



Bethel Elementary School

Weekly Update – September 15, 2017

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Complete

Bethel Local School held its ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication of the new High School addition this past Sunday with many people from the community in attendance. We would like to thank everyone for coming to tour our new facility!



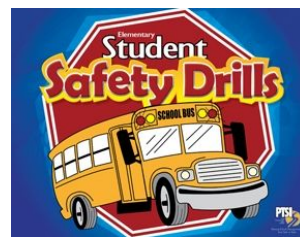
Our new addition allow for a secured entrance, new Science labs, flexible seating and classrooms, a state of the art kitchen for preparing food and additional classrooms and programs for students. Thank you to our community for your financial support of this construction!

Safety Drills with Students

As we do every year, safety drills we be part of our school year. We hosted our first fire drill this past Tuesday, September 12th with all the kids practicing evacuating the building with their teacher in charge. We held our first intruder drill with students on Friday, September 15th. During an intruder drill, the teacher in charge must make a decision to evacuate the building with their class of students or barricade in their classroom. This will be dependent upon the location of the intruder/danger on the campus. We will continue to meet the state requirements for these drills, along with tornado and bus evacuation drills throughout the school year. We also held our Bus Safety training with kids in grades K-3 to train them on how to follow the bus driver's commands and hand signals for crossing the road safely when being picked up or dropped off by a bus.

Below is the link for Bethel's Quick Guide to Parent Safety

[http://www.bethelk12.org/images/DistrictPDF/PARENTS%20INFORMATI
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Important Events For Your Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Friday, Sept. 29

Week of Oct. 2-6

Thursday, Oct. 5

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Thursday, Oct. 19

Friday, Oct. 20

Monday, Oct. 23

LifeTouch School Picture Day

First Grade Field trip to Brumbaugh Farms

Scholastic Book Fair for students

Scholastic Book Fair open during Parent - Teacher Conferences from 3:30 - 7:00 PM

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One Hour Early Dismissal for students (2:15 PM)

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PTO Direct Donation Campaign

The PTO group is giving a Direct Donation Campaign a try this year. They are hoping it will help eliminate most of the fundraising that has been done in the past. They are hopeful that many families would rather make one donation as to try and support various fundraisers throughout the school year. Students were provided the Direct Donation forms this week to bring home. The Direct Donation Campaign will run through October 6th, and specialized shirts are given as a gift for your donations. Please see the link below for the Direct Donation form and feel free to send it back into school no later than October 6th!

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/w6bv231cab8f5dz/DIRECT-DONATION-v05-Master-LR.pdf?dl=0>

What's the buzz with PTO?

- **Sept. 21 Entertainment Book** orders due too (5th-8th grades)
- **Sept. 22 Direct Donation** forms due for shirts to be distributed for homecoming.
- **Oct. 2-6 Book Fair:** Volunteer sign ups coming soon (evening shift on 10/5 will be available too)
- **Oct. 5 Conference Dinner:** Donations of homemade soups, chips, veggies & dip, drinks, homemade desserts needed. Please email dinner@bethelppto.org to see how you can help.
- **Oct. 17 Family Fun Night @ Fulton Farms** 5-8 pm
- Seeking parent volunteers for assisting the elementary students at lunch for both Thurs. & Fri. 11:30-1 (a volunteer for each day)

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