

# Bardmoor Bullhorn

Bardmoor Elementary is a Title I School



March 2015



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## Dates to Remember

Wed. March 4- Green Eggs and Ham in cafeteria for breakfast

Mon., March 16 No school for students

Wed., March 25-Report cards distributed

Week of March 30 - Spring Break

Mon. April 6- Back to School

A Message from our Principal:

Dear Bardmoor Families,

There is a lot going on over the month of March at Bardmoor Elementary! On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, fourth and fifth graders will be taking the Florida Standards Assessment for writing. On March 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, first and second grade students will be taking the SAT-10 Standardized Test. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, third and fourth grade will be taking the Florida Standards Assessment for English Language Arts. Fifth grade will take all of their assessments and fourth and fifth grade will take the math assessment in April, after Spring Break.

Spring Break is March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a much deserved break for both students and teachers, but while we are all relaxing we should be reading and keeping our skills sharp in preparation for the end of the school year. Remember, students can do STMath, Ticket to Read and FCAT Explorer (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade). These are all found on the Pinellas County website in the **Beyond the Classroom** section. Students should know their passwords as they work on the programs at school.

Registration for Summer Bridge will also open on March 16th. Summer Bridge will be at Bardmoor again this year, which is a great opportunity to continue with teachers who know the students. Summer Bridge is designed to engage children in learning over the summer so that they are continuing to master skills and prepare for the next grade level. Keep a look out for more information about Summer Bridge.

Sincerely,

Ms. Owens, Principal

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Leigh Owens, Principal  
Shirley Garrett, Asst.  
Principal

Teri Wurster, Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Michael A. Grego, Superintendent  
Ward Kennedy, Region 3 Superintendent

**From P.E. Department:  
Jump Rope for HEART**

The P.E. Dept. and The American Heart Association would like to thank all students for participating in the Jump Rope for Heart this year. Our top money winner was Julieanna Jalbert from Mrs. Hernandez's class, with \$165.00.

Thank you to all who helped make this a successful event!



Green Eggs and Ham will be served for breakfast in the cafeteria on Wednesday, March 4th to celebrate Dr. Seuss.



1st grade will be taking a fieldtrip to Old McMickey's Farm on March 23. It is sure to be a day filled with milking cows, catching chicken and much more. Be sure all permission slips and payment are sent in by deadline.

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The Character Word of the Month for the Month of March is: **Honesty**

**Honesty** is one of the many challenging values you must teach your child. In their younger years, children don't truly understand the harmful consequences of being dishonest, so they test with fibs. It takes years to instill a sense of honesty in a child, and it takes a great deal of patience on a parent.

The following steps give you some helpful tools:

1. Model honesty for your child. The most important tool any parent can use is practicing what you teach. If you lie to your children or they overhear you lie to someone else, they think it is acceptable behavior.
2. Encourage your child to tell the truth and to share their thoughts and feelings with you. If they know they can be honest with you about what's on their mind without you getting mad or critical, they see that honesty is the best approach.
3. Avoid questions that make it easy for kids to lie. If you already know your child spilled her juice on the carpet, don't ask "Did you spill this juice?" This question encourages kids to lie to stay out of trouble. Instead simply say, "Please clean up your spilled juice."
4. Be mindful of little white lies, how you use them and how you explain them to your child. You don't want your child to be so honest that she hurts someone's feelings. Even if she hates the dress her grandma made for her, she needs to learn how to say something generic instead of being brutally honest.
5. Give praise when your child tells the truth, particularly if you've reprimanded her before for lying. Praise boosts self confidence and encourages positive behavior.
6. Don't lose your temper when your child lies. Take the circumstance and turn it into a teaching experience by asking her, "How do you think you should have handled this?" This approach works much better than simply scolding harshly and punishing her.

Most people would agree that it is important to teach honesty and integrity to your children. However if you were to sit down and write a list of character traits you want your child to develop, chances are honesty would at least be in the top five. After all, without honesty, our children will be less able to make friends, succeed in a career, and have a happy marriage.





From the clinic:

Reminder to parents, please don't send any medications to school with your children. Parents need to bring in to the clinic. Expired medications need to be picked up. Any questions, contact the front office at 547-7824.

Pinellas Virtual School part-time enrollment in full swing

Pinellas Virtual School part-time enrollment for fall and spring courses for the 2015-16 school year is underway through March 27. Enrollment in Pinellas Virtual School is one way students can meet the state's online credit requirement. Under Florida's Digital Learning Act, students are required to complete an online course as part of the state's 24-credit minimum needed to graduate. Honors courses and popular electives, such as HOPE and Driver's Education are offered as part-time curriculum aligned with Pinellas County Schools. Families can enroll online at [www.virtualschool.pcsb.org](http://www.virtualschool.pcsb.org). Pinellas Virtual School will offer students an opportunity to enroll *full-time* in April.

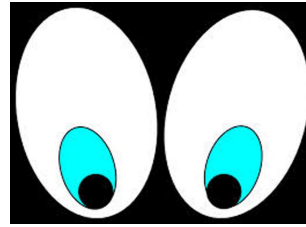


A Big Bardmoor Thank You!

You can make an impact on the education of our students. If you are interested in adopting one of our classes send a note to your child's teacher to request an application or call Bethany at 547-7824.

**PTA Updates:**

*Don't forget we are still doing Pizza Friday every Friday (excluding Friday, March 21) at dismissal. Pizza is \$1.00 per slice. Wear your BLUE on Fridays for spirit day!*



***Students have a variety of test dates in the month of March. It varies each day, so please assure your child has a good night's sleep, eats breakfast everyday and arrives on time. Some assessments start within the first 15 minutes of the day.***

Free App

Door 24 Plus sends students on a mathematical adventure. Students take a quick placement assessment and then are directed to work on Fact Fluency or Computational Fluency in two different, engaging games.

Snargg Splatt

Fact Fluency Game (Grades 1-8)

- Develops automaticity with basic math facts in all four operations

Expands recall by providing repeated exposure via spiral review of facts

Victor Fixer

Computational Fluency Game (Grades 4-8)

- Develops students' abilities to think quantitatively and strategically

Encourages flexibility and perseverance in solving problems

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