



The Berry Bulletin

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November

11/2 **Picture Day**
(End of the 1st Quarter)

11/3 **Early-Dismissal**

11/8 **Election Day**
(School Closed for Students)

11/11 **Veteran's Day Celebration**
(See Attached Flyer)



11/16 **PTO meeting**
(6:30 Library)

11/17 **National Parent Involvement Day**
(See NPID Blurp)

11/18 **1st Quarter Awards Assemblies**



Thanksgiving Break
November 23rd – 27th



Principal's Message

From Field Trips and Parent Conferences, to our Trunk-or-Treat and PTO meeting, we had a lot to celebrate in October. Our school culture grows everyday with the efforts of so many. Thank You for continuing to be an active part of your child's learning and school community!

November is equally busy with opportunity for both students and community. We will be hosting a special Veterans celebration on November 11th for our Berry family members that are active or veteran military. (Please see attached flyer).

National Parental Involvement Day (NPID) is November 17th. We want to take advantage of this day to invite Berry parents to visit your child's classroom and participate in a small activity with the class. A sign-up will be sent out once details are finalized.

We are also happy to announce that we will be bringing back our Quarterly Awards Assemblies! The Quarter 1 Awards Assembly will be on November 18th. Primary Grades (Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade) will begin at 9:45AM. Intermediate Grades (3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade) will begin at 10:30AM. Each will run about 30 minutes and recognize our A/B Honor Roll, Principal Honor Roll (all A/s), PAW Award (Character/Positive Attitude), and Core Essential Winners.

Report Cards will be "live" in ParentVue on November 14th. At that time, you will have access to all grades and comments. If you do not currently have access to your ParentVue, please be sure to do so soon! Thank You for your continued support,

Ms. McLaud

From Assistant Principal Mr. Hill

As we wind down the first quarter of the school year, I just want you to remind your students that the school rules are always in effect on the bus. As I have stated before the safety and security of your student is our number one priority. And for us as a group to reach that goal we need the support of both the parents and students. Some of the rules that our drivers have collectively highlighted that are not being followed are:

- Screaming on the bus
- Not facing forward while the bus is in motion
- Throwing objects throughout the bus
- Standing and walking around the while the bus is in motion
- Eating and Drinking on the bus
- CHEWING GUM

Also, each and every student that rides a bus is assigned a bus stop that is in close proximity to their home address. Drivers are not permitted to pick up students or drop them off at locations that are not pre-determined stops such as stop signs and other intersections. This is both a safety and security concern for everyone that is involved. If you miss the bus and the bus has continued on their route, PLEASE do not follow the bus in an attempt to stop the bus for your student to get on. You have two options, go to the next stop and have your student get on there or you may have to bring them to school through the car rider line.

One School

One Community

November Acknowledgments

Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 1st -11th

Core Essential: COURAGE

Native American Heritage Month



Stay Informed...Please read the following notes and reminders.

Grade Level Updates: Pre-K – 5th Grade

Pre-K

November will be another busy month for Pre-K. Our social studies focus this month is going to be on 'families'. We will discuss how families are the same, how they are different? We will discuss traditions and share with each other some of our family traditions. Speaking of families and traditions... we will learn and share about the Thanksgiving holiday. Students will have the chance to share about their family Thanksgiving traditions. What foods does your family have for Thanksgiving, what kind of activities does your family do for Thanksgiving?

Our science study this month is "what's inside?". We will take a look inside different crops like apples, pumpkins, squash, avocados, potatoes, un-shucked corn, etc. The students will have a chance to predict what they think might be inside the different items. We will have the chance to explore and examine the insides, which crops have seeds, which ones don't have seeds? Which crops have large seeds and which crops have small seeds?

Our Math study this month will be matching written numerals to correct sets (quantities). Children will practice identifying written numerals 1-10, counting objects using one-to-one corresponding counting, and matching the numerals to their sets.

Our literacy study this month will be recognizing upper- and lower-case letters, and we will continue practicing writing our names. We will express our art skills as we create in art, sing and dance, and dress up as different family members. We will work on strengthening our small motor skills and hand eye coordination with cutting and play-doh fun. We have plenty of fun games planned for our large motor skills, with games like Mother-May I, Daddy says..., and a fun Turkey trot.

Kindergarten

For the month of November, the Kindergarten team would like to remind families to send in a warm coat for recess, a small healthy snack, and a water bottle each day.

As the second quarter begins, we will be focusing on a new set of sight words. Be on the lookout for the new list and continue to practice each day! Some other important skills to practice at home are letter/sound recognition and rhyming.

1st Grade

Lots of fun fall memories were made together on our trip to Shalgel Farm on Oct. 26th! Thank you to our wonderful chaperones who attended. We couldn't have done it without you!

Next trip – James E. Richmond Science Center! This trip has no fee and students do not need a bagged lunch. We just need the permission slip completed and returned. Please see permission slip for more information.

