PrINCIPAL’S MESSAGE, Mr. Cowder

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Kristin Parker on being named the BIS Teacher of the Year for 2020! Mrs. Parker is a math resource teacher at BIS and we wish her the best of luck as she moves forward in the county process!

The school year seems to be flying by, so please be sure to continue to check our website for up-to-date information and the calendar of events. The website address is www.berlinintermediate.org. We also have a facebook page and a twitter page that houses a lot of information and pictures on a daily basis.

Our next school dance will take place on February 7th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please remember that in order to attend the dance, students must have 3 or less tardies to school and no unexcused absences during Quarter 2. Students must have no office referrals since our last dance occurred. Please check PowerSchool to keep a close eye on your student’s tardies and absences.

Come out and join us on February 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for our Soup Bowl Night at BIS. The evening is a great opportunity to come out and enjoy a bowl of soup from our local establishments, while getting a chance to see what wonderful art work our students create. Our next PTO/Conference Night will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress with their individual teachers that are working with your student.

MCAP testing is rapidly approaching. Students and teachers are working extremely hard in preparing for the assessments. Please refer to the MCAP schedule in the newsletter to find out when each grade level will be testing. Please make every effort to plan trips and appointments around those dates. We need all students here for the test.

Thank you for your continued support of Berlin Intermediate School!
## FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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Please check the March newsletter for more specific testing dates.

Our BIS 5th Grade Drama Classes will be performing, “The Lion King Kids” as a dinner theatre on Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Pit-n-Pub. Tickets will be on sale on Monday, February 10. Children who are age 6 or younger are free but will not receive a dinner. Because seating is limited, tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.
Session 3: March 30 – May 21, 2020
Class offerings will be posted the week of February 24, 2020
Registration will open Monday, March 2, 2020
Registration will close Friday, March 6, 2020

Online registration for Session 3 of the BIS and Beyond After School Academy begins at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 and closes at 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2020. You must use the link available on our website www.berlinintermediate.org.

Please follow all directions carefully and answer all questions completely. It is not necessary to create a Sign Up Genius account to register for the After School Academy. You MUST use the registration link available on our school website www.berlinintermediate.org.

If your child will be involved with sports or other activities and will be unable to attend the full 7 weeks of the academy, please do not register your student as space is limited.

Please read the descriptions for each class carefully and make sure your child meets the requirements for grade, experience levels, prior attendance, etc. Students will be asked to choose another class and/or be removed from the roster if they do not meet the requirements.

If the academy your student wishes to attend is full, please sign up on the wait list and in the comment section tell us the name of the filled academy.

All classes meet for 2 hours. Sign up for only one class per day. You will receive a written confirmation of your child's classes and bus assignment in your child's back pack mail before the academy begins.

When the registration form asks for the “First Name” and “Last Name”, please enter the CHILD'S NAME. There will be a different place for the parent's name. Each student must be registered separately. You must finish one student, then log back in using the registration link to complete the next student.

Give only one address for the bus stop location. Please give us an accurate physical address (no PO boxes, please) and phone number to aid the bus driver in safely delivering the student at the end of the academy day.

All students are dismissed at 4:45 p.m. Parents are asked to limit changes in transportation to EMERGENCY situations only. Please make every effort to make these last minute changes prior to 4:15 p.m. If you are picking your child up prior to dismissal, you must visit the office to sign your child out.

Please call the front office if you have questions about any BIS and Beyond After School Academy classes or need assistance registering! We are always happy to help.
1,000 Reading Steps!!

Congratulations to our top fifth grade readers: Avery Weber, Shaleza Alli, and Ashley Conway! These students exceeded 1,000 reading steps so far this year! One step equals 15 minutes of reading, so they’ve each read over 15,000 minutes so far! Imagine all the new vocabulary words that they have learned!

Avery  

Shaleza  

Ashley

Scholastic Book Fair  
February 20 – 28

There are NEW In-School and Online Shopping Options! With Book Fair eWallet, a safe and convenient digital payment account, your student can shop the Fair cash-free! And if you’re not able to attend the Fair, try our new online shopping option. We’ve partnered with The Scholastic Store™ to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to your home (with free shipping on orders of $25 or more)! Visit our homepage to access eWallet or shop online.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair.
COUNSELOR’S CORNER
Mrs. Bankert & Mr. Call

4th Grade is shared by both School Counselors
Mr. Call is our 5th Grade Counselor
Mrs. Bankert is our 6th Grade Counselor

Our “It’s All About Attitude January Students of the Day” were:
4th Graders: Jaelyn Hudson, Hayley Doria,
Morgan Thomas & Wade Phebus
5th Graders: Kaiden Davis, Marissa Davis, Autumn Johnson,
Macey Humphress, & Avery Weber
6th Graders: Jack Brady, Kyahna Purnell, Adriana Staley, Breana Sullivan,
Anthony Perella, Nadeen Hassanein & Ellie Cheynet

Staff of the Week were: Mr. Lloyd & Mrs. Stearns

Our “It’s All About Attitude January Student of the Month” was:
Hayley Doria
Mrs. Raffelt’s HR—Given for: Showing Code 29 by informing the teacher
about a situation a classmate was involved in.
Given by Ms. Potetz

Are You Going on Vacation?

Please be sure to fill out a Student Trip Approval Request Form if you are planning to be out of town. This form needs to be filled out at least 10 days prior to your trip. After the form is filled out by the parent, students must get all their teachers to sign it. Once the form is complete, please turn it in to the office for the Principal’s signature. Under the policy of the Board of Education, a maximum of 5 school days will be excused for family trips during any one school year. If you need a Student Trip Approval Request Form, they are available on the table in the main hallway, in the office and on our website.

