

BOGERT BULLETIN

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Dear Parents:

Between the upcoming holidays, shopping, parties, and family gatherings, we often get caught up in the frenetic pace of this time of year. However, we mustn't lose sight of the fact that this is also a time to give thanks, and, in that spirit, I would like to share some things for which I am most thankful in my professional life:



- I thank the parents for being so supportive. It's wonderful to know that your children come to school ready to learn and that we share the common goal of providing your children with the best possible education.
- I thank the students for trying their best, being well-mannered, and for being kind to each other. It's a pleasure to work with the children on a daily basis.
- I thank community groups such as the PTO, USREF, USR Historical Society, Garden Club, and YGC who donate time, volunteers, and fund projects that would otherwise be impossible to accomplish. They are but one example of what makes USR such a wonderful community.
- Last, and certainly not least, I thank the faculty and staff at Bogert for taking great care of the children we share. This group of professionals is a hard-working and dedicated bunch who relentlessly strive to create the best possible school. Everyone puts 100% into their jobs every day and are an equally valuable part of the Bogert community, regardless of their job description.

We are so fortunate for so many things at Bogert School, and this is as good a time as any to pause, and give thanks. I wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Report Cards

First marking period report cards will be released to parents, via Genesis, on Friday, December 8, at 2:30. While you likely have a general sense of your child's progress to date due to recent parent-teacher conferences, the report cards will give you a much more detailed look into skills in all subjects. I encourage you to also take a close look at the "Habits and Dispositions of Learning" section. This section of the report card addresses behavioral skills that the district has deemed most important to the learning process. As always, please contact your child's teacher with questions about anything listed on the report card; the teachers are here to help.

Edith A. Bogert Elementary School		LANGUAGE ARTS		11	12
REPORT CARD					
391 West Kennedy Road Upper Merion, PA. 19154-0280 2661-6355 FAX					
Mr. David Kaplan, Principal		<div> <div>1. READING</div> <div> Reads with fluency and expression Reports meaningfully by literature Reads independently Comprehends written language Responds to discussions and activities </div> </div> <div> <div>2. WRITING</div> <div> Writes independently Applies writing process effectively Organizes ideas and develops content Uses correct mechanics, punctuation, grammar </div> </div> <div> <div>3. SPELLING/WORD STUDY</div> <div> Knows and uses spelling rules Applies spelling patterns and rules in written work Understands understanding of word meanings </div> </div> <div> <div>4. SPEAKING</div> <div> Participates in discussions and activities Formulates an opinion </div> </div> <div> <div>5. HEAVEN/VIEW</div> <div> Formulates an opinion </div> </div>			
Key Definitions a. Exceeds Standard/Exemplary b. Meets Standard/Exemplary c. Consistently grasps and applies key concepts, processes, and skills. Progressing beyond grade-level benchmarks. d. Meets Standard/Exemplary e. Consistently grasps and applies key concepts, processes and skills. Successfully meets grade-level benchmarks. f. Approaches Standard/Exemplary g. Beginning to grasp and apply key concepts, processes, and skills. Progressing beyond grade-level benchmarks.					

Bogert Spelling Bee

We are excited to announce that Bogert will again be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. All students will participate in their Classroom Spelling Bees on Monday, January 29th, 2024. Unfortunately, there will be no make-ups due to absences.



Below you will find the links to grade-level study guides for your child. Classroom Bees will focus on the grade-level lists, but typically advance to words above grade level. If your child wants a challenge, they can study the complete Spelling Bee Study List. More helpful resources and information can be found at <https://spellingbee.com/>

We are hoping to encourage children to learn how to break down words, decipher meanings of related words, develop a more extensive vocabulary, and become better readers and writers overall. With better reading comprehension, comes greater literacy, and greater enjoyment of reading, literature, and language, all from understanding words. This additional enrichment opportunity will take practice and regular studying. We also hope students will find it rewarding and fun as they gain a competitive spirit and a greater knowledge of word origins and an enhanced vocabulary.

Important Dates

- **Classroom Spelling Bees:** Monday, January 29th (One student from each class will advance to school spelling bee) ***Unfortunately, there are no make-ups, if your child is absent the day of their scheduled class spelling bee, s/he cannot participate.*
- **School Spelling Bee:** Wednesday, February 7th, 1:30 p.m. (classroom champions will participate and parents will be invited)
- **Regional Spelling Bee:** Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Bergen Community College

If you have additional questions about your school spelling bee, contact our school spelling bee coordinator, Amy Caravela: acaravela@urschoolsk8.com.

