can I use to quiz?

You can read books you have at home or use ebooks. I would suggest using [MyON](#). These are all AR books with quizzes. The search function allows you to look for books within the students ATOS reading level. The username and password are specific to our district.

Website: <https://www.myon.com/school/ohioreads>

Student username: OhioReads

Student password: books

You can find help using MyOn here.

<https://p.widencdn.net/gjindp/Intro-to-myON-Books-and-News>

If you would like to read MyON offline, here are instructions.

<https://p.widencdn.net/ahjbuf/380099-Offline-Tip-Sheet-myON-Shared-Acc-2>

If you would like additional ebook resources, please email [Mrs. Mills](#). Many publishers are offering ebooks for free. I am happy to send additional websites and login information.

How do I know if my book has an AR quiz?

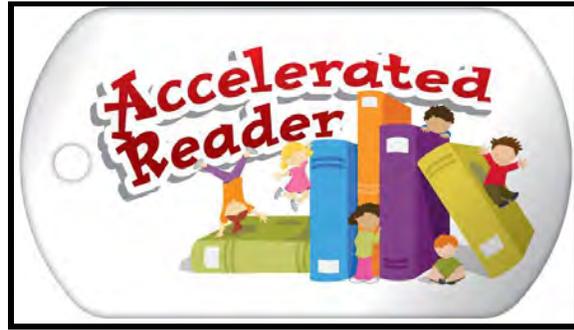
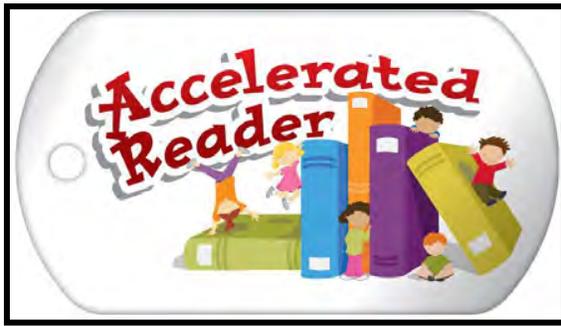
[AR Bookfinder](#) allows you to enter a title and see its reading level. www.arbookfind.com

What if the book is not on my AR level?

That's okay. I would encourage students to read on level but until May 3rd you can take a quiz on any AR book you read, regardless of its reading level. When you begin to take a book quiz, if it is not on your reading level you will be asked for a monitor password. The password is **OK**.

Happy Reading!!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mills, millsh@blsk12.org.



Accelerated Reading - Top Five for Quarter 3

Congratulations to the following students for making our Top Five with the amount of Accelerated Reading points earned over the course of quarter 3. Even being short one week of school during this time period, many of them surpassed their previous high points for the earlier quarters. Nice job, readers!

3rd Grade

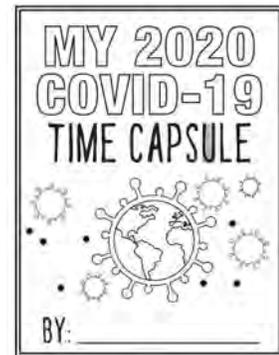
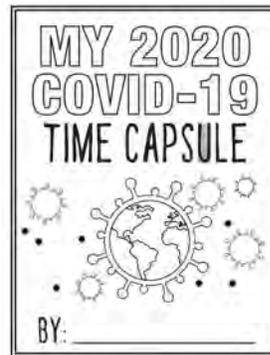
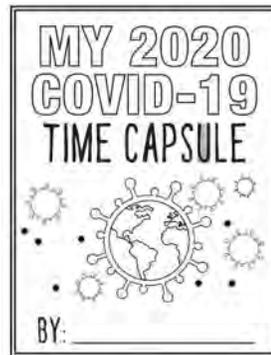
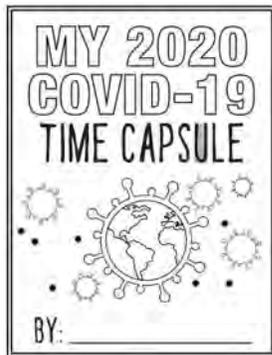
Ghalya Almomani
Alicia Judge
Ghazal Almomani
Abigail Griffith
Claire Mullens

4th Grade

Lauren Hunt
Brendan Moore
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Sebastian Ellison
Lauryn Pikas

5th Grade

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Michaela Firks
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Evelyn Wilbern
Ava Baab

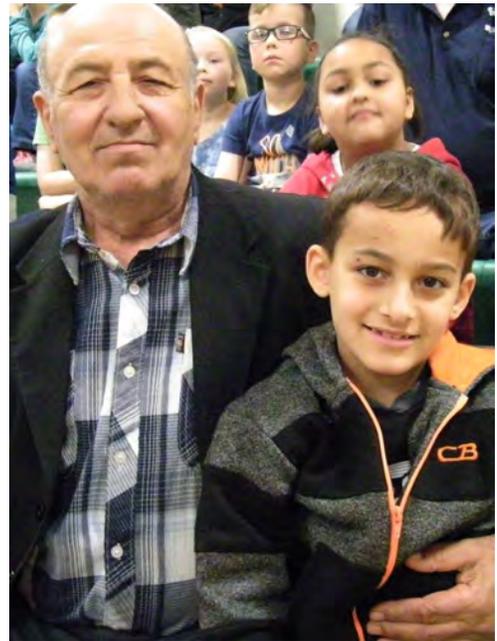


My 2019 - 2020 COVID 19 Time Capsule

Parents, this may be something you might want to try with your own kids at home. I am leaving this up to you for your discretion as to what age levels this may be best applicable for to use. Some kids may be very sensitive to this, while others may find it as a great outlet.

<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialForrestGriffin/videos/1889483501183695/UzpfSTEyMjE3ODA0ODM6MTAyMjlzODE2MzU3MDkzNTc/>

5th Grade Flashback Photos



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