PTO NEWS & INFORMATION
2019-2020 PTO OFFICERS

Lauren Smith – President
Kasi Queen – Vice President
Mimoza Gjikuria – Co-Vice President
Amber Murray – Secretary
Sarah Slaysman – Treasurer
Katie Mason - Event/Volunteer Coordinator
Donna Brittingham – Event/Volunteer Coordinator

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Please be sure to like our official Berlin Intermediate PTO Facebook page, and not just the BIS parent’s group page! If you have questions or would like more information on volunteering, please message us through the Facebook page or email us at Bispto21811@gmail.com.
NOTES FROM NURSE BRADFORD

Health Room: 410-632-5323
Email: anbradford@worcesterk12.org

FLU SEASON!

With the flu season upon us, it is important we work together to keep our children healthy. Viruses spread easily among children in schools, with an average of one third of family members affected each year. You can help stop the spread of the flu or other illnesses by following a few simple steps:

- If possible, you and your child should get the flu vaccine.
- Remind your child to cover his or her mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.
- Have your child wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and shared items at least once a day.
- Remind your child not to touch their mouth, nose and eyes.
- If your child is sick or has a fever, please keep them home to prevent the spread of illness.

Common symptoms of the flu include fever, headache, body aches, exhaustion and dry cough. Additionally, children often exhibit other flu symptoms that are rare in adults, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Some children may benefit from an antiviral medication which can be prescribed by your doctor and may lessen the symptoms and reduce the risks of complications. To be effective, antiviral medication must be taken within 48 hours after flu symptoms begin. If you are concerned that your child is exhibiting flu symptoms, please contact your doctor early.

HOW TO WASH YOUR HANDS PROPERLY

Doctors tell us the key to not catching colds and other viruses this flu season is to wash your hands. The reason this time of year is so “catching” stems from the fact that we are all bundled up together indoors, keeping germs moving from person to person. If we can get our children to wash their hands regularly, it can help prevent the catching and spreading of viruses. Using soap and water, work up a good lather, wash wrists, palms, back of hands, fingers and finger nails for at least 20 seconds. Try singing Happy Birthday to yourself while scrubbing, that should be long enough!
**Physical Education**  
*Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Stout, Mr. Sanzotti*

Just a reminder to parents and students - Jump Rope for Heart will be held on February 6th and 7th during the school day. Please remember to bring your donation envelope to class.

The PE Department would like to congratulate the following students on their placement at the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest this past Saturday at Worcester Prep: 1st Place - Brookes Waters and Ashton March, 2nd Place - Lydia Navarro, Ava Konyar, and Johnny Hobgood, and 3rd Place - Kennedy Kirby and Allyson Coleman. The first place winners will move on to the next level of competition. We wish them much success!

All grade levels just finished up our Floor Hockey unit and we are moving on to volleyball skills and tournament play. Remember, to get better at anything, you have to practice!

February is National Heart Month. In order to keep ourselves physically fit, it is recommended by the American Heart Association that we walk or run 10,000 steps per day or five miles per day. An inexpensive pedometer can help you keep track of how many steps you walk per day. This is a great way to set a goal for you to become healthier in 2020!

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**Emergency Closing Procedures**

- Emergency Hotline: 410-632-5399 ext. 6600
- [www.worcesterk12.org](http://www.worcesterk12.org)—special announcements on homepage
- Television Stations: WBOC and WMDT
- Twitter at Worcester Schools MD (@worcestersystem) Facebook at Worcester County Public Schools MD
SchoolMessenger is an automated notification system that informs parents and guardians of important messages such as fog delays, early dismissals, school closings and other emergencies. Messages are shared via phone and text messages, and may be sent as early as 5:15 a.m., but no later than 9:00 p.m. The SchoolMessenger system will call up to four designated telephone numbers per household. If you would like to receive text messages, you must opt-in. Text any one of the following words (subscribe, option, yes) to the number 68453. You should receive the following message: You are registered to receive approx. 3 msgs/mo. Txt STOP to quit, HELP to help.

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For the Families
colorincolorado.org
As a parent, there are many ways that you can help your child succeed every single day! These bilingual parent resources offer tips on helping your child learn to read, succeed in school, and learn a new language. They also provide information about the U.S. school system and share ideas on how to build a relationship with your child’s teacher and school. In addition, you can find fun reading tips and games, bilingual booklists, ideas for using the public library, and videos of children’s authors, illustrators, and musicians. Resources are organized by topic. Please go to colorincolorado.org for more information. Then in the Resources list, click on the following icon:

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Atención: ¡Se Habla Español! We Speak Spanish!

With one click you can view our entire website in Spanish! Click on the language drop down button at top left area of the website and then choose Spanish. If you click on this link it will automatically transform our website into Spanish. Once it is in Spanish, any link you click from there will also be in Spanish. Ole!

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Para las Familias
colorincolorado.org
En su calidad de padre, usted dispone de muchas maneras para poder ayudar a su hijo a triunfar cada día. Los siguientes recursos dirigidos a padres bilingües le ofrecen consejos para ayudar a su niño a aprender a leer, tener éxito en la escuela y aprender un nuevo idioma. También le dan información sobre el sistema escolar de Estados Unidos y le comparten ideas sobre cómo desarrollar una relación con el maestro y la escuela de su hijo. Además, usted puede encontrar divertidos consejos y juegos, listas bilingües, ideas para el uso de la biblioteca pública y videos de autores e ilustradores de libros infantiles y músicos que tocan canciones para niños. A continuación los recursos se organizan por temas. Por favor vaya a colorincolorado.org para más información. A continuación, en la lista de recursos (Resources), haga click en el icono siguiente:

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