



November/December 2018

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

November 19 & 20

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 19

Staff Appreciation Luncheons
Donations from 3rd Grade Families

November 20

Staff Appreciation Luncheons
Donations from 1st Grade Families

November 19th through the 21st

Giving Tree Tag Selection

November 30

Book Author Visit
Doreen Cronin

December 1st

PTA Community Holiday Shop
KBES Pavilion 11-3

December 1-2

NASP Pictures with Santa &
Holiday Train Rides
KBES Pavilion 11-3

December 2-7th

Holiday Shop
(During School hours)

December 18th

First Grade Polar Express
(During School hours)

December 20th

Outdoor Winter Celebrations/Train
Rides & Classroom Parties
(During School hours)



Happy November! I hope all our families are enjoying the taste of fall weather and are looking forward to our upcoming Thanksgiving Break! On November 6th, our students will be taking a school-wide field trip to the DaVinci Science Center. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of interactive learning experiences for all. On November 12th, school will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Bushkill Township community Veterans for your dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces. We will forever be grateful for your bravery and sacrifices to protect our country's freedom.

Parents, thank you for actively participating in your child's education. It has been wonderful to see parents coming to take part in our PTA Fitness Walk and STEAM Night. We look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled on November 16th-20th. It is important that your child sees you as proactive and involved in their education. Our staff is working diligently with our students to support academic success. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to working closely with you this year.

Our Mad Science and Fit Kids after school activities seem to be a big hit with our students. We are happy to offer these opportunities to our boys and girls and hope to continue to add extracurricular activities to our school this winter and spring. We hope that these programs help to promote ideas and hands-on learning with our students.

December is one of the most hectic times of the year at school as well as at home. In spite of the hustle and bustle of the season, I hope that school will remain a focus, as there is still time for a lot of learning. In December, we have planned activities for our boys and girls that will help them to benefit from the true spirit of the holiday season. Our Giving Tree program is always a success and I'm sure this year will not be any different. Our boys and girls will provide gifts for KBES families in need.

With the increase in technology, I encourage you to join our Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Schoology group. Many of our school communications are sent out through Schoology. Also, please visit our school website, as well as the PTA website often to stay current on the events planned for our school.

As always thank you for supporting Butz Elementary. Our staff is committed to all our students' success and we appreciate your continued assistance. I wish all our students and families a joyous Thanksgiving and holiday season this year. Enjoy the time off with your family; please don't forget students return from the Thanksgiving break on November 27th.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Kelly Apruzzi

Principal



1st grade students have been introduced to **Big Universe**- an online eLibrary free for you to use at home. Big Universe is available to all students K-3 just by logging in. Thousands of great books are available to read on this site. Students can filter books by genre/grade level/Lexile level etc. Students can create book shelves for themselves, too. Simply go to the Library tab on the school web page. Big Universe will be found on the links tab. All log in directions are listed on the page for easy access. These books can be used for the Aloha Catch the Reading Wave challenge, too!



Lexia: Help your child develop reading skills

Many parents ask what they can do to help their child at home. To develop reading skills, reading to your child and encouraging independent reading greatly increases overall reading achievement. In addition, Butz Elementary encourages the use of Lexia Reading Core5, a fun web-based computer program. Lexia begins your child at a starting point that fits his or her needs and provides direct instruction and feedback. Children work their way through systematic levels. Teachers can view students' progress, performance and usage. Follow these steps to log in to Lexia at home:

Go to the Butz Elementary Website

Click on "Student Resources"-

Click "Log in with Clever"

Click "Log in with Google"

Enter your child's 6 digit student number with @nasdstudents.org after it

Then enter your child's regular school password

Click on "Core5" **After the initial log in, it should go faster as Clever and Google will recognize the child

A Lexia app is available if using an iPad or tablet (not available for some devices including Kindle). You must enter the teacher's email address to initially set it up.

Please contact Mrs. Fehr, Reading Specialist at lfehr@nazarethasd.org with any questions about Lexia.

Catch the Reading Wave



Save the date for our annual KBES Reading Night on Thursday, January 24th from 6:00-8:00 at the school (snow date Jan. 31). You won't want to miss all of the engaging literacy activities based on this year's reading theme, "Catch the Reading wave and Say Aloha to Books." It will be a wonderful time for the whole family!