Thursday Nov. 10th – Classes attending: Ms. Burch and Ms. Ladouceur

Friday Nov. 11th – Classes attending: Ms. B. Proctor, Ms. Alequin and Ms. Bradburn

Math Focus: Addition and subtraction story problems, addition and subtraction fluency within 20

2nd Grade

Second grade enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Schlagel Farms. We learned about crops, animals, and how bees help vegetables grow. It was informative, fun, and we all went home with a pumpkin.

We are busy learning how to decompose when we subtract. We are reading and writing a personal narrative. Our scientists are learning about measurement and mass.

3rd Grade

In Third Grade, students will build their knowledge about the documents and symbols of the United States, with a focus on the nonfiction genre. We will continue working with area and multiplication and students will begin to use their understanding of place value to round whole numbers and to add and subtract within 1,000. Students will also solve two-step problems.

4th Grade

4th grade has wrapped up unit 2 of math . We will be moving on to Unit 3 which is extending operations to fractions. This will include adding and subtracting. In reading we will continue to strengthen our reading skills. We will practice making & confirming predictions, visualizing, synthesizing, making inferences, asking and answering questions as well as monitoring & clarifying. We will explore different genres such as poems, dramas and plays. Please continue to have your student log onto “DreamBox” and “MyPath”. If you need assistance with log ins, please email your child's classroom teacher.

5th Grade

Literacy- We will be working on main idea, drawing on information from multiple sources, and comparing and contrasting.

Math- We will be working on multiplying fractions by fractions and dividing whole numbers and unit fractions.

Social Studies- We will be working on challenges of a new and expanding Nation (1800-1900).

Health- We will be working on healthy foods and nutrients.

Reminders-

The weather is changing and getting cooler, please make sure students are dressed for the weather. Weather permitting, recess will be held outdoors.

Please continue to talk with your child about self-control:

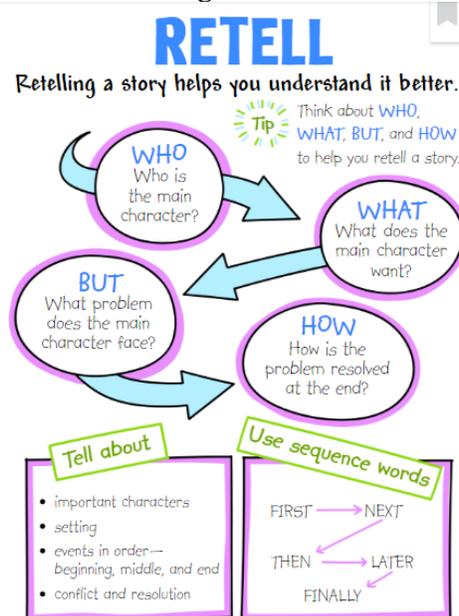
Always keep your hands to yourself

Voice control- the difference between an inside voice and an outside voice

Things you can do when you need to feel “heard”

Reading Resource Teacher – Mrs. DeAtley

This anchor chart is a great tool to get your child talking about the stories they read.



Instructional Specialist for Math – Mrs. Clements

As we prepare for the upcoming colder weather and winter months think about ways, you can show your child that you use math every day in a positive way. Some suggestions for ways you may use math in your everyday life:

- Creating and sticking to a budget.
- Estimating or rounding at the grocery store.
- Baking or Cooking following a recipe.
- How to get the best deal when shopping.
- Party planning (Do I have enough?)
- Building something and talking about the measurement or dimensions.
- Figuring out distance, time, and cost for travel.
- Analyzing sports statistics
- Talking about the data associated with the weather.

It is so very important that our students see how we use math daily and how important it is!
If you have any other, questions please do not hesitate to contact me: aclements@ccboe.com

Learning Resource Teacher – Mrs. Fenton

During the month of November, all second-grade students, those students who are new to CCPS, and nominated students will take the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This is one of several screening tools used to identify students who qualify for gifted services. The CogAT test is given in two parts. All tested students will take an age-appropriate screener and then students who earn a qualifying score will be given their age group's post-screener. On both tests, abilities will be assessed using words (verbal subtest), numerical concepts (quantitative subtest) and spatial/figural drawings (nonverbal subtest). This assessment is not included as grade for any subject; however, score reports will be mailed in February. For more information on the CogAT assessment, please visit the following website: [CogAT \(riversideinsights.com\)](http://CogAT.riversideinsights.com). To determine if/when your child will take the CogAT assessment, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Fenton at jfenton@ccboe.com.

Counselor Corner – Mrs. Rubain

Our counseling program has been focusing on lessons that teach children the difference between teasing, bullying, and conflict. The students are learning how to prevent and respond to teasing, bullying, and cyberbullying, how to be an upstander and effective conflict resolution strategies.

American SPCC shares some actions that can be taken at home to help if your child experiences bullying:

Talk to them before any form of bullying can happen. Tell them to approach you or another adult if they feel the need to talk about it.

Remaining calm and supportive will help your child feel safe.

