

# Bent School Newsletter



# SUPERSTAR GAZETTE

Bloomington Public Schools District 87

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## Message from the Principal

Greetings Superstar Parents!

The end of the year is always a good time to reflect and recharge energy. Take time to reflect on the positive things that happened this year and plan for a better tomorrow. As you are making plans with your family, encourage your students to read more, maybe even read books together as a family.

This year has not been easy, but it has taught us many lessons. We had to adjust quickly to the current situation and find ways to continue learning.

This is a time to give thanks and to spend time with family. Please take a moment to also thank your student's teacher. Teachers have had a very challenging year and have risen to the occasion with passion for teaching and learning. On behalf of the Bent Family, we wish you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a wonderful WINTER BREAK!

Please remember that we will be full remote the week of November 23-24 and November 30-December 4 prior to the winter break. We will also be remote for one week after the winter break. Please continue to monitor District 87's webpage and social media pages for any new updates.

When we return from our winter break, we will be doing the ACCESS for ELLs testing in January and February. This test allows us to monitor the progress our bilingual students have made in acquiring English. Parents, please help your students prepare by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and are ready to do their best.

Ring in the New Year with new goals to reach. "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." –C.S. Lewis. I challenge you and your student to set a new goal this year. Aim high and work hard to achieve that goal. Sometimes, it only takes a little push to get started. We had a tough 2020 but focus on the positive and plan for something better for 2021.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that winter is soon approaching, so it is sometimes necessary to close school due to winter weather conditions. When a decision to close school is made, the information will be available on the district's website ([www.district87.org](http://www.district87.org)). Families will also receive a phone call through the automated School Reach system. Please make sure the office has your correct phone numbers.

Happy winter and THANK YOU for all you do!

Mrs. Delgado

### Principal

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### Bent Elementary School Pledge

I pledge to myself,

My school, and my community,

To be safe,

Be respectful,

And be responsible.

I am a Bent Superstar!

## Nurse News



The health office has been keeping busy with the morning certification routine and making sure students are free of any Covid symptoms. Please make sure to fill out your child's certification form daily. Thank you for doing this every morning. We all need to work together to keep everyone healthy and ready to learn.

If your child has a chronic health condition that could be mistaken as Covid, please have their doctor write a note that states the chronic condition, its usual symptoms and that they are fine to be at school. If we have this on file, it will avoid us having to call and have your student quarantine every time they have symptoms. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As the holidays approach, there are things we can all do to stay healthy and safe during Covid. Here are some ideas:

1. Do online shopping to avoid crowds.
2. Get your family flu shots if they haven't gotten them yet.
3. Keep gatherings small and consider virtual gatherings
4. Family members who are older and more at risk could have a holiday dinner and treats delivered.
5. Continue to practice wearing a face mask, social distancing, and frequent handwashing.
6. If you or anyone in your family develops Covid-like symptoms, call your healthcare provider for assistance and stay home for 10 days from the start of symptoms to avoid spreading the illness. Your health-care provider may recommend getting tested for Covid at one of the many testing sites in the community.
7. If you are in close contact to someone who tests positive, it is very important that you quarantine 14 days and monitor for symptoms. The McLean County Health Department will be reaching out to you, but until they do make sure to quarantine.

8. Don't be afraid to reach out for help and support if you are feeling overwhelmed. Path's number is 211 and there is always someone to talk to and also a list of community services that may be helpful for whatever problem you may be facing.

9. Lower your expectations of what the holidays will be like this year and try writing a story together with your children about what things were like during the 2020 pandemic. Simple things like doing puzzles together, reading aloud, cooking and baking as a family, and playing board games together can replace some of the usual holiday frenzy and activity and provide lasting memories.

10. Most importantly, stay healthy and safe and we will get through this together!

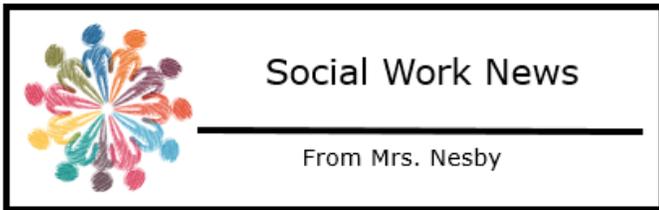
## Cafeteria News



Things to remember this holiday season...

