



# SUPERSTAR GAZETTE

## Message From The Principal

We made it through the first nine weeks. Your child's teacher should have tried to contact you to discuss your child's progress. Many of you have been in for parent/teacher conferences. Most of you should have received SAT 10 assessment scores from your teachers as well. If you would like some additional assistance interpreting those scores, give us a call. I want to encourage you to remain in contact with your child's teacher and share with them any concerns or questions that you have. Email works best for most teachers. If you call in, please remember that teachers spend most of their day teaching and will have a difficult time returning your call promptly. If you need to speak with a teacher in person, please set an appointment. Remember, you are the most important influence in your child's life. This extends to education as well. If the parent values education, so too will the child. One of the most important things you can do with your child is read to or with them. On occasion, I have the privilege of reading a book to the younger children.

I'd also like to remind parents that on most days we will be going outside for recess. Please have your children dress appropriately.

Thank you for all you do!

Mr. G

### PBIS Update

Social Workers, Janet Reckard and Jessica Nesby, are very pleased to announce Bent School's new peer mediators. These students have worked very hard by giving up many lunch/recess periods to learn peer mediation skills and have passed a certification test to show their ability to apply these skills. We are proud that these students will help Bent School be a safe responsible and especially a respectful environment.

5th Grade: Ciel Baptiste, Lucas Edwards, Alaina Kruse, Evening Kundtz, Clayton Moore, Haley Morgan, Fiona Ward Shaw, Lucas Dahmm, Makenzie Deleonardis, Sidney Gleg-horn, Julianna Jenkins, Clare O'Sullivan, Rebecca Redd, Natalya Reed, Piper Schuring, Grace Weber, Jorddy Aguero Flores, Jason Reyes-Gonzales, Grace Sanders, Cristal Mejia-Sanchez

4th Grade: Erin Boyle, Sara Cooper, Kendall

Cross, Bailey Davis, Dakota Dowling, Raedyn Hursey, Brooklyn Lovall, Samantha Morey, Lillian Morris, Iyana Myer, Mathew Reed, Savannah Sexton, Anysa Stewart, Jayden Thomas, Cora Baize, Moriah Burton, Tatyana Caldwell, Alayshia Caldwell Pinkston, Ruby Higgins, Jon Hinton, Ian Hogenson, Isaac Marshall, Kobe Marshall, Charleigh Nussbaum, Myles Perry, Aaliyah Sharif, Adriana Rosales, Mauricio Mendez, Ariana Bustamante

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 : If you would like to have :  
 : lunch with your child just :  
 : stop by school during his/her :  
 : lunch time and enjoy a fun :  
 : time and a good lunch with :  
 : your child. :  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
 Nov. 24, 25—Thanksgiving Break  
 November 29—Holiday Shop & Deck the Halls  
 Dec. 6—7:00 - PTO Mtg.  
 Dec. 21—Jan. 5 - Winter Break.  
 Jan. 19—All School Musical Review

## Nurse's Notes—Susan Rutherford



Reminder: **November 21, 22 and 23**—we will be having our yearly dental clinic at Bent School. It is important that permission slips are turned in so that your child can participate in this program. Permission slips went home in October. If you didn't return a slip you may be getting one brought home by your child to return to school before the clinic.



Mark your calendar for the All School Musical Review coming Thursday evening, January 19th. It will be an hour of musical fun presented by our fantastic kids! More information will be coming soon, but save the date of January 19th, 2012!

## PTO Highlights—Amanda Hogenson, President

**Holiday Shop is coming—Tuesday, November 29!**

If you are interested in helping with **Recess Readers** this coming February, please contact Tory Dahmm @tmdahmm@aol.com Recess Readers is a reading program PTO provides for the children over the lunch/recess hour. We need parent volunteers to help make this a success!

**PTO meetings** are the 1st Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 P.M.

Send in **Box Tops!** Mr. Bussan's classroom won with over 500 for the month of September! Please continue to send them in!

Your PTO has purchased microphone stands and cables and also paid for an Argentinean music group who did a fabulous assembly for our students.

*December PTO meeting*

*December 6*

## Student Council—Mrs. Cooper

**Salvation Army Food Drive—November 14-18.** It's time to raid your cabinets for non perishable items that do not have an expiration date that has expired. We are collecting food items for our annual Salvation Army Food Drive.

**Bent Superstar Council/PTO presents**

**Deck the Halls! (in the gym) And Holiday Shop (in the cafeteria)**

**Tuesday, November 29 6:00—7:30 PM**

We are hoping this will be a great way for the Bent family to get into the holiday spirit!



**Feeding the Community**

## At Home Writing Activities - Writing Committee

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In the coming months we will be including activities and information to support writing at home. This initiative is a part of our school improvement plan to help all students excel. Please consider incorporating writing into your at home activities. **Now let's get writing!**

1. **Share feelings in journals.** Ask your child to write a journal about a specific occurrence and how it affects them. They might write for example, about the weather and its effect on their thoughts and feelings or about a meal and its effect on them.
  2. **Original writing using favorite characters.** Have your child take a favorite character from realistic fiction they are reading or have read — Henry Huggins from the Beverly Cleary books, for example,— and write a fairy tale with the character as the central character.
  3. **Poetry writing.** Suggest to your child to think of a favorite color. Have your child write a brief poem about the color.
  4. **Letter Writing—fictional.** Have your child write letters to themselves as if they were written by a famous person.
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### Holiday Assistance

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Salvation Army (829-9476) Apply for holiday assistance during the following days and hours: November 15-17 - 9 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WJBC Brotherhood Tree—829-1221

Christmas for Kids Party—Registration by mail or email ONLY—P O Box 3396, Bloomington, IL 61702-3396 or email [matejka53@aol.com](mailto:matejka53@aol.com) The party is scheduled for Dec. 11 at