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# Betty McElmon Elementary School

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Do you have a confident and independent child? At BME, we recognize the importance of developing these important life skills. An example of how our teachers foster these proficiencies is by engaging students in math and ELA centers on a daily basis.

This newsletter provides a wealth of information that you can utilize at home to build confidence and independence in your child.

My door is always open! We are partners in your child's education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the BME main office.

Sincerely,

James J. Erhardt

"It takes a village to raise a child."

*~African Proverb*

## HELPFUL TIPS TO SUPPORT CONFIDENCE & INDEPENDENCE

- ✓ Stop doing everything for them.
- ✓ Teach life skills such as cooking, laundry, managing money, and banking.
- ✓ Give them responsibilities such as taking out the garbage, planning menus, clearing the dinner table, caring for a pet, etc.
- ✓ Create an independent environment by providing alone time.
- ✓ Let them make mistakes and communicate that it is ok to make them!

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

The article featured below highlights the importance of independent reading at home.

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/a-parents-part-in-motivat b 2784016>

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## TWITTER

Follow me on Twitter for important school announcements and activities.

**@BME\_Principal**

## LITERACY CORNER

Encourage your child to read a book of their choice for 20 minutes each night. Along with promoting reading as a pleasurable activity, having them select their own book will foster confidence and independence.



## MATH TIP OF THE MONTH

To develop confidence and independence in math, children need to achieve automaticity with basic math facts. Automaticity is the ability to say the answer to a problem immediately after reading the fact. Please work with your child to achieve fluency with addition and subtraction in grades K-2. Multiplication and division facts are the major skills in grades 3&4.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **School Closed (NJEA Convention)**

✓ November 7&8, 2019

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

✓ November 13, 14, 15, 2019  
(Early Dismissal Days)

### **Abbreviated Session**

✓ November 27, 2019

### **Thanksgiving Recess**

✓ November 28-29, 2019

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

There is a wealth of information about Betty McElmon Elementary School that can be found on the website.

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

## VIRTUAL BACKPACK

If you would like weekly reminders about documents uploaded to the virtual back, please sign up in the parent portal.