



# Betsie Valley Communicator

## January 2019

Dear Families,

What an amazing December! Students were able to shop for family members at the Christmas Bazaar (with much thanks to Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. Mosher and Mrs. Campana, and so many other volunteers), share our singing talents at our Christmas Program (with much thanks to Ms. Corey for all of her work), and generously support our neighbors (with much thanks to all of you!). Our school community was able to come together to help a worthy cause, providing toys for families in need, by having a penny war. In just 2 weeks, our school was able to raise \$859.98! The Corner Toy Store of Frankfort matched the money collected bringing our total donation of almost \$1800 worth of toys for families in our community! I could not be more proud of the students and staff! Thank you all for reinforcing why Betsie Valley is such a great community of people!

School resumes on Wednesday, January 7. Students will participate in a CHAMPS camp refresher, where all students review and practice school-wide expectations, the first week back. We will focus on responsible, respectful, and safe behavior in all areas of the school and playground.

At Betsie Valley we strongly believe that safety of students is our number one priority. Over the course of this school year a few potential concerns have arisen that could impact the safety of students. One concern is last minute bus changes. These occur when families call after the 2:30 pm cut time or when we have last minute changes to after school activities. Given our commitment to the safety and well-being of all students, we are changing the policy for after school events. We will **NO longer** be able to accommodate last minute requests to attend after school events. **All paperwork and money MUST be submitted no later than 2 days prior to the event.** This change reflects the need for staff to have timely notice of bus changes and accurate lists of students staying after school. Additionally, we ask that you please make the office aware of any changes to your child's transportation arrangements **BEFORE 2:30pm**. The office is a very busy place, especially between 3-4 pm. Last minute changes placed after 2:30 pm run the risk of not being implemented correctly. **Please reserve changes after 2:30 pm for EMERGENCIES ONLY.** Thanks for your help with this!

Just a reminder that if a child is unable to attend school because of an illness or any other reason, they will not be allowed to attend after school activities. Please allow your child proper recovery time. Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Also, please remember that if a student is removed from class during the regularly scheduled school day and is not able to return to the classroom due to behavioral concerns, the student will **NOT** be allowed to stay after school for any after school events. Our after school events are often staffed by parent volunteers that have not had proper training on how to work with students in crisis. Allowing students that have struggled to maintain safe, responsible, and respectful behavior during the school day to attend an after school event with untrained volunteers could result in unsafe conditions. If a student has pre-registered for the event, they will have their money refunded.

Thanks again for allowing us to partner with you to help your child reach their full potential! Betsie Valley- Inspiring greatness one student at a time!

Have a wonderful January!  
Amiee Erfourth



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



### Mission Statement

The community of Betsie Valley inspires greatness one student at a time by encouraging best effort, responsible choices, and respectful behavior in safe environment.

# December Scholars of the Month

Kindergarten: Isaac Brown

1st: Evan Jones

2nd: Eva Demars

2nd: Skarlet Duford

3rd: Katelyn Brinkman

4th: Eva Tsuber

5th: Isaac Rosam



## Healthy Heroes of the Month

KND: Erin Skimin                      3rd: Amorie Mosher

1st: Grayson Peck                      4th: Destiny Johnson

2nd: Tommy Currie                      5th: Katelyn Clark

2nd: Darwin Brown

## Calendar of Event's

January 7th School Resumes

January 9th Parent Advisory Meeting 7pm at HS

January 14th School Board Meeting 7 pm

January 15th After School Stem Activity

January 15th PTS Meeting at 4:30 in Library

January 18th 1/2 Day, Release 11:50 am ~Semester Ends~

January 22nd BVCC Meeting 6 pm

January 25th Report Cards go home

# January Birthdays

1/3 Carson Tinker

1/25 Eli Kelley

1/3 Cory Tyler  
Johnson

1/26 Destiny  
Johnson

1/4 Gary Conrad  
Hillysweet Myers

1/30

1/9 Delaina Sulak

1/31 Caleb Joan

1/11 Soraya Defaille

1/12 Annie Defaille

1/12 Reece Raney

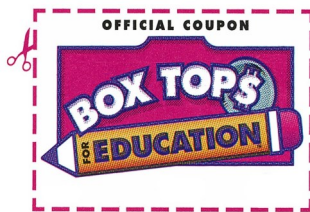
1/19 Marius Crisp



# PTS NEWS

February 22nd: Bingo & \$1,000.00 Raffle Night  
Event will begin at 5:30 pm, drawing for the raffle will take place at 7:00 pm.  
More information to come at a later date...

## BOX TOPS



Box Tops, Aunt Millie's, Spartan and Our Family School Reward Points—Classroom "Battles" will run Jan 3-Feb 16 and Feb 26-April 6 and April 16-May 31. The winning class for each Battle will receive a special prize, and the winner of the School Rewards Points "War" will win a pizza party!



**Please read our policy concerning:  
ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL AND STUDENT PARTICIPATION**



We expect all children present on any given day to participate in any and all activities provided for them. In the case of medical or religious reasons or when your child(ren) must miss recess, physical education, or some other activity, a note signed by the parent will be sufficient for one day. In case of any illness longer than one day in which the child attends school but cannot participate in the activity, a doctor's recommendation will be required.

Students who become ill during school should tell their teacher and then report to the office. If there is a necessity for the student to go home, the office will inform the parent and the student will be released from school.

# CHRISTMAS PENNY WAR WINNER

## MR. KELLY'S 2ND GRADE CLASS



### PARENTS:

Students **MUST** bring a pair of shoes to wear during the school day. They may leave their shoes in their locker at the end of the day. It is especially necessary they have shoes for gym days. They will not be able to participate in gym class without shoes.



The students did such a nice job for the Holiday concert!

A big thank you to Mrs. Corey, Mrs. Hardwicke and all the students and staff for your practice and hard work.!!!