Coming Up

**TONIGHT 4/6**  The Empty Bowl Supper at BMHS  5-7 pm
Monday, 4/9  Coe Lake (Gr. 3 Ditz/Berger)
K-Kids 4:00-5:00 pm cafeteria
Tuesday, 4/10  Grade 4—OST / ELA Test
Coe Lake (Gr. 3 Frontczak/Demaline)
Wednesday, 4/11  Spanish Club  8:00-9:00 am in the cafeteria
Grade 4—OST / ELA Test
Coe Lake (Gr. 3 Peters)
KidZart  3:45-4:45  in room 135
Thursday, 4/12  SPRING PICTURE DAY!
Gr. 3  MAP Testing / ELA
Friday, 4/13  Gr. 1  MAP Testing / MATH
Field Trip KDG. To Playhouse Square
(K-C/K-F/K-L/K-M)

**SPRING IS HERE!**

**SCHOOL DOORS OPEN AT 8:55 am**

Parents/Guardians: Students will once again be waiting outside before school. During the winter months *(December through March)* they were allowed to wait in the lobby when there was extreme cold temperatures. Please do not drop off your children before 8:55am.

There is no adult coverage outside until 8:55 am.
This is for your child’s safety.
Thank you!

**MRS. ROLLAND**

**THE EMPTY BOWL SUPPER STORY - TONIGHT APRIL 6 5:00—7:00 PM**

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**SPRING PICTURE DAY is**

**THURSDAY, April 12**

Spring photos are fun and unique! Bring an instrument, sports jersey, dance shoes, hat…whatever makes you – you! Whatever you decide – it definitely won’t be a traditional school photo. Not all students are photographed in the spring – only those wishing to purchase a photo. Prepay online at www.orders.cavanaughphoto.com OR send the order form in with your check made payable to Cavanaugh Photography. All forms and money are due on the day of photography. If you have any questions, call Cavanaugh Photography at 440-973-4390.

**2018-19 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

**DO NOT DELAY — SIGN UP NOW!**

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open ONLINE. Registration will be online only.

Refer to NEWSLETTER PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

There is a link on the home page of the district’s website www.berea.k12.oh.us. Click on “Class of 2031” to begin the registration process. After you register your child for kindergarten, make sure you attend Kindergarten Information Night on April 24 at 7 PM in the Ford Intermediate School auditorium. This is a parents only information event to learn about kindergarten curriculum, how to prepare for the big first day, kindergarten readiness, and to meet your child’s principal.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**BIG CREEK PTA**

**SPRING CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

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STATE OF OHIO ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

The **Ohio State Tests for grades 3 and 4 will begin April 10.** Please make sure you do not schedule any doctor, dental or eye appointments on the days your child is scheduled to test. Also, please make sure your child has plenty of sleep the night before and breakfast before coming to school. It is important to be on time to school on these days.

All students will be taking the test first thing in the morning.

**Below is the OST schedule:**
- **Tuesday, April 10 & Wednesday, April 11** — Grade 4 – OST/ELA Test
- **Wednesday, April 18 & Thursday, April 19** — Grade 3 – OST/ELA Test
- **Tuesday, April 24 & Wednesday, April 25** — Grade 4 – OST/Math Test
- **Thursday, April 26 & Friday, April 27** — Grade 3 – OST/Math Test

SPRING MAP TESTING

Spring MAP (**M**)easures of ** Academic Progress) assessments will take place from

**Tuesday, April 3 through Friday, April 27 for students in grades 1, 2 and 3.**

This is an important assessment that measures your child’s **reading** and **math** growth from the beginning of the year until now. Please take a moment to have a conversation with your child about the importance of this test and to give their very best effort. Please make sure your child has plenty of sleep the night before and breakfast before coming to school. It is important to be on time to school on these days.