Happy holidays, well almost. During this upcoming season, our holiday spirit is sparkling like the snowflakes on the ground. All too often we are distracted during this season of joy by those things in our lives that seem important, but also bring unnecessary stress. Unfortunately, we can fall into the trap of overlooking the truly important things in our lives that bring us joy, fixating on our attempts to secure joy and happiness through other means. Luckily for many of us though, all we need to do is reshape our thinking, realign our focus, and reassess our priorities and those necessary sources of joy are still present and attainable. However, a growing number of members in our community will struggle to bring joy to their families' lives this holiday season due to financial needs, transportation difficulties, tragedy in their family, loss of a loved one, etc.

With this concern in mind, we are happy to be able to share the following information with you. I am working with the teachers, PTA, and students to conduct the holiday Giving Tree Program. The Giving Tree Program is a special program that allows our school district to give back to our community during this festive season. Through this program we are able to assist our students and their families who are in need, hoping to provide some support in making their holiday joyful and plentiful. We have been conducting the Giving Tree Program as long as anyone around here can remember. For the past two years we have incorporated the students into the Giving Tree process, allowing them to select tags along with our teachers and staff. Over those two years we have supported families in our school community by filling 282 tags! This year the Giving Tree will be up and running the week of November 20th.

The Giving Tree Program would not be possible without the generous support of all the teachers, staff, parents, and students at Butz Elementary. I thought it important to recognize your support and effort in helping to bring joy to those in our school community who are in need during this holiday season. Happy holidays to everyone, and may you all have a wonderful and joyous season of miracles!

Save the Date

Attention First and Second grade families!

Please save the date for our Kenneth N. Butz Elementary Holiday Concerts!!

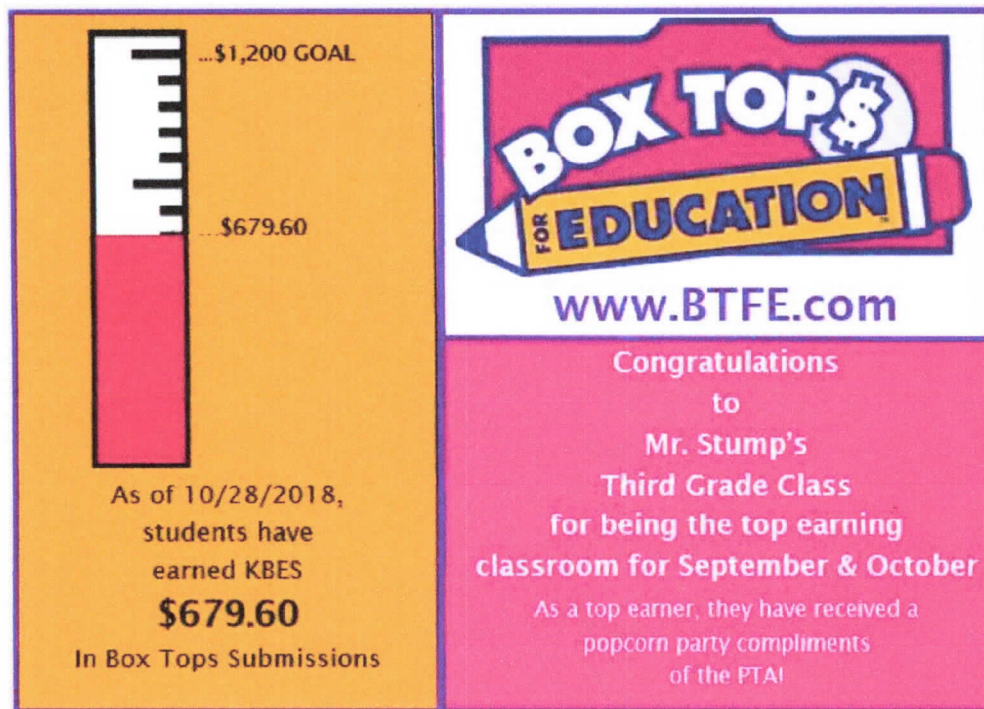
When: Tuesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 12th @ 8:45am

Where: Butz Cafeteria

What: First and Second grade combined Holiday Concert

Both concerts are identical combined performances. We suggest first grade families attend on Tuesday, December 11th and second grade families attend on Wednesday, December 12th, but either day is fine if your schedule doesn't permit you to attend on the suggested day.

