Bent School Newsletter

SUPERSTAR GAZETTE

Bloomington Public Schools District 87

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Bent Elementary School Pledge

I pledge to myself,

My school, and my community,

To be safe, Be respectful,

And be responsible.

I am a Bent Superstar!

Message from the Principal

Dear Superstar Families,

As we conclude the first quarter of the 2026–27 school year, thank you to everyone who participated in Parent-Teacher conferences last month. Your ongoing support is invaluable to our school community.

Communication

Open communication between home and school plays an important role in student success. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher. You can communicate by phone, through ROOMS, or by email. Remember to check your email and SKYWARD/Family Access for updates.

Attendance

Daily attendance supports academic growth. We understand that students may need to miss school because of illness or other valid reasons. Please notify the school when your child will be absent, and consult the student handbook for more information about absences.

Please call the office before 9:20 a.m. on the day your child is absent, or earlier if you know in advance. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 309-828-4315 or email BentAttendance@district87.org.

Families of students with more than 4 absences this school year should have started receiving automated attendance letters. Illinois considers a student chronically absent when they miss 10% or more of the school year, regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Schools are required to monitor attendance and report students who miss 10% of the school year to the truancy office. We notify families of the number of absences their child has accumulated.

Our family facilitator, Mrs. Sanchez-Rios, and our social worker, Mrs. Nesby, are available to support you if your family needs help with regular school attendance.

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Please let us know how we can help. Once students are enrolled in public school they are expected to attend regularly.

Safety Drill

Our annual Shelter-in-Place/Severe Weather drill will take place on November 13. Students should follow all instructions during the drill. Please remind your child that it is only a drill and that we practice to prepare for emergencies.

November PBIS Focus

In October, we focused on conflict resolution and we added the new PEACE PATH on our playground. In November, we will focus on "first time listening," with a goal of reducing T codes (teacher referrals) by 20%. Our student behavior data for October shows that students are not always following directions the first time they are asked. You can support this effort at home by reviewing what it looks like to respect adults and practicing first-time listening when you give your child directions.

We will also focus on the third of the 7 Mindsets: "We Are Connected." Collaboration matters in all areas of life. When we are connected, we have support—and two minds are better than one.

Important Dates

- **Nov. 6:** House Spirit Day (wear your house-color shirt)
- **Nov. 12:** PTO meeting, 6–7 p.m. in the cafeteria
- **Nov. 13:** Shelter-in-Place drill
- **Nov. 14:** Girls On The Run and True North Boys 5K in Springfield
- **Nov. 18:** PBIS Store during lunch
- **Nov. 19:** Bingo Night, 5:30–7:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 23:** Last day for after school tutoring
- **Nov. 25–29:** Thanksgiving Break

Preschool Screening and Winter Coats

If you have a child at home between the ages of 3 and 4 who is not yet speaking or using language, or who may have delays in fine or gross motor skills, visit Sarah Raymond's webpage for information about screening dates. Our preschool provides early-start services for students who need additional support.

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. If your student needs a winter coat, please contact our family facilitator, Mrs. Sanchez-Rios.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Delgado

Art News



Hello Parents/Guardians,

October was a busy month here in the art room! I teach students about artists from diverse backgrounds and we especially focused on Latino(a) artists during Hispanic Heritage Month! Here is a quick overview of some of the things students learned!

K - created beautiful multi-colored leaves for fall and sang a song about fall in English and Spanish

1st - made peaceful leaf-rubbing landscapes inspired by the colorful landscapes of Frida Kahlo

2nd - learned about the abstract artworks of Leonardo Nierman and created collaborative abstract artwork with a friend, based on a clip of music and how it made them feel and what it made them think about

3rd - created their own 9 letter signs based on a lesson about the HOLLYWOOD sign created by George Lucero

4th - designed their own luchador(a) masks and displayed them on backgrounds they made that were inspired by Panamanian molas

5th - drew their own scene in one-point perspective based on the artwork of Patssi Valdez

I hope you are all doing well and look forward to all of the wonderful artwork our Bent Superstar artists will create the rest of the year!

PBIS News (Positive Behavior Expectations and Supports)



Bingo Night


SAVE THE DATE!
BENT FAMILY
BINGO NIGHT
NOVEMBER 19
5:30 – 7:00 PM
BINGO
BINGO
B I N G O
BINGO • FAMILY FUN • PRIZES!
DONATIONS WANTED!
Bottled water • Individually wrapped juice or soda
Small bingo prizes
(new items, $5 or less)

Bent November Calendar

November 2026

At Bent Elementary School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Day Light Saving Time Ends	2	3 3:30-5:30 College Mentors	4	5	6 Bent Spirit Day (Wear your House-Color Shirt)	7
8	9	10 3:30-5:30 College Mentors	11	12 6:00 – 7:00 PM PTO Meeting	13 Shelter-in-Place Drill	14 9:00 – 10:30 AM Girls/Boys on the Run 5K
15	16	17 3:30-5:30 College Mentors	18 PBIS Store During Lunch	19 9:00-11:00AM Re-Take Picture Day 5:30 -7:00 PM Bent Bingo Night	20	21
22	23 Last Day for After School Tutoring	24 9:30-10:15 BHS Choir Assembly (3-5)	25 Thanksgiving Break	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Thanksgiving Break	28
29	30 12:30-2:45 4th Grade Zoo to you Program					

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Coffee Hound Fundraiser Forms

BENT ELEMENTARY PTO **SUPERSTARS FUNDRAISING** *COFFEE HOUND & SIRIUS COFFEE ROASTERS*	**Proceeds from Each item** will go towards this next Century of Excellence at Bent Elementary!

Seller's Name: _____

Return Sell Sheet On: _____**12 / 02**_____

Order Pick Up On: _____**12 / 18** _____

Make Checks Payable To:

_____**Bent Elementary PTO**_____

Offering List		
Super Stars Medium Roast	**A blend of Guatemala and Nicaraguan coffees, roasted to create the perfect cup for every coffee drinker. This 100% Arabica blend is Smooth, Balanced, & Bright!**	**12 oz Bag, $18**
Super Sirius Dark Roast	**A blend of Colombia and Guatemalan coffee that's full-bodied and rich, this 100% Arabica coffee makes a traditional, classic cup of coffee! Strong enough to handle Cream and Sugar like a Superstar!**	**12 oz Bag, $18**
No Pressure, Decaf	**100% Arabica, Colombian Decaffeinated Coffee that makes the best cup of Decaf! Nutty and Silky smooth, feel free to drink this one at any time of day!**	**12 oz Bag, $18**
Cinnamon Plum Herbal Tea	**LOOSE LEAF TEA, contains Organic cinnamon, organic hibiscus flowers, organic currants, organic licorice root, organic plum flavor.** ***Known Allergen Warning: May contain remnants of PEANUT SHELLS***	**4 oz Tin, $15**
Hot Cocoa Mix	***Contains Milk & Soy**	**12 oz Tin, $15**

KEY **WB = Whole Bean** **GR = Ground** Please check WB or GR for coffees. *Coffee is roasted locally.* *Tea and Coffee are ethically sourced.*	Super Stars Medium Roast 12 oz Bag, $18		Super Sirius Dark Roast 12oz Bag, $18		Decaf, E.A. 12oz, $18		Cinnamon Plum Herbal Tea 4oz, $15	Hot Cocoa Mix 12 oz, $15		
CUSTOMER NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE	**WB**	**GR**	**WB**	**GR**	**WB**	**GR**			**$ Due**	**Paid**
ORDER TOTAL:										

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