

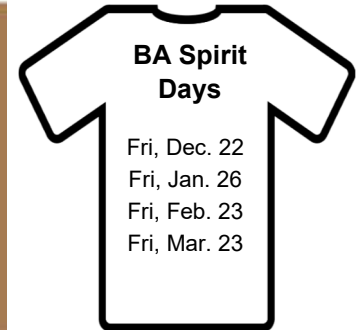


South Western School District

# Baresville Messenger

Phone: (717) 633-4870

Dec/Jan Newsletter



Dear Baresville Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the months of December and January, I want to wish your family a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that a new year is right around the corner.

Many of us set New Year's Resolutions each year. This really is the same as setting personal goals for improvement. At the start of the school year, your child created a Hope and Dream/Goal. When students return in January, your child will revisit this Hope and Dream/Goal.

If your child has met his/her dream/goal, he/she will set a new one for the remainder of the year. Setting short term goals and dreams helps learners develop a growth mindset and acquire grit. Specifically, when students set their own goals, they take responsibility and ownership of their learning. Setting goals can be especially important for students with low achievement motivation. Goal setting gives students long-term vision and short-term motivation.

As first trimester report cards were recently sent home, now would be a good time to discuss hopes and dreams/goals with your child. Focusing on one area in which your child wants to improve will create the chance for better success than focusing on too many areas at one time.

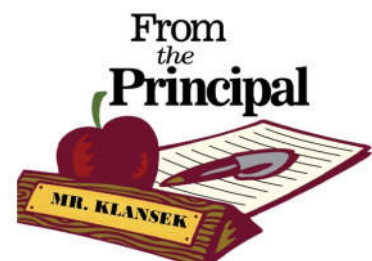
The following dream/goal setting steps can help you, as parents, to work with your child and guide them to personal improvement.

- ◆ Step 1: **Determine** an area of improvement and set one dream/goal. For example, to improve homework quality, increase study time at home, increase the number of minutes to read at home each night.
- ◆ Step 2: **Create** a plan to accomplish the goal each day. For example, I will do my homework in a quiet place. I will ask my parents to check my homework when I am finished.
- ◆ Step 3: **Develop** a strong belief that you can achieve your goal. You can do it!
- ◆ Step 4: **Set** a deadline for your goal.
- ◆ Step 5: **Write** your goal down. By doing this, your goal is no longer just a thought. It becomes real to you.
- ◆ Step 6: **Check the success of your plan.** For example, are there any changes needed to the plan for me to be successful?

As always, thank you for partnering with us to ensure that your child has a successful year at Baresville Elementary School. It is exciting to see how much growth each child makes from day to day. Please take time this holiday season to make many special family memories together.

Sincerely,

Eric Klanssek



# PTA NEWS

## Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help with the fall Book Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! And thank you to all the families who attended the Book Fair. Because of your generous support we were able to earn over \$4600 in Scholastic Dollars for our Library to purchase books!

The PTA would also like to send out a special thank you to our Baresville families who donated items for our Shopper's Room and Donuts with Santa. Your generosity is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

## Upcoming Events:

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Shoppers Room, 6-8 PM

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Shoppers Room & Donuts with Santa. 8-11 AM. Join us for some shopping and breakfast as you visit with Santa. Remember to bring your camera!

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Meeting in the Library. 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Family Bingo Night, 6:30 PM

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Variety Show, 6:30 PM. It's not too early to begin to think about participating in the Baresville Variety Show. Students grades K-5 are welcome to showcase their talents during this event which will be held in February. More information will be coming on this event after the holiday break.

## Reminder:

Giant Store Card: As the holiday shopping season draws near, please ensure that your Giant Bonus Card has been registered to Baresville Elementary. This is an easy way to help our school earn money for the students.

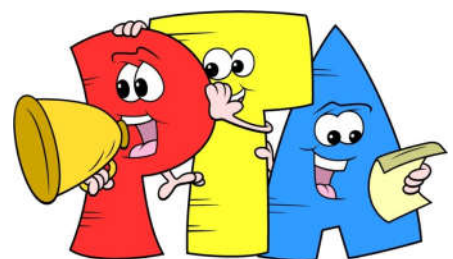
Shutterfly: It's that time of year! Use this Shutterfly link when making your cards, calendars, photo books, etc. and the PTA will earn cash back to fund school events for our Baresville students and teachers.

