



Bell Creek Intermediate's



❄️ Week of January 8 - 12 🧊

🦅 GOLDEN EAGLES' FLIGHT PLAN

	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Monday 1-8			
Tuesday 1-9	NWEA MAP Testing in Reading for Winter Benchmarking 9:30-11:30		
Wednesday 1-10	Report Cards for 2nd Quarter are Live on ProgressBook ParentAccess (if you do not have an account to access the online gradebook, you should have received directions last week via email)		
Thursday 1-11	NWEA MAP Testing in Math for Winter Benchmarking 9:30-11:30		
Friday 1-12	NO SCHOOL for Students - Professional Development for Staff		

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NWEA MAP TESTING THIS WEEK:



Winter benchmarking with the NWEA MAP Assessment takes place this week. Different from the Ohio State Tests, MAP is not an achievement test, but rather an adaptive, nationally-normed assessment of students' growth relative to the common core state standards and skills in Reading and Math. The goal is always to show growth, which is relative to, and individualized for, each student. However, it is no less important than the OST... These

assessments provide teachers and teams with invaluable data to make instructional decisions for grouping, interventions, enrichment opportunities, and more. Additionally, the MAP data is available within 24 hours of proctoring, and it automatically feeds into other platforms, like ExactPath for example, and creates a learning pathway that is specific to each learner. This way, students are always being met with what they need, whether that is gap-filling or acceleration to new skills where in either instance the content and skills may not be part of the normal curriculum at the student's grade level.

Attendance is extremely important on these testing dates.

Please be sure that your student(s) do the following in preparation for testing dates:

- students get a good night's sleep and are well-rested,
- charge their Chromebooks (fifth graders only),
- eat a good, balanced breakfast (we do have breakfast available for purchase in our cafeteria),
- students may have water bottles in the testing rooms, but they must remain on the floor except for during the breaks.
- please do not send additional candy - especially candy with peanut butter or nuts due to allergies in the school, Lifesavers mints will be provided,
- have headphones/earbuds and a mouse