

# Bear Necessities

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Parent/Teacher Conferences have been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 12th!

February 2014

## Calendar

2/3/14 Boys Basketball  
Game Home vs. Spring  
Hill @ 4:45pm

2/5/14 Boys Basketball  
vs. New Washington @  
4:45pm

2/10/14 Boys Basket-  
ball Home vs. North-  
aven @4:45pm

2/12/14 Parent/  
Teacher Conferences  
3:40pm-6:40pm

2/13 Boys Basketball  
Game Away vs. New  
Washington @ 4:45pm

2/14 Classroom Parties  
@ 2:30pm

2/17/14 Make-up  
Snow Day

2/17 Basketball Tourna-  
ment Begins

2/27/14 Parkview Open  
House for 5th Grade  
Students

## Principal's Message

Welcome to February! I hope to see each of you during this round of conferences. I have challenged each teacher to conference with 100% of our families. Please help us achieve our goal.

Class parties will be held during the last part of the day on Friday, February 14th. Remember to RSVP with your child's teacher, if you are planning to attend whereas, the district does not require background checks to attend parties, it is highly encouraged to ensure the safety of all of our Bridgepoint students.

State testing will be coming up soon. Attendance and being to school on time is more important than ever. Students and teachers are working hard to be



prepared to show the rest our very best! We are very proud of our students effort and appreciate your support!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. O'Brien  
Principal

## Weather Information

### Sign-up for Text Alerts for Severe Weather Information

GCCS Text Message Alerts - Reminder to Opt-In

Greater Clark County Schools utilizes School Messenger, a quick alert messaging service that is being utilized to communicate weather related closures/delays, emergencies, attendance, and general communications such as important school announcements or events. Text "yes" to the number **68453** to receive text alerts from GCCS.

Please see attached flier for severe weather plan.

## Pennies for Patients

Due to the Snow Days, we are going to extend the Pennies for Patients Campaign for one more week. Remember, cancer patients don't get snow days, they still have to take their treatment. We will collect pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars

through Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Albert

## Digital Citizenship

Here are some basic guidelines for students and digital media. This week we are going to touch upon some basic rules for online communication etiquette. Communicating digitally is not the same as formal written or verbal communication. There are no visual clues like facial expression or hand gestures in digital communication. There are also no verbal intonations like raising or lowering of voice. These are all cues that we use when speaking with someone that help us know what they are intending. Are they joking, being sarcastic, being sweet? When you create an email, text or post, it is important to choose your

words carefully, so that people understand what you truly mean. Check out this web page

<http://www.common sense media.org/advice-for-parents/manners-digital-age> for more

details on the following rules:

- 1. Context is everything.** Remember who is going to see what you are posting/emailing/texting. Would you be embarrassed?
- 2. Double check-before you hit send.** Could anything be misinterpreted? Are you upset and responding before you cool down?

**3. Take the high road (but don't boast about it).** If things get rude or inappropriate, get out of the conversation.

**4. Grammar rules.** Yes, they count. Maybe not in a text, but if you're emailing a teacher or posting, make it something you'd be proud to say.

**5. Keep a secret.** If there is something that is going to embarrass someone, keep it to yourself.

**6. Don't hide.** Using a screen name so that your child's info isn't easily identifiable is one thing. Using a screen name to hide what you're doing, not such a good idea. Post productively!

**7. Remember the golden rule.** Do not say anything you wouldn't say to someone face-to-face. If you have something negative to handle, handle it face-to-face. As difficult as that may be, the outcome will probably be much better.



## Artists of the Month

Because of snow days, we only have 2 two Artists of the Month for January. Those two students are

**Thomas Warring** and **Kylie Rumpel**. Congratulations to these 2 fine young artists!

Parents, thank you for saving box tops for our art department. Please trim them if at all possible. The top 3 classes will receive an ice cream sundae party in May.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Gruninger

## Character Trait for the Month of February

Character trait for the month is: **Perseverance!** Perseverance means to never give up. A person with perseverance will keep on going when things get tough and knowing that they can make it through the worst and the

best. Parents when you see your child being persistent in your home please praise your child and point out the behavior so that it is sure to be repeated. We will be giving out bear paws to student who show persever-

ance throughout the month of February. Students showing perseverance the most will become our students of the month!

## January Students of the Month

Congratulations to our students of the month for January who displayed the character trait

**RESPONSIBILITY!** Great Job!

Daja Pitmon	Ahrianna Thomas
Luke Tyler	Ryan Vest
Abigail Wolfe	Georgia Reese
Margad Pagva	Grace Auspland
Katie Parks	Olivia Jones
Evan Jackson	Amber Stofel
Eva Eillis	Amaya Cooper
Hulan Otgonbayar	
Peyton Lavender	
Megan Gower	
Lorena Rodriguez	



## Spring Intercession

Spring Intercession is scheduled for March 24th-March 28th. Invitations will be sent home at conferences. Student participation is strongly recommended to help with upcoming state-wide testing and year end benchmarks.