BETHEL ELEMENTARY

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Weekly Updates from:

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Upcoming Events:

- September 21st through September 30th - Acadience Benchmark testing
- September 21st through 25th - Homecoming Spirit Week
- September 21st - Lifewise begins - more information below
- September 21st - Author virtual visit for 1st grade : Shannon Olsen
- September 22nd - Dental Outreach Visit
- September 30th - 1st quarter midterms
- October 5th through October 9th - Naglieri Cognitive testing (2nd/4th grade only)
- October 6th - Picture Day

Announcements:

- **Bee Winners for the week:**



- **Secretary Change -** If you didn't see the new staff post from last week, we have a change in the front office. Mrs. Julie Gravitt has accepted a position in Athletics. Taking her place is Mrs. Jennifer Lade. Mrs. Lade and Ms. Stover are working together to make the transition smooth and seamless.

- **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

- **TWIG 45 - FALL MOM'S Mart Sale.** 🛍️ **Saturday, September 19, 2026** ⏰ **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This will be held at Vandalia-Butler High School. Scroll down for more information!

- The 2nd Annual **Bethel Music Boosters Mattress Sale** is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 from 11am-5pm at Bethel HS. All proceeds go directly back to the Bethel Music Program and help purchase instruments, costumes, music, and provide amazing performance opportunities for our music students. There is a parent kick-off meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm in Bethel Hall - every adult that attends helps our program earn even more money as a bonus, so please come on out! Pizza and cookies will be provided. **Join & Share our Facebook event: FB EVENT LINK (We earn money for anyone who RSVPs to the event as well!) RSVP HERE to earn ANOTHER $1 toward the group's bonus (max $500)!**

- **Dayton Children's Hospital Volunteer Therapy Team fundraiser.** Date: September 27, 2026. Session times: 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm. Please scroll down for more information.

- **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.

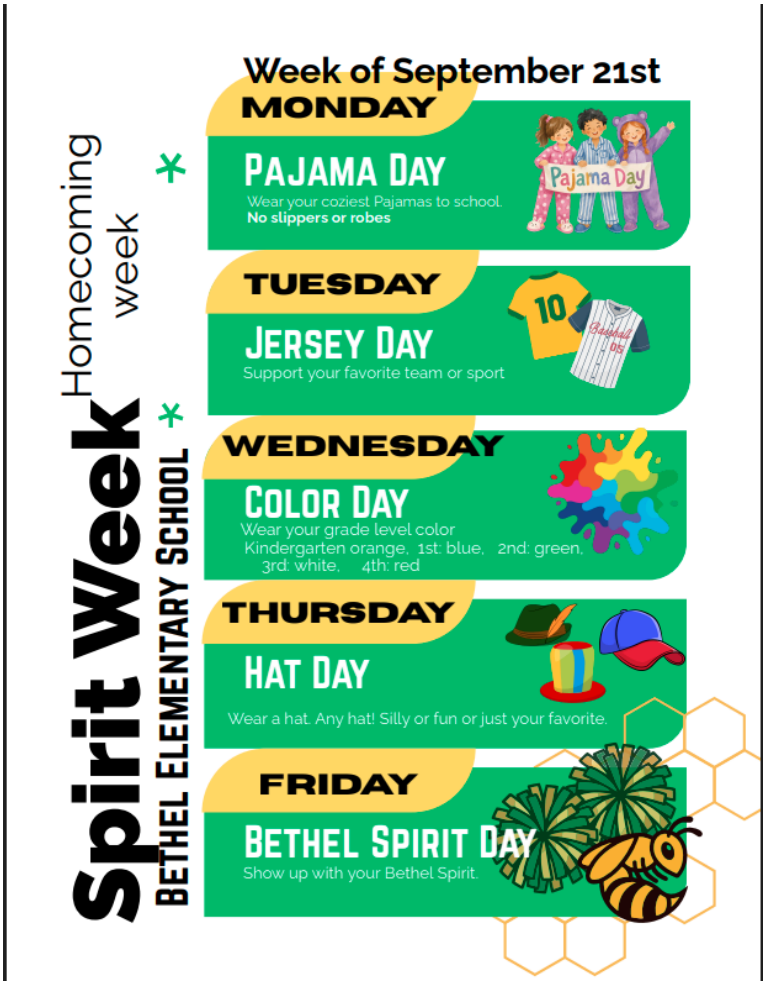
- **Registration is now open for Bethel Youth Basketball.** Recreational leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 2nd-6th regardless of skill level. Rec registration ends 11/14. Metro leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 3rd-6th and will have tryouts. Metro registration ends 10/4. We are 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

- **Homecoming Spirit Week** Information - *Week of September 21-25*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PJ Day	Jersey Day	Color Day See below for grade level colors	Hat Day	Bethel Spirit Day

- **Picture Day Information.** Picture day is coming on October 6th. More information will be coming home. 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.









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Date: September 27th , 2026
Session Times: 1:00, 2:30 & 3:30pm

The Dayon Children's Hospital Volunteer Therapy Dog Teams are doing a Book and Snack drive for the Family Experience Cart!!!!

Cost: $5 (at door) plus Donation to fill in the Dayton Children's Hospital Family experience cart. Donation: new books, individually wrapped snacks or art supplies.

Join us at Youth Quest Development Center for one of the 3 cupcake decorating sessions to decorate a cupcake like a pup!!!

Youth Quest Development Center
200 E Lake Ave,
New Carlisle, OH 45344

Quest YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

REGISTER NOW DCDBdrive@outlook.com
Point of Contact - Sarah Leonard

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

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

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 'Bonanza Ltd' VAT No. 102781343 Reg No. 05368980 Full contest T&Cs are available at our website.

Title of your picture:

Please draw your picture below this line