Mrs. Ruhf, Music Teacher



Need Gift Cards for the Holidays?

Order from Scrip and help the school! You can buy a variety of gift cards from a large assortment of retailers: Starbucks, LL Bean, Macy's, Target and More!!! Two ways to order: you can EBcreate an account online @ www.shopwithscrip.com and use the KBES enrollment code: 8454EB2256656 or print an order form out from the KBES PTA FUNdraising Scrip Program page @ www.kbespta.org and send the order into school by December 4th for Christmas delivery! It's a great way to do some holiday shopping and support the school at the same time!



PTA News



We have a lot to be Thankful for this Month!

- Successful Fitness Walk!
- Our Volunteers—it takes a lot of hands to make our programs work!
- The Staff, Teachers, Administration and most of all, for all of you, parents and members...who make everything we do, possible.

Membership Drive

Congratulations to Mrs. Miller's class who enjoyed an ice cream party for the "Most Participation" in the PTA Membership drive.

We have met our goal of 200 members! Currently, we have 211 paid, active 2018-2019 PTA members. Our new goal is 225! The membership year is ongoing through May 2018. For all our current members we appreciate your continued support.

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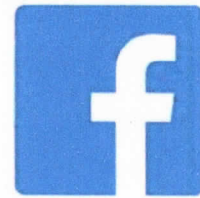
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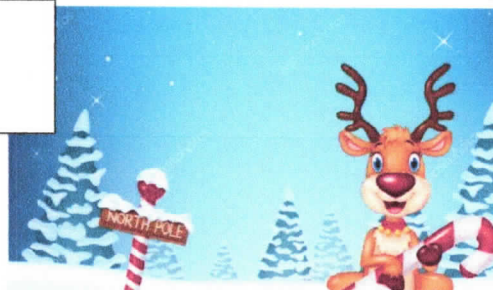
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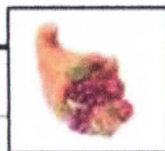


**NASP Photos with Santa, Holiday Train Rides and PTA
Community Santa Shop! Dec 1st from 11-3pm**



The PTA is excited to host a Community Santa Shop. We have a lot of great items for sale priced between \$1-\$10. This is a great opportunity for students (and younger and older siblings who may not have the opportunity to shop) with their families to be able to purchase items for family members, teachers, bus drivers, friends and anyone else on their holiday gift list! There will also be a limited selection of Butz and Nazareth spirit wear apparel for purchase as well as gift cards to places like Giant, Starbucks, Buffalo Wild Wings and many other area restaurants and shops! This is a one stop shop for all your holiday needs. Mark your calendar, because you won't want to miss out on this sale! NASP Train rides and Photos with Santa will run both Saturday, Dec 1st and Sunday, Dec 2nd from 11-3. Community Shop will only run Saturday, Dec 1st! Don't miss out!

****Please note the annual School Holiday Shop is scheduled for December 4-6 during school hours. More information will come home with your student the last week of November.**



FALL HEALTH NEWS

Fall is in full swing and we are working hard to keep our classrooms healthy and ready to learn! With the change in weather, we often see an increase in contagious illnesses. We strongly recommend if your child has a temperature greater than 100 degrees, vomiting or diarrhea, return your child to school when your child is **free** of these symptoms for **24 hours**. This is to help decrease the spread of germs. If you have any questions we are always happy to speak with you.

We are also in the mist of our annual health screenings for all the grades as mandated by the state of Pennsylvania:

- Vision Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Height
- Weight
- BMI



Parents will be notified in the coming weeks if a child fails any of these tests via a letter sent home from the nurse. If you do not receive a letter, your child has passed the screenings. If you have any concerns or questions about these screenings please call the nurse's office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT - Phyllis Amrick CRNP, CSN & Christina Brodt LPN

FALL IS FANTASTIC!