<http://baresville.shutterflystorefront.com/>

## Let's Connect:

For further information visit [www.baresville.my-pta.org](http://www.baresville.my-pta.org) or "Like" us on Facebook at Baresville Elementary PTA. Please feel free to contact any of the PTA Board Members with questions or concerns.

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## 2 Hour Delay Schedule

School Begins at 9:45am

January 2, 2018

## Early Dismissal Schedule

December 22, 2017 at 12:30pm

January 11, 2018 at 12:30pm

January 12, 2018 at 12:30pm



## School Closings

December 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2017

January 1, 2018

January 15, 2018

February 16, 2018 (Snow Makeup Day)

February 19, 2018 (Snow Makeup Day)

March 29, 2018 (Snow Makeup Day)

March 30, 2018

April 2, 2018 (Snow Makeup Day)



## PSSA Testing Dates for 2018

All South Western Elementary Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing on the dates below. **Thank you for your support in not scheduling vacation, appointments or other absences from school on these dates.**

**Educational Trip Requests will be denied during the PSSA Testing during these listed days:**

**April 10-13 (Gr. 3-5 English/Language Arts)**

**April 17-19 (Gr. 3-5 Math)**

**April 24-25 (Gr. 4 Science)**



## Baresville Morning Announcements

The 5th grade learners at Baresville have been doing a wonderful job revamping our announcements! If you would like to view our video announcements, as well as stay up to date with what is happening at Baresville, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter! Everything also gets posted on the Principal's Blog!

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/baresville>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/BaresvilleElem>

**Principal's Blog:** <http://apps.swsd.k12.pa.us/wordpress/bvnews/>



# Office Essentials

## Transportation Changes



**Bus Riders:** Please remember that a written note is required ahead of time from the parent or guardian of the learner who is traveling differently. The note must include the bus number they are taking home and the reason for the change. If the learner is going home with someone else, a note is required from both parties. The written notice should be sent to the classroom facilitator who will forward them to the office.



**Car Riders:** A written note is required stating that the learner is to be a car rider at dismissal. The note must include the name of the person who will be picking up the learner. Remember to display your mustang car rider tag. If you are in need of additional tags, please contact the office. \$5.00 will be charged for additional tags if two have already been issued. If you do not have a tag hanging in the car window, you must come into the office to pick up your child. Car riders are dismissed at the Main Entrance.

## District Volunteer Reminders

Please see the district website under **Outreach & Opportunities** for information and forms.

[http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us/SW\\_out-opp\\_volunteers.htm](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us/SW_out-opp_volunteers.htm)

## Volunteer Renewal Process

District volunteers must re-register each school year to remain on the district's approved volunteer list. Volunteers renewing their volunteer status must complete a Volunteer "Renewal" Form and bring it to the district administration office. Clearances on file are verified and the volunteer's photo ID badge is returned with the current school year. The volunteer is then added to the approved volunteer list for the current school year. Current clearances on file are valid for 60 months from the date completed, as long as the volunteer re-registers each school year.

## New District Volunteers

Volunteer registrations are completed at the district administration office, by appointment. If you are a new volunteer to the district, clearances must be dated no more than one year prior to the registration application date and a completed volunteer registration forms packet is required. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Lisa Duke at the district administration office (717-632-2500 or [Lisa\\_Duke@southwesternsd.org](mailto:Lisa_Duke@southwesternsd.org)).





# SOUTH WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

## MANHEIM ELEMENTARY

5778 Blooming Grove Rd., Glenville, PA 17329

**Dr. Mary Kay Kelly -- Elementary Supervisor/ Principal**  
(717) 229-2930

Mary\_Kay\_Kelly@southwesternsd.org

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are excited to share that Kindergarten registration will take place on Friday, March 16 and the week of March 19, 2018. The child being registered must accompany you to the registration to have hearing, vision, speech and readiness skills screenings done. Registrations for NEW first grade learners will also occur at this time.

The South Western School Board's policy for the cut-off date for entrance to kindergarten and first grade dictates that children must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2018, to attend kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. This also affects the cut-off date for entry into first grade. Learners need to turn 6 on or before September 1, 2018. No exceptions will be made for the age requirement.

