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Happy New Year!

We would like to extend our best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year filled with many successes and continued progress. We hope you had the opportunity to catch up with friends and family during winter break and spent some time relaxing. It's a pleasure to see all of the children, teachers and staff back at school after a well deserved break. Just a reminder that as the snow falls and the temperatures dip, children need to be dressed appropriately to come to school and to play at recess time. Coats, hats, mittens or gloves are a must this time of year.

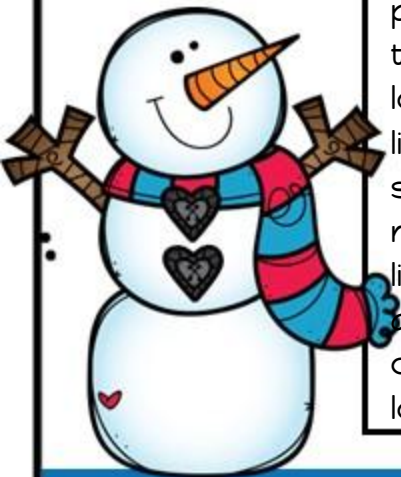
Computer Based Testing

SIMULATION

Students in grades 3-5 will be participating in a CBT simulation on Tuesday, January 23rd. The purpose of the simulation is to evaluate our readiness for state test that the students will be taking in the spring. This is non-evaluative and

Reading INITIATIVE

To encourage and enrich students' reading experiences, Balmville will participate in a Reading Initiative. One of the goals is to foster and promote a love for reading in order to improve literacy. Most teachers already expect students to read daily at home and record this on a reading log. We would like to take what most teachers are already doing to build a sense of community around reading. Be on the lookout for additional information.



Important DATES

1/15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~NO SCHOOL

2/8 ~last day of 21st Century program (Session 1)

2/19-2/23 ~ Mid Winter Recess

2/27 ~ 21st Century Session 2 begins

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From the **HEALTH OFFICE**

Being sure that a child is well enough to go to school can be tough for any parent. It often comes down to whether the child can still participate at school. Having a sore throat, cough, or mild congestion doesn't always mean kids can't handle class and other activities. Kids should stay home when they have symptoms like a fever over 100.4°F, diarrhea, vomiting, or trouble breathing. Fever (100 or higher): Students may return to school after 24 hours of being fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications. Vomiting or Diarrhea Related to Illness: Student may return after 24 hours of no vomiting or diarrhea Strep Throat: Students may return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics and with a note from his/her healthcare provider. Conjunctivitis (pink eye): if a bacterial infection is suspected, the student should be seen by his/her healthcare provider. If prescription eye drops are ordered, the student may return to school 24 hours after starting the drops and with a note from his/her healthcare provider. Rashes with a fever: Student may return to school with a note from his/her healthcare provider. Rashes without a fever will be evaluated by the school nurse and will notify the parent/guardian if the student needs to be picked up for a further evaluation by his/her healthcare provider. NECSD follows CDC and Local Health Guidance for any COVID-19 related cases, please refer to the Local Health Department Website for the current guidance. When the parent/guardian thinks the student is too ill to be in school: Student should return to school when he/she feels well enough to perform his/her school activities. Please refer to the school's attendance policy regarding the notes that are necessary for legal absences.

N.E.H.S

We would like to thank the Balmville community for supporting another successful holiday food drive. We were able to provide food baskets to 8 families this holiday season. Also, thank you for your contributions of hats, scarves, etc. that were distributed throughout the school community. The school store will be open on Wednesdays during lunch. Please do not send in your child with more than \$20.00. The honor society and advisors appreciate your continued support.



Perfect **ATTENDANCE**

136 students had perfect attendance for the month of December! Please remember to send a **SIGNED NOTE** when your child is absent. Many studies show that chronic absences can translate into students having difficulty achieving their academic goals.

From the **PTA**

Happy New Year to everyone!
We welcome all of you back.
Please come to our meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30!
We will talk about our upcoming events, fundraisers & 2023 Look for some new fundraisers coming in the folders!