APRIL IS NATIONAL SAFE KIDS MONTH

Safe kids is a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent unintentional childhood injury. Southwest General Health Ctr. is part of the Greater Cleveland Safe Kids Coalition, led by Rainbows Babies & Children’s Hospital. The Coalition brings together approximately 400 health and safety experts, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, educators, corporations, government agencies and volunteers to educate and protect the families of Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties. Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital has a lending library or health and safety information, low-cost resources and programs to go on a variety of topics including bicycle and pedestrian safety, accidental firearm injury prevention, driving safety programs, youth sports safety and poison prevention. The Southwest School health specialists bring many of these programs to our schools to help inspire excellence in our homes, school, communities and each and every student. For more information on Bike Safety programs, Click it or Ticket Campaigns, and other available programs that promote and help maintain child safety go to: [http://www.injurypreventioncenter.com/programs/safe-kids-greater-cleveland](http://www.injurypreventioncenter.com/programs/safe-kids-greater-cleveland) OR [http://www.usa.safekids.org/state_display.cfm](http://www.usa.safekids.org/state_display.cfm)

SAFETY TOWN

**SAFETY TOWN** – a VERY popular community children’s program - **is now taking registrations!** Resident Boys & Girls entering **Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018 are welcome.** The program is from Monday, June 11 through **Thursday, June 21.** Class times are at 9:00 am, 11:00 am or 1:00 pm. **SIGN UP NOW SPACE IS LIMITED!**

There is a **$20 fee to sign-up!** Forms will be available at the Middleburg Hts. Police Station and at the Community Center. Your child will learn a number of safety-related concepts along with trips to the Police & Fire Stations!

See flyer on PAGE 10 of newsletter online—Registration form and details
# Lunch Menu | APRIL 9—13

| 9 | Corn Dog  
|   | Chicken Nuggets/Roll  
|   | Yogurt/Roll  
|   | String Cheese  
|   | Green Beans, Pineapple  
|   | Milk  |
| 10 | Fish Nuggets  
|    | Chicken Sandwich  
|    | Yogurt/Roll  
|    | String Cheese  
|    | Carrots, Peaches  
|    | Milk  |
| 11 | Pizza  
|    | Chicken Nuggets/Roll  
|    | PBJ Graham Bar/Roll  
|    | String Cheese  
|    | Corn, Applesauce  
|    | Milk  |
| 12 | Rib-A-Que Sandwich  
|    | Chicken Nuggets/Roll  
|    | Chef Salad/Roll  
|    | Vegetarian Bean  
|    | Juice  
|    | Milk  |
| 13 | Stuffed Breadsticks  
|    | Chicken Nuggets/Roll  
|    | PBJ Graham Bar/Roll  
|    | String Cheese  
|    | Broccoli, Fresh Fruit  
|    | Milk  |

Breakfast is available daily from 8:55 am to 9:05 am in the cafeteria at $1.25
For students who receive free/reduced priced meals there is no charge.

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**LUNCH—Free/Reduced Meals**

Free/Reduced Meals - Just a reminder - You may sign up for Free & Reduced Lunch any time your situation changes. Some families may qualify for free/reduced-priced meals. The 2017-18 application is available online. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the school year. Instructions to apply: Applications are available online at http://www.berea.k12.oh.us under - Nutrition Services. First-time users will need to set up a user name and password. You will need your child’s PIN number. If you need assistance or do not have internet access please contact: Nutrition Services at 216-267-2142.

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**SECOND GRADE MUSIC CONCERT**

**NUTS!**

NUTS! The Second Grade music program is in two weeks. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 19th. The students will perform in a school assemblies at 2:00pm and then again for friends and families at 7:00pm. Students should be in their classrooms at 6:30pm. All students need to wear their concert outfit for all performances. Any questions - feel free to email Miss Jones at ejones@berea.k12.oh.us

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**ALL STUDENTS are to have at a COMPLETE SET OF EXTRA CLOTHING!**

".....accidents happen"

ALL children should have a COMPLETE SET OF EXTRA CLOTHING in their locker just in case they need it. We have had so many students who have gotten wet at recess, spilled milk on themselves or had an accident and did not have a change of clothes. Please put at least 1 complete set of clothes in a bag, put your child’s name on the bag, and send the bag to school with your child. Clothes will be kept in their student locker.

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**P.E. ANNOUNCEMENT**

We have officially kicked off our Jump Rope 4 Heart campaign. Students were given a letter to take home about the event.

Students attended a Kick Off event on Tuesday April 3rd to learn more about the American Heart Association. The best way to donate is online, this is also the easiest way for use to track our progress. **Big Creek’s goal is to raise $3,000.**

Donations will be accepted through Friday April 13th.