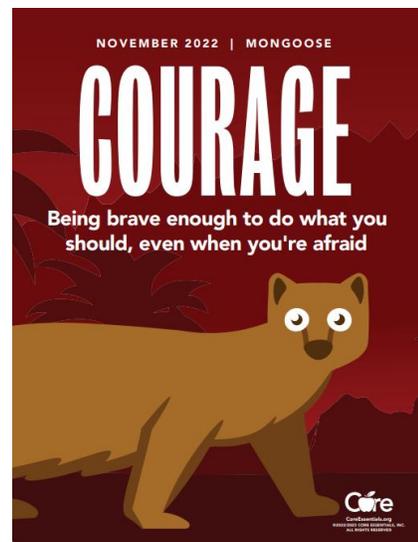
Listen to what your child has to say.

Don't retaliate.

Teach them about how to react to a bully.

Monitor and supervise your kid's digital presence.

Talk to school administrators and teachers who can help.



November Core Essential Trait: COURAGE

Special Areas:

Physical Education – Mr. Caballero and Mr. Rickett

Intermediate – we will be starting the game of Newcomb. Skill focused on will be the underhand serve.

Primary – will start introducing the students to some different pieces of equipment; hula hoops, bean bags, playground balls etc.

Art – Ms. Gore and Ms. Chaffers

Ms. Gore

Kindergarten- Working on their Alphabet book

1st Grade- Continuing learning color theory

5th Grade- Completing the Yearbook cover

Ms. Chaffers

2nd grade is learning how to draw people in action through observational drawing.

3rd grade is learning about the elements of composition and landscapes.

4th grade is continuing their exploration of color theory.

5th grade is completing their yearbook cover design concepts.

Science – Ms. Freeman and Ms. Fryer

Freeman

In 3rd grade science, we will complete our unit on forces by completing a design challenge using magnetic levitation for a balloon that will hover on its own. Following that, we will begin our unit on weather and climate, examining climates of our town and world. We will distinguish between polar, temperate and tropical climates. In addition, we will create our own study of climate locally by collecting weather data and using a thermometer.

Fryer

Grade 4 Science will be completing our investigation of rocks and the rock cycles as starting to learn about energy. We will be completing labs on thermal and sound energy.

Grade 5 Science will be completing our investigation of matter and beginning to learn about spheres. This includes the geosphere and what causes volcanoes and earthquakes.

Media – Mrs. Warman-Johnson

In the library, students are working on November Beanstack reading challenges. All students can access Beanstack anytime, anywhere from their Clever account or by downloading the app. Students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction. Students in first and second grade will be learning about different literary genres. Students in third through fifth grade will be learning about conducting research using library databases.

Music – Mrs. Grebe and Ms. Hill

Mrs. Grebe

For the next two months, primary students in Mrs. Grebe's Music class will be composing ostinatos to share and play with classmates. November is also the beginning of the holiday season so for the months of November and December, we will be discussing holiday customs from around the world as well as and singing songs in honor of those customs. Fifth grade Chorus students will continue to work on their musical, Pirates!, as well as learn and perform holiday partner songs.

Ms. Hill

In the month of November, the students in general music class will be continuing to work on their rhythm skills. We will sing many songs that remind us to be thankful and honor Native American Heritage month. The students will continue to learn multiple new musical terms, musical concepts, and they will be able to try out some new instruments!

Computers – Ms. Carrington

Primary:

Warm Up in Brain Pop Jr Thanksgiving Phonics, Counting, Color, Kids Learning Songs

Objective: What is Thanksgiving, Gracie's Corner Guessing Game Thanksgiving Coloring Ditto's

Intermediate:

Warm Up Via Clever Office 365 Typing Club/Nitro Typing Review the Home row ASDF, Left Hand JKL; Right Hand

Objective: What does Thanksgiving Mean to you (Class Discussion) Review 4 Basic Parts of the Computer Mouse, Keyboard, CPU Brains of the Computer and Monitor

Watch 2 Short Videos on Thanksgiving around the World (Class Discussion) Play Various Online Games of Blookets/Kahoot on Thanksgiving

FAQ's

- **Can I Volunteer?**

YES - In school, on Field Trips, Special Events, and other occasions - WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. Use this link to go through a quick Security check to clear you for the '22 - '23 school year.

<https://www2.ccboe.com/survey2/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/156798&lang=en&newtest=Y>

- **What's the cut-off time to pick up my child during school hours?**

You must sign out your child by 3PM or you must wait until dismissal.

- **Can I bring in birthday treats for my child's birthday?**

Yes! However, the treat must be for the whole class. Additionally, each treat must be individually wrapped with the ingredients listed. With severe allergies and nutritional exceptions for so many students, we cannot risk a medical emergency by not following these guidelines.

Please no latex balloons. We have two SEVERE latex allergies. Even the airborne presence of latex can cause a medical emergency.

- **Can I come to school and eat lunch with my child?**

No. Currently, we are still operating on a student-only lunch room. We are working to provide special occasions for parents to have lunch with their child. Thank You for your understanding.

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