BETHEL ELEMENTARY

October 2nd, 2026

Weekly Updates from:

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Upcoming Events:

- Month of October - Child Safety Matters
- October 1st - Choir practice starts - in Mr. Spears class with their lunch.
    - Third graders will practice on Mondays and Thursdays (1035-1055)
    - 4th graders will practice Wednesday and Friday (1135-11:55)
- October 5th through October 9th - Naglieri Cognitive testing (2nd/4th grade only)
- October 6th - Picture Day
- October 14th & 15th - 1st Grade Field Trip to Charleston Falls
- October 16th - 1st Grade Bookmobile; 2nd Grade Field Trip to Carillon Park

Announcements:

- **Bee Winners for the week:**



- **School Hours -** School arrival time is 7:55 to 8:12. The tardy bell is at 8:15, which means all students need to be in their classrooms by 8:15 and ready for the day. *If you are dropping off your child after the teachers enter the building, you need to walk your child into the building to sign them in.* School dismissal begins at 3:05! All students MUST be picked up by 3:20pm each day!

- **Student Drop off procedures -** Parents may not park and walk kids up to the building, or park to pick up kids in the afternoon. **Students cannot be dropped off at school before 8:00 am.** Please use 2 lanes to begin the car line, and then merge into the line closest to the building for drop off/pick up.

- **Early Pick-up Procedures -** If your child typically rides a bus, but needs to be a car rider for the day, you must let the office know no later than 2:15. If you know in advance, please send a note to school with your child.

- **Attendance -** If your child will not be at school, please call the school at 937-845-9439, and choose option 1 (attendance) from the menu. This line is ONLY to report absences. Leave a message stating your child's first and last name, grade level, and reason for their absence. The secretaries check these messages daily and update your child's attendance record. You may also email at bes-attendance@blsk12.org if you cannot get through.

- **Final Forms completion** - Please complete Final Forms as soon as possible. For returning students, the information still needs to be reviewed and confirmed in the system. Be sure your phone numbers and email addresses are accurate to ensure the school can contact you in the event of an emergency.

- **LifeWise schedule -**
    - Monday: 2nd grade - 11:55 to 12:50
    - Tuesday: 3rd grade - 10:35 to 11:30; 4th grade - 11:35 to 12:30
    - Thursday: 1st grade - 10:55 to 11:50

- **Guardians of the Hive.** A volunteer opportunity for all to help in the lunch room as long as you're at least 18 years old. If you're interested, please scroll down for more information.

- **Registration is now open for Bethel Youth Basketball.** Recreational leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 2nd-6th regardless of skill level. Rec registration ends 11/14. Metro leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 3rd-6th and will have tryouts. Metro registration ends 10/4. We are also in need of coaches! For additional information, tryout dates and to register a player or to be a coach please visit: https://www.bethelyouthbball.com/home

- **Picture packets** will be coming home (if they haven't already). There will be a make-up date later if your child misses the day. Here's the link to order online.

- **Trick or Treat Art Contest.** Students are invited to enter a national drawing contest in a fun and creative way. Scroll down for more information. Please use the entry form that is included to complete or ask Miss Back for another one.

- **Child Safety Matters** presentations will be taking place in *October* as well as in *January and/or February.* The purpose of this is to educate and empower children with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, and digital abuse dangers. *If you do NOT want your child to participate*, please complete the OptOut form by **October 2nd.** Scroll down for more information.

Child Safety Matters

During the month of October, the counseling team (Mrs. Stegner and Mrs. Holthaus, formerly Ms. Dill) will be providing the first part of our yearly safety lessons during their SEL special. The second part will be provided during January or February depending on weather delays and closures.

We will be using the Child Safety Safety Matters curriculum. “The Monique Burr Foundation’s Child Safety Matters educates and empowers children with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, and digital abuse dangers.” For more information about this program, click the link found below.

Parents or guardians who do NOT wish for their child to participate in these lessons must complete the opt-out form using the link below by October 2, 2026.

