



BFMS



Bellows Falls
Middle School
Bellows Falls, Vermont

February 3, 2012

Friday Letter

District Winter Music Festival

Please come out and support Bellows Falls Middle School band members at the District Winter Music Festival this Saturday, February 4th. Members of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band will perform at this event. If you have attended any of our band's past performances, you know you're in for a treat. The festival will be held at Hartford High School, in Hartford VT and begins at 4:00.

Dinner Program

We are exploring the idea of implementing a dinner program here at Bellows Falls Middle School. Studies have shown that proper nutrition greatly enhances the learning process, so it is in the best interest of our school to ensure all of our students have nutritious meals available to them. We will be seeking grant money to pay for this program and would like to get an estimate of how many students may participate in such a program. If you would be interested in having your student participate in such a program please contact Bev Baldasaro at the middle school by calling 463 - 4366.

Valentine Dance

The 7th Grade Class will host a Valentine Dance on Friday, February 10 from 6:30 to 9:00. The dance will take place in the Bellows Falls Middle School gymnasium. The cost is \$3 and all money raised will go to support the graduating class of 2017.

Electronic Devices at School

Cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, cameras, and other such electronic devices are not permitted for use at BFMS. All students required to turn off any electronic device and store it in a backpack. Failure to strictly adhere to this procedure will result in disciplinary action. First infraction: item is confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. Second infraction: item is confiscated and returned to parent. If there are any subsequent infractions it could result in a loss of privilege including school suspension. Please note: electronic devices may be used for **educational purposes** under the supervision of a teacher as an earned individual incentive. Further, Bellows Falls Middle School cannot be responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen.

PBIS Reward Day Nearing

Our next reward day for our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) will be held on February 17th. Students who have earned the privilege of participating in the reward day will have the choice of going bowling or swimming. Bowling will take place at Springfield Bowl and swimming will be at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, both in Springfield. Please continue to encourage your student to participate in the PBIS program. Some of our students have already earned the privilege of attending this reward and now are earning individual rewards by continuing to exhibit the expected behaviors of our school.

Rockingham School District Directory

Copies of the new Rockingham School District Directory are available in the Bellows Falls Middle School office. The directories highlight the certification, degrees, duties, and educational philosophies of the administrators and faculty of the Rockingham School District. Copies of the directories are free to the public. If you are interested in having a copy, please stop by the middle school and see Mrs. Baldasaro.

This Week's Highlights

Monday 2/6/12

7th / 8th Grade Girl's Basketball vs LG – 8th
3:45 / 7th 5:00

Tuesday 2/7/12

Wednesday 2/8/12

Thursday 2/9/12

8th Grade Basketball @ Monadnock – Boys
4:00 / G 4:45

Friday 2/10/12

Valentine Dance at Bellows Falls Middle
School 6:30 – 9:00

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$400 million since 1996. The BFMS PTO will be collecting General Mills Box Tops in an effort to help raise money for the Middle School. Mrs. Jean Hodsden will be coordinating this effort for the PTO.

The money raised from Box Tops is used to assist in purchasing classroom supplies and to support school programs, which will enhance the learning opportunities available here at Bellows Falls Middle School. Your participation in the Box Tops will ensure the students of Bellows Falls Middle School have access to the very best education.