Information about kindergarten registration can be accessed through the district's website: [www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us) (link to kindergarten registration). At the registration, parents must present the following:

- ◆ proof of residency with either a statement of settlement/occupancy permit, or lease agreement, driver's license with current address, or a current utility bill
- ◆ child's birth certificate and/or a notarized statement or baptismal certificate showing the date of birth
- ◆ immunization record

The school The School Health Laws of Pennsylvania require that all students be completely immunized against the following diseases (minimum dosage requirements): Diphtheria-Tetanus (4) 4th dose given on or after the fourth birthday, Poliomyelitis (4) 4th dose given on or after the fourth birthday and given at least 6 months after the previous dose, Hepatitis (3), Measles (2), Mumps (2), Rubella (1) and Varicella (Chickenpox)(2). A complete written record stating the day, month and year of the child's immunization must be presented before children are allowed to enter school.

Please call one of our elementary schools beginning in January and before March 6, 2018, to schedule an appointment to register your child for kindergarten or first grade. *All appointments must be scheduled in advance* due to the high number of tightly scheduled appointments. Registration dates and locations are below:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Time</u>
West Manheim (717-633-4890)	March 16, 2018	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
West Manheim " "	March 19, 2018	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Manheim (717-229-2930)	March 20, 2018	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Park Hills (717-633-4880)	March 21, 2018	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Baresville (717-633-4870)	March 22, 2018	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Baresville " "	March 23, 2018 (Over-flow day)	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Your attention to and cooperation with the procedures above, to register your child for entrance into kindergarten, is most appreciated. Please pass on this information to other parents you know who should be registering their child for kindergarten or first grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Kay Kelly

Elementary Supervisor/Principal

# **South Western School District's Community Adult Education Winter 2017-2018 Classes**

**Evening Classes and Activities offered for our Winter Session are:**

**Aqua Zumba  
Community Swim  
DeStress Stretching  
Digital Literacy & Internet Basics  
Intermediate Conversational Spanish  
Open Volleyball  
Small Engine Repair Class  
T'ai Chi Chih  
Tips for Lifelong Weight Management  
Welding Academy Class  
Yoga 101  
Zumba**

**For more information, please visit the Adult Education Brochure  
located on the SWSD webpage or use the link below:**

**<http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us/Community/AdultEducationCourseGuide.pdf>**



# Flier Distribution

Please note, we are no longer sending fliers home for programs such as YWCA, Cub Scouts, etc. Instead, fliers will be available for learners or parents to pick-up right in the office. Some will also be available to view online by visiting the District website.

For more information about the sports registrations listed below, please come to the Baresville office to pick up a flier. Thank you!!



## South Western Youth Lacrosse



### 2018 Spring Registration

Boys (Ages 6 - 14)

Co-Ed Pockets Program (Pre-K – Kindergarten)

**NEW! ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!**

Registration Deadlines: Boys (Ages 6 - 14) December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pockets – March 12<sup>th</sup>

Registration Fees: Boys (Ages 6 - 14) \$95  
(Late Registration +\$30 from 12/16 – 12/31)  
Pockets - \$30  
(Late Registration +\$10 from 3/13 – 4/1)



Division	Early Bird Pricing Ends December 31, 2017	Regular Pricing
7U	\$90	\$100
10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U	\$120	\$135

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# SCHOOL COUNSELOR ZONE

**Jill Shirey, Counselor**  
Baresville Elementary School  
717-633-4870

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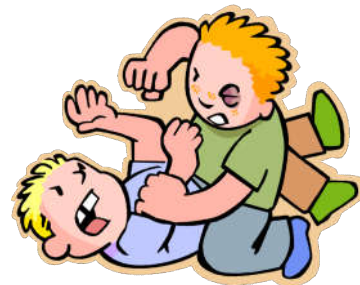
## **SIBLING RIVALRY: WHY DO CHILDREN FIGHT?** (adapted from Kidshealth.org)

**"Dad, she's in my room getting into my things again!" "Mom, he won't stop annoying me!" "Me first! Me first!"** Sound familiar? If you have more than one child, the answer is probably "yes," because these are the sounds of sibling rivalry or sibling conflict.

**"So why do my kids fight?"** Many different things can cause siblings to fight. Most brothers and sisters experience some degree of jealousy or competition, and this can flare into squabbles and bickering. Other factors, like evolving developmental or age appropriate needs, individual temperaments, special needs, or how a child sees his or her parents resolve their disputes, might also influence how often kids fight and how severe the fighting gets.

