



Important Dates

Nov. 10: Veteran's Day Program

Nov. 13-17: American Education Week

Nov. 13: World Kindness Day

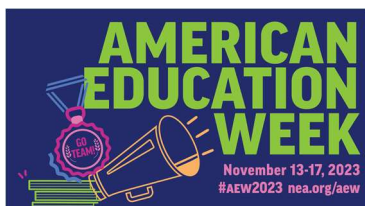
Nov. 13: Q2 Interim Reports

Nov. 14-17: PTO Donuts with Grownups

Nov. 21: PTO Pickles & Popcorn Day

Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Holidays-No School

Nov. 28 & 30: Winter MAP Testing (Grades 1-5)



Principal's News

Byrd Elementary School
Home of the Excellent Eagles

Each year, the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving is designated as American Education Week. Each day of the week has its own theme, during which we celebrate our public school community. We honor the team of people who work in our nation's public schools, everyone from the bus driver and classroom teacher to the cafeteria worker and administrative staff, plus countless others.

Monday, Nov. 13-Kick-off Day: At Byrd, we will spotlight the amazing teachers here at our school and celebrate our school community by observing "World Kindness Day".

Tuesday, Nov. 14-Family Day: We will celebrate our amazing Byrd Elementary families by hosting our Donuts with Grownups event which will occur over the remaining 4 days of the week because of space.

Wednesday, Nov. 15-Educational Support Professionals Day: We will spotlight all of our support staff here at Byrd that truly make our school a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Thursday, Nov. 16-Educator for the Day: Students will be invited to participate in the morning announcements and dress like their favorite teacher. Also, on Friday, we will have a community member serve as "Principal for the Day".

Friday, Nov. 17-Substitute Educators Day: Our school is so fortunate to have a group of substitutes who support our school and students. We will spotlight them on this day and show our school spirit with school shirts or wearing our school colors of blue and gold.

Check out our social media pages throughout American Education Week for spotlights of how Byrd Elementary enhances the education of all of students.

School Improvement Council Meeting

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have an SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives.

All invited to attend.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 3:00 in the School Library

Important Reminders

- Please continue to use car tags for afternoon dismissal. If you need additional car tags, let your child's teacher know. Please include name and grade in bold print.
- If you need to see your child's teacher, please call and make an appointment. Send the teacher an email or a note in your child's agenda, if you wish to meet. We want to keep instructional time free of disruption as much as possible.
- The first bell rings at 7:25 am and students report to class. The tardy bell rings at 7:30 am and instruction begins. Breakfast ends at 7:20 am.
- The morning carline ends at 7:30 am. Please do not drop off children in the car loop after 7:30 am. They must sign-in tardy at the front office.
- Students should not be dropped off in any other parking lots on campus or the main office before 7:30 am. Please use the designated car line drop off.
- **No afternoon sign-outs after 2:00 pm.**

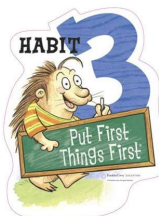
The Literacy Corner

November is National Family Literacy Month! There are so many ways to celebrate literacy that are fun, simple and engaging! Here are a few ideas that you can do at home to reinforce literacy in exciting ways:

- Help students create Thanksgiving dinner menus. This is a fun way to give them a chance to show off their writing skills to dinner guests!
- Make a Family Gratitude Jar. Thanksgiving is about gratitude and being grateful for all that we have. So, for the month of November, create a Family Gratitude Jar and place some small pieces of paper beside it. Each day family members can write on a piece of paper about one thing for which they are grateful. Have a time set aside each day to take turns reading the different things for which your family members are grateful!
- Find new and interesting books to read! The book Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story written by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal is a heart-warming story of a modern Native American family and cultural traditions. The book reads, "Fry bread is us. It is a celebration of old and new, traditional and modern, similarity and difference."

As always, have a time to read each day. You can take turns reading pages of a story together, read aloud to your child, or read separate books independently but at the same time. Remember, having conversations about the books you are reading is a powerful way to promote comprehension and foster excitement and a genuine love for reading!

"What I love most about reading: It gives you the ability to reach higher ground. And keep climbing."-Oprah Winfrey



Leader in Me-November Habit

Safety Space

These steps will be followed when any visitor requests access to our school as part of our enhanced safety and security protocol.

VISITING OUR SCHOOL

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOL CAMPUS, WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU:

1. PRESS THE ACCESS CONTROL BUTTON.
2. STAND IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA.
3. PROVIDE YOUR NAME/NAMES.
4. PROVIDE THE REASON FOR YOUR VISIT.
5. UPON ENTRY, REPORT TO THE FRONT OFFICE.



The mission of Byrd Elementary School is to provide an education by highly qualified professionals that enhances accountability, respect, and self-sufficiency through research-based instructional practices, parental involvement, and community support.

American Education Week

Nov. 13-17

Celebrate Education with your students by joining us for this PTO sponsored event.



Guests MUST PAY FOR THEMSELVES AND THE STUDENT. There is a MAXIMUM of 1 parent/guardian per student. The price of admission includes one donut or muffin and one beverage per person. Sign up with the Cheddar Up link by scanning the QR code below. You will receive an email receipt. You will not receive a handwritten receipt from the PTO. Please pay attention to the grade level and date as they are not all on the same day.



Math Matters

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Use your math skills to find the value of each symbol and the "?"

mashupmath.com

$$\text{Pumpkin} + \text{Pumpkin} - 1 = 23$$

$$11 - \text{Turkey} = \text{Grapes}$$

$$\text{Grapes} \times \text{Pumpkin} = 60$$

$$\text{Turkey} \times \text{Grapes} = \text{Pie}$$

$$\text{Turkey} \times \text{Pie} + \text{Pumpkin} = ?$$

You can access the answer key and find more puzzles at www.mashupmath.com/thanksgiving-math



World Kindness Day
Nov. 13, 2023

Wear yellow or a "Be Kind" shirt.



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