1. Early wake-ups = Children to Love.
2. House to clean = Safe place to Live.
3. Laundry to do = Clothes to wear.
4. Dishes to wash = Food to eat.
5. Crumbs under the table = Family meals together.
6. Grocery shopping to do = \$\$ to provide for us.
7. Bathrooms to clean = Indoor plumbing.
8. Lots of noise = Kids having FUN!!
9. Endless questions about homework = Kids' brains growing.
10. Sore and tired at the end of the day = I'm ALIVE!

## Social Work News



### Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal:

\*Distribution of toys will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm

\*To sign up for a time slot and for more information contact Jenny Hall at 309-829-3034, ext. 109 or [jhall@bgcbtn.org](mailto:jhall@bgcbtn.org)

### Children's Christmas Party:

\*Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm

\*Gift and food distribution will take place at Midwest Food Bank, 2031 Warehouse Rd., Normal (off Northtown Road)

\*To sign up, send an email to [bnchildrencristmas@gmail.com](mailto:bnchildrencristmas@gmail.com) or write to "Children's Christmas", PO Box 3248, Bloomington IL 61702-3248 (be sure to include your name, address, phone number, number of children ages 12 and under, children's gender if you wish)

\*Sign up by December 5<sup>th</sup>

### Home Sweet Home Ministries, Midwest Food Bank, and Thrivent Financial's Give Thanks:

\*Food distribution days and times are:

-Saturday, November 21 from 10:00am-2:00pm

-Monday, November 23 from 4:00pm-8:00pm

\*Pick up location is at Midwest Food Bank (2031 Warehouse Drive, Normal)

### The Salvation Army-2020 Holiday Assistance Free Coat Program:

\*Limited to adults over 18 who didn't receive a coat in 2019 and children under the age of 5

\*Individuals needing a coat should call The Salvation Army at 309-829-9476 ext. 289

### Christmas Assistance Registry:

\*Register by filling out an online application at [sabloomington.org](http://sabloomington.org) or call 309-829-9476 ext. 299 (leave a message requesting an intake interview)-- appointments will be scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

### Toys for Tots:

\*Go to Toys for Tots website to request a toy [https://www.toysfortots.org/request\\_toys/apply-for-toys.aspx](https://www.toysfortots.org/request_toys/apply-for-toys.aspx)

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is a ministry of the Eastview Community Center providing food, paper products, detergent and personal hygiene items. Our goal is to provide quality products and build relationships. Everyone in McLean County is welcome to visit the pantry.

In the current environment of Covid concerns, we are committed to serving our guests safely and efficiently. We have procedures in place to limit Covid exposure to our guests and volunteers. This includes the wearing of masks by guests and volunteers, physical distancing and limiting face-to-face interactions.

Please note the following special dates in September:

September 29 we reopened our Normal Campus Food Pantry.

Hours are 1:00-2:30 pm and 6:00 -7:30 pm

September 30 we reopened our Bloomington Campus Food Pantry.

Hours are 10:00 -11:30 am and 6:00-7:30 pm

### DOCUMENTS NEEDED

Photo ID & proof of address, i.e. current mail (utility bill) with your name and address

### DATES CLOSED

November 23-27 \*Closed for Thanksgiving

December 11 2020 -January 4 2021 \*Closed for Christmas

Regular pantry hours will resume January 5, 2021

### VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our pantry ministry. If you are interested in serving in our pantry, please email Mark Dossett at [mdossett@eastview.church](mailto:mdossett@eastview.church)

### QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT...

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Bent December 2020 Calendar



# December 2020

At Bent Elementary School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Bent Spirit Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 6:00-10:00 Parents' Night Out at Coffrin's Martial Arts	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period	19
20	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26
27	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break		

Bent January 2021 Calendar



# January 2021

At Bent Elementary School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Winter Break	2
3	4 School Improvement Day No School	5 School Resumes	6	7	8 Bent Spirit Day	9
10	11	12 6:00-7:00 PTO Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18 Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday No School	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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