**"OK. Well, what can I do when the fighting starts?"** Whenever possible, don't get involved (unless the fighting becomes physical). If there are times when you do need to step in, simply separate the children until they're calm, don't put too much focus on figuring out which child is to blame, and try to set up a "win-win" situation so that each child gains something. When they both want the same toy, perhaps there's a game they could play together instead.

**"Are there any things I can try to prevent this from happening in the future?"** Try setting ground rules for acceptable behavior. Tell the kids that there's no cursing, no name-calling, no yelling, no hitting, no door slamming. Solicit their input on the rules — as well as the consequences when they break them.



\*Don't let kids make you think that everything always has to be "fair" and "equal" — sometimes one kid needs more than the other.

\*Be proactive in giving your kids one-on-one attention directed to their interests and needs. For example, if one likes to go outdoors, take a walk or go to the park. If another child likes to sit and read, make time for that too.

\*Make sure kids have their own space and time to do their own thing — to play with toys by themselves, to play with friends without a sibling tagging along, or to enjoy activities without having to share 50-50.

\*Have fun together as a family. Whether you're watching a movie, throwing a ball, or playing a board game, you're establishing a peaceful way for your kids to spend time together and relate to each other. This can help ease tensions between them and also keeps you involved. Since parental attention is something many kids fight over, fun family activities can help reduce conflict.


\*If your children frequently squabble over the same things (such as video games or the TV), post a schedule showing which child "owns" that item at what times during the week. (But if they keep fighting about it, take the item away altogether.)

\*If fights between your school-age children are frequent, hold weekly family meetings in which you repeat the rules about fighting and review past successes in reducing conflicts. Consider establishing a program where the kids earn points toward a fun family-oriented activity when they work together.

\*In a small percentage of families, the conflict between brothers and sisters is so severe that it disrupts daily functioning, or particularly affects kids emotionally or psychologically. In those cases, it's wise to get help from a mental health professional. Also, if you have questions about your kids' fighting, talk with your doctor, who can help you determine whether your family might benefit from professional help and refer you to local mental health resources.



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1  After School Bowling 2:30-5:15 pm	D 2
3	4  Holiday Concert 7:30-8:30 pm	A 5	B 6  Good Deeds Club—Group A 2:30-3:15 pm	C 7	D 8  After School Bowling 2:30-5:15 pm  BA Shopper's Room 6-8 pm	A 9  BA PTA Donuts with Santa and Shopper's Room 8-11 am
10	11  BA PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	B 12	C 13  Project Harmony Day  Good Deeds Club—Group B 2:30-3:15 pm	D 14	A 15  PBIS Bright & Bold Day— (Wear Tye-Dye/Neon)  After School Bowling 2:30-5:15 pm	B 16
17	18	C 19	D 20  Good Deeds Club—Group A 2:30-3:15 pm  School Board Mtg 7 pm	A 21	B 22  BA Spirit Day  Early Dismissal 12:30 pm	C 23
24	25  Schools Closed (K-12)  	26  Schools Closed (K-12)	27  Schools Closed (K-12)	28  Schools Closed (K-12)	29  Schools Closed (K-12)	30
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# January



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1  <b>Schools Closed (K-12)</b>	2  <b>Two Hour Delay (K-12)</b>	3  Good Deeds Club—Group B 2:30-3:15 pm	4	5	6
7	8  D	9  A  BA PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	10  B  Project Harmony Day, Good Deeds Club—Group A 2:30-3:15 pm, School Board Planning Mtg 7 pm	11  C  <b>Early Dismissal 12:30 pm</b>	12  D  <b>Early Dismissal 12:30 pm</b>	13
14	15  <b>Schools Closed (K-12)</b>	16  A	17  B  Good Deeds Club—Group B 2:30-3:15 pm	18  C	19  D  PBIS Beach Day	20
21	22  A	23  B	24  C  Good Deeds Club—Group A 2:30-3:15 pm  School Board Mtg 7 pm	25  D  BA PTA Family Bingo Night 6:30 pm	26  A  BA Spirit Day  PBIS Snowball Dance/Board Games Day	27
28	29  B	30  C	31  D  Good Deeds Club—Group B 2:30-3:15 pm			