

# February Principal Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have completed five months of the 2018-2019 school year. Although spring is approaching, we still have several more weeks of school before the next break.

March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> will be our winter parent-teacher conferences. The BME teachers are looking forward to providing feedback with regard to your child's progress in school. Look for a **Sign Up Genius** link on the BME website on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Follow me on Twitter (@BME\_Principal) to see many more exciting things planned for this school year. Additional information contained in this newsletter serves as a valuable resource to keep you updated on important information germane to teaching, learning, and enriching your child's school experience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the Betty McElmon Elementary main office.

Sincerely,

*James J. Erhardt*

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## Tips to Help Your Child Navigate Social Conflict

1. Talk to your child about the power of using words to resolve conflict. Teach them a phrase to help resolve conflict such as, "I don't like the way this makes me feel."
2. Teach your child to walk away when confronted with a difficult situation.
3. Talk to your child about the importance of being kind and sharing with others.
4. Role play conflict resolution scenarios that might develop on the playground or during a play date.
5. Schedule play dates, which provide your child with opportunities to develop friendships and use strategies to deal with conflict.

## Grade Level Close-Up

The second grade team has implemented an author study period three times per week. Author study is a time that allows us to offer students Foundations intervention or ELA enrichment. During February, the second grade teachers have been reading Dr. Seuss books. Additionally, they are preparing for a readers' theater performance connected to his famous literature. Second grade students will perform their readers' theater for special visitors shortly after the PK-1 book parade on March 1.

## Maker Faire

As a reminder, Mrs. Somers will be implementing a Maker Faire on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the media center and cafeteria. This will be a time for students to step away from the television, computer games, etc. and do hands-on projects with a STEAM based theme. If parents/guardians have a hobby or tech related craft to highlight at a table, please reach out to Mrs. Somers.

## Read Across America

As a reminder, our Read Across America celebration will take place on March 1, 2019.

Each grade level will implement a special project. PK-1 students will dress up as a character from their favorite book and participate in a parade beginning at 9:15 am. Second grade students will be performing a readers' theater shortly after the book parade. Third grade students will present a cereal box report at 1:15 pm. Fourth grade students will present a tri-fold display book report at the same time.

The PTA will be sponsoring a book fair in the media center from February 25 through March 1. Please support the PTA by visiting the book fair with your child.

## Cool Website

The Random House website below provides information on Dr. Seuss books as well as activities and learning games to go along with each title.

<http://www.seussville.com/>

## Visit Us on the Web

There is a wealth of information about Betty McElmon Elementary School that can be found on the school website. Please visit us at the website address listed below:

<http://www.wlbschools.com/bme/site/default.asp>



## Upcoming Events

### **Book Parade**

March 1, 2019

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

March 13 & 14, 2019 (Early Dismissal)

### **Maker Faire**

March 22, 2019

### **Spring Break**

April 19-26, 2019

### **PARCC 3&4**

May 1-3, 2019 ELA

May 6-7, 2019 Math

### **BME Field Day**

May 31, 2019

### **Spring Show**

June 13 & 14, 2019

**"Childhood is a Journey,  
not a Race!"**

**-Jim Grant**