Complete Study Guide.pdf

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Holiday Cards

One of our favorite activities this time of year is displaying families' holiday cards in the Main Office. Please feel free to send your family's card to Bogert, either through the mail or with your child, so we can include your cards with our office decorations!



What's Happening In The Classrooms?

Each month in this section of the newsletter, you can click on the grade-level links to learn what has recently happened, and what you can expect to occur, at each of the grade-levels. While there's so much more going on than included in these brief synopses, it's our hope that the information can at least spark a dinner table discussion about your children's days at school. Now, when you ask, "What'd you do at school today?" your children won't be able to get away with saying, "Nothing!"



(Pictured to the right: Students in Mrs. Aragona's 4th grade class practice their subtraction with a Thanksgiving math activity.)

[Third Grade Update](#)

[Fourth Grade Update](#)

[Fifth Grade Update](#)

Read-A-Latte

Mark your calendars! January 18th & 19th each class will be participating in Bogert's Read-A-Latte. For this event, students will invite one reading partner (parent, grandparent, aunt, etc.) to join them for a shared reading experience. The book for Read-A-Latte will be revealed and students and their guests will read quietly while enjoying a snack.

Thursday, January 18th D-day		Friday, January 19th E-day	
8:30-9:10	(4) Aragona	8:30-9:10	(4) Garcia
	(4) Iannaccone		(4) Drucker
	(4) Chiellini		(4) Falato
9:30-10:10	(5) D'Anna	9:30-10:10	(5) Balsamo
	(5) Walker		(5) Capogrosso
	(5) Darienzo		(5) Piazza
1:10-2:00	(3) Weil	1:10-2:00	(3) Hopson
	(3) Telfer		(3) Decker
	(3) McFaul		(3) Murphy
	(3) Vega		

Student Council Coat Drive

Dear Bogert Families,

The Student Council is excited to announce a partnership with P.S. 38 Roberto Clemente Elementary School, a Title I and Community School in East Harlem, NYC, this holiday season.



Most of the students who attend this school are from low-income and/or migrant families. Many are brand new to the U.S., struggling to make ends meet and find the resources to keep their children safe and comfortable. For many of the students, this will be their first time experiencing a cold winter, and as a new partnership, we are determined to ensure they have warm coats. The

students and their families are in desperate need, and we at Bogert Elementary School can help support these families with the necessary resources.

The Student Council would greatly appreciate it if the families of Bogert could collect gently used or new coats, hats, scarves, etc. This collection will run through **December 15**.

Thank you for your help and consideration,
The Bogert Student Council

PTO Holiday Shoppe Schedule

PTO Holiday Shoppe Class Visit: Bogert Schedule				
	December 5 (Tues.)	December 6 (Wed.)	December 7 (Thu.)	December 8 (Fri.)
8:30 - 9:00			Mrs. Decker	Mrs. Walker
9:00 - 9:30				Mrs. Chiellini
9:30 - 10:00	Mr. D'Anna			Ms. Garcia
10:00 - 10:30		Mrs. Fallon		Mrs. Drucker
10:30 - 11:00			Mrs. Iannaccone	Ms. Darienzo
11:00 - 11:30		Mrs. Balsamo	Mrs. Capogrosso	Ms. Piazza
11:30 - 12:00				
12:00 - 12:30		Mrs. Vega		Holiday Shoppe closed
12:30 - 1:00	Ms. Weil	Mrs. McFaul	Mrs. Hopson	
1:00 - 1:30	Ms. Telfer		Ms. Aragona	
1:30 - 2:00		Ms. Murphy	Mrs. Falato	

Student Council's December Spirit Days

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5 ★	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 ★	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 ★	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Tuesday, December 5th- Tuesday Bluesday

Friday, December 15th- Family Traditions Day

Wear something that represents your culture.

Your child's class's community circle that day will revolve around sharing things about his/her culture.

Friday, December 15th- Coat Drive Collection Ends

Friday, December 22nd- Festive Sweater Day

Dressing For The Weather

December is here and with it will come an increasing number of cold days. Therefore, it's imperative that your child comes to school prepared to be outside during recess and morning line-up. Please understand that *students will be outside* for recess as often as possible and they need to come to school dressed for the day's weather conditions. And..... just in case that winter coat comes to school and doesn't make it home, please label everything! Believe it or not, when we retrieve lost items, we do check to see if they are labeled and when they are we return to them to their rightful owner!



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