For more information and Non-Participation Form: CLICK HERE

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BETHEL YOUTH BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR RECREATIONAL & METRO LEAGUES

METRO COMPETITIVE

METRO IS OPEN TO GRADES 3-6 AND WILL HAVE TRYOUTS

METRO REGISTRATION ENDS 10/4

RECREATIONAL

REC IS OPEN TO GRADES 2-6 REGARDLESS OF SKILLSET

REC REGISTRATION ENDS 11/14



FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON REC OR METRO LEAGUES, TRYOUT DATES, & TO REGISTER A PLAYER OR TO BE A COACH PLEASE VISIT:

BETHELYOUTHBBALL.COM

Guardians of the Hive

This volunteer opportunity is for all dads, moms, legal guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters that are at least 18 years old.

Lunch Volunteer Duties

Help the lunchroom staff maintain order, open food and drink packages, assist students as they clean up their messes, help the custodial staff sweep and wipe tables.

Volunteers Please

Wear a Bethel shirt and badge from the office.
Bring your license to be scanned.
No personal phone use during volunteer duties.

If you are interested in becoming a Guardian or would like more information, email the PTO at BethelBeesPTO@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.

Scan to volunteer

TRICK OR TREAT

Drawing Contest for 4-12 Year-Olds



Hairy **spiders,**
flapping **bats,**
dancing **skeletons,**
witches' cats,



ancient **mummies,**



spooky faces,
piles of **candy,**
haunted places...
It's time to start
creating **spooky** art!



Fun, free activity for your class or club

Fang-tastic prizes to be won!

Your students could be published in a cool book

YoungArtists

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat invites your students to get drawing with this fun, creative national drawing contest.

From friendly ghosts, funny monsters, or a haunted house to trick-or-treating, a witch making a spell. or a Halloween party with strange food, **Trick or Treat** lets imaginations run wild.

Read out the poem on the back of this information card to help inspire your students with ideas. What will the spooky theme inspire them to draw? A character, creature, animal, or spooky scene?

Drawings will feature in a special **Trick or Treat** book series showcasing artwork from across the country, alongside cool fact pages. Plus, our favorite drawing from each book will be chosen to feature as the front cover!

How To Enter

1. Use the enclosed entry forms. Copy or download more from **www.usayoungartists.com/contest/treat**
2. Ask your students to draw their spooky-inspired picture on an entry form
3. Send your drawings to us with your school's completed entry form to:

Young Artists Trick Or Treat
77 Walnut Street
Unit 11
Peabody MA 01960



OR email scans to
info@usayoungartists.com

OR upload your scanned entries at
www.usayoungartists.com/new-uploader

(If submitting online, please send scans only. We cannot accept photos of entries. See our website for scanning instructions.)

Any questions?
Get in touch on **978-326-9492**
or email **info@usayoungartists.com**

Prizes For Clubs

- The school/club that sends in the best set of drawings will win an amazing **$1,000** gift certificate of their choice!

$1,000 for best set of drawings!

PLUS you will receive a complimentary copy of the book your students' work features in.

Prizes For Children

- Our favorite Trick Or Treat drawing in each book will become the book's title and front cover. This artist then becomes a finalist. From the finalists, we'll choose 10 winners who'll each win an arts and crafts goody bag.



PLUS a sticker strip for every entrant. Children whose work we'd love to publish also receive a certificate.

(School/Club & individual winners will be chosen from entries received Sept-Nov 2026.)

Closing Date: October 30, 2026

TRICK OR TREAT

Child Entry Form

This form can be copied

Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Teacher/Club Leader Name: Miss Amanda Back

School/Club Name: Bethel Elementary School State: OH Zip Code: 45371

Details are required for contest purposes only and will not be passed on to any third parties. Young Artists is an imprint of 'Bonacia Ltd' VAT No. 102791343 Reg No. 05368980 Full contest T&Cs are available at our website.

Title of your picture:

Please draw your picture below this line