If you have any questions please direct them to rminer@berea.k12.oh.us
SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

REMINDER TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS: Big Creek has a Box Top raffle contest every month. Every student that turns in 10 BOX TOPS on the box top collection sheet is entered.

*Make sure to put NAME, Grade, Teacher on sheet*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES!!!!!

Turn in BOX TOPS so BIG CREEK can collect money for fun activities!

MARCH BOX TOP WINNERS!!!!!

Layla Bteibet—Gr. 2
Raegen Demarest—Kindergarten
Madison Noll—Kindergarten
Marissa Noll—Gr. 4

2018—2019 PTA SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Mrs. Debra Folliett
Co-President: Mrs. Sara Mason
Treasurer: Mrs. Yaokun Xu
Parties: Mrs. Amanda Kadlac & Mrs. Kathy Ponicky
Fundraising: Mrs. Denise Simmons & Mrs. Shelley Dietz
Programs: Mrs. Matrice Perry
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jennifer Ashforth
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Angela Litherland
Membership: Mrs. Shelley Dietz
Council Delegate: Mrs. Amanda Grasson
Alternate Delegate: Mrs. Lauren Rauckhorst
Committees:
Reflections: Mrs. Jennifer Ashforth
Decorating: Mrs. Dawn McDevitt
Staff Appreciation: Mrs. Sara Mason
Book Fair: Mrs. Heather Wagner
Conference Dinners: Mrs. Jenifer Vucenovic
Mrs. Dawn Kubicki
Social Media: Mrs. Dawn McDevitt & Mr. Carnabuci
Teacher Representatives:
Miss Rebecca Miner
Miss Erin Jones

We are excited to announce a continued partnership with 1st Day School Supplies! We have collaborated with 1st Day School Supplies to help parents get the exact supplies needed for the next school year without the hassle of shopping at the stores. Supplies are now available for you to purchase at a competitive price. You can make your purchase right now by going to www.1stDaySchoolSupplies.com
BEREA-MIDPARK AFS LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Berea-Midpark AFS is looking for host families for students arriving this summer who will attend Berea-Midpark High School during the 18-19 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn about another culture. All types of families make good hosts and families have a hand in choosing a student who best suits their family from a variety of countries. All that’s needed is a bed, food and the same tender loving care and support you would want your own child to receive from a host family. AFS students come from a variety of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, are good students, have some level of English proficiency, bring their own spending money, have medical insurance, and AFS provides much support during the student’s stay here. The rewards of such an experience are endless! Contact Nancy Goette at 440/234-3821 or nagoette@yahoo.com for further information. The sooner you apply, the more time you’ll have to get acquainted before they arrive in August.

GREAT LAKES THEATER’S CAMP THEATER!

Registration for Great Lakes Theater’s Camp Theater! has begun. Camp Theater! is a summer drama camp held at Berea-Midpark High School for students ages 4-18. Students can sign up for one or both weeks of camp, which will run June 11-15, and June 18 – 22, 2018. Immersing participants in interactive and educational theater-based activities, Camp Theater! is a unique opportunity for students to work with and learn from Great Lakes Theater professional teaching artists in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Daily classes will be held at Berea-Midpark High School in one-week sessions from Monday through Friday. Students may enroll in one or both weeklong sessions, as different material will be covered each week. The program is designed for students of all levels of experience and ability. There is no audition required. Classes will be divided by students’ respective ages. The drama camp features classes in acting, Shakespeare, movement, improvisation, stage combat, mask making and much more! For complete information, including a downloadable registration form, visit http://www.greatlakestheater.org/education/camp-theater or contact me at (216) 453-4443 or via email at kflorian@greatlakestheater.org.

MOTORCOACH TOUR - VISIT NEW YORK CITY JUNE 1-3, 2018

Join us for a weekend in NYC! This is a family-friendly trip open to anyone over the age of seven wanting to visit New York City! We depart from Brook Park Memorial on Friday night, traveling through the night on a deluxe motorcoach to arrive in NYC Saturday morning. Saturday has us touring NYC on our motorcoach with a NYC guide aboard. See all of the highlights: Times Square, Central Park, Chinatown, Soho, Fifth Avenue, Greenwich Village, Wall Street. We get off the motorcoach to visit the 911 Memorial. Lunch is on your own. Saturday afternoon and evening are on your own to explore the city - see a Broadway show, have dinner in Little Italy, shop in Times Square or Chinatown, enjoy a carriage ride in Central Park — you never run out of things to do in NYC! Our hotel is the Hampton Inn, 337 West 39th Street, in the city. On Sunday morning, we again board our motorcoach to take us to the ferry to visit Ellis Island and see the Statue of Liberty. We depart for home at 1:15 PM stopping for dinner (included) at Country Cupboard. This is a great way to enjoy the city!

Affordable Pricing (cost is per person): $378/quad room; $405/triple room; $460/double room; $618/single room.

Easy registration and payment: Go to www.nowaktours.com and click the “Traveler Login” link at the top right. Then, create your account and enter the Trip ID BPNYC2018.

Questions? Call Gayle in the BPM office at 216-433-1350 or Wendy at MHJH at 216-676-8400.
ONLINE REGISTRATION

Follow this link - https://www.berea.k12.oh.us/kindergarten

Children who will be five years old on or before August 1, 2018, are eligible to attend kindergarten. *Registration is to be completed online or by appointment at the Berea Board of Education offices (if you do not have computer access), 390 Fair Street, Berea by calling 216-898-8300. Only the child’s parent or legal guardian may register a student.

Online Registration - Complete the entire process at home (must have the capability to scan and upload documents). If you receive a message that your documents are too large to upload, please email them directly to Sue Alcox, salcox@berea.k12.oh.us

Central Office Kiosk Registration - Complete information online (at home or at central office kiosk) and schedule an appointment to upload documents at the central office registration kiosk. If you begin registration at home, please write down your confirmation number and bring it with you in order to complete the process at the central office kiosk.

Must Have:
** Birth Certificate ** Immunization Records ** Photo Identification of Parent
** Proof of Residency ** Proof of Custody

Documents needed for proof of residency:
* Lease agreement if renting an apartment in a complex with six (6) or more units
* Current utility bill if you own the home

If residing with someone, or is renting a single, two family or any rental up to five (5) units, the owner of the property must sign an Owner Tenant form (must be notarized)

Please note:
Custodial parent must be the parent who registers the child. In case of parental divorce, parent with legal custody must present a certified copy of the court order awarding legal custody.
If custody change is pending, the noncustodial parents may present a dated, timestamped copy of the court filing, showing the motion for change of custody. The noncustodial parent is then given 60 days to present a certified copy of the final decree.
If there was never a marriage between the parents, the mother must register the child, unless the father has the legal custody papers.

If you have any questions, please call Big Creek Main Office at 216.898.8303
Middleburg Heights Library’s Children & Family programs for the month of April 2018:

WHAT: **MAKE A KITE:** Let’s go fly a kite! Members of the Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites will be at the library to help you learn about kites and make an amazing flying creation.

WHO: Grades K-5th

WHEN: Saturday, April 7th/11:00am – 12:00 pm
Registration required

WHERE: Middleburg Heights Branch, 15600 East Bagley Rd.

CALL: Register in person, by phone (440) 234-3600, or online at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org)

WHAT: **BUILD IT:** Do you Love LEGOs? You’re invited to come create with us! We’ll share a story and use LEGO bricks to build on a related theme.

WHO: Grades K-3rd

WHEN: Monday, April 16th/ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Registration required

WHERE: Middleburg Heights Branch, 15600 East Bagley Rd.

CALL: Register in person, by phone (440) 234-3600, or online at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org)
Empty Bowl

Date and time:
Friday, April 6 5-7 PM

Location:
Berea-Midpark High School

Cost:
$20
($10 for kids 7-14, under 6 free)

Includes: souvenir bowl, soup, salad, rolls, water, and dessert

A silent auction will also occur

All proceeds will be used to feed our community through Berea Community Outreach, Church Street Ministries, PCC Food Pantry and SCAN.

FOR TICKETS CALL –
Peggie McGregor (440) 234-6070

This is Berea Kiwanis Club’s 9th Empty Bowl Fundraiser. The handcrafted bowls are made by art students and teachers within: Baldwin Wallace University, Berea City School District, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cuyahoga Community College Metro and West Campuses, as well as ceramic artists Stephanie Craig, Todd Leach, Sandy Martin and Allen Kradlak.

The following have graciously donated their time and energies and we thank them!!

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PTA BJ’s Wholesale Company—NEW MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISER

Big Creek Elementary PTA Fundraiser
$5.00 of every membership goes to Big Creek Elementary School PTA

2 People For $25
Through April 18th, 2018 - Not Available In-Club
Get 2 Membership Cards For The Price of One
(Split With Co-worker or Family Member)

NEW Memberships Only Please
RENEWALS Must be Expired or Expiring in April to Qualify

****Membership Is Good At All BJ's Club Locations****

We Accept All Manufacturers’ Coupons Together With Ours
1. Smaller Portions of Organic Fruits/Veggies and 25% Off Grocery Store Prices
2. BJ’s Has More Name Brand Products Than Other Wholesale Clubs
3. We Have A Butcher On Staff For Your Customized Needs
4. We Have Name Brand Lunch Meat & Cheese Deli, Order a Little Or A Lot
6. 100% Money-Back Guarantee On Membership Fee Anytime Before Expiration

Check One: _______The Standard Membership $25 (Reg. $55)
_________The Rewards Membership $50 (Reg. $110) 2% Payback

12 Months Of Either Membership: Personal or Business

Fill Out This Form and Return it to School
Sends Will Be Mailed To You Within 1 Week

Or Mail This Flier App To: BJ’s Wholesale Club, Attention: Tim Otten
6944 W. 130th St, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130 Email: totten@bjs.com
For All Locations Visit: www.bjs.com

Child’s Name: ___________________ Teacher: ___________________

Your Name: ____________________ Phone: ____________________
Home Address: __________________ City: ____________________ Zip: __________
Email: __________________________
Free Card Name: __________________ Phone: __________________
Home Address: __________________ City: ____________________ Zip: __________
Cash or Any Charge Card #: _______________ Exp. Date: ___________
Make Checks Payable To: BJ’s Wholesale Club / Please Include Drivers License Number
SAFETY TOWN

SAFETY TOWN is a national program sponsored locally by the City of Middleburg Heights and the Middleburg Heights Police Department, which promotes preschool/early childhood safety education. All children who are residents of Middleburg Heights and those attending schools in Middleburg Heights and are about to enter kindergarten this fall, or who were unable to attend last year are eligible. The two-week SAFETY TOWN program will be conducted this summer beginning Monday, June 11, 2018 through Thursday, June 21, 2018 inside the Middleburg Heights Community Center. Your child will learn a number of safety related concepts, including school bus safety, home safety, and animal safety. Your child will also learn traffic safety in our indoor traffic layout which includes sidewalks, crosswalks, and a traffic light. There will also be trips to the Police and Fire Stations. Please help us instruct your child by registering now.

REGISTRATION FEE: $20.00 (make checks payable to the Middleburg Hts Community Center)
REGISTRATION DATES: March 12, 2018 - May 7, 2018
SESSION TIMES: You will be notified of your assigned session time by May 31, 2018
NOTE: A PARENT MUST ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 WHICH WILL BE HELD INSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTER.
Registration slips must be returned in person to the front desk of the Middleburg Heights Community Center, located at 16600 Hagley Rd, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130. Community Center hours: 6:00am-9:00pm Mon- Fri., 7:00am-9:00pm Sat., 10:00am-8pm Sun.

SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT: (name, address, and phone number will be listed on name tag and taught to students)

Child’s Name: ___________________________ School: ___________________________
Address: _______________________________ Parent’s Name: _______________________
City, Zip: _______________________________ Phone Number: ( )

T-Shirt Size: circle one, S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for session time below. Every effort will be made to place your child in the class you prefer. However, class sizes are limited, and sessions are filled on a first received basis.
Note: You are encouraged to attend Safety Town in your community. While we attempt to accommodate all children, due to the limited space, residents of Middleburg Heights and those attending schools in Middleburg Heights must be given first consideration.

Activity #4518.200  Activity #4518.201  Activity #4518.202
9:00am-10:30am  11:00am-12:30pm  1:00pm-2:30pm
Help your child’s school earn cash!

Tape or glue clipped Box Tops to each hopscotch square.

Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child’s school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child’s school, go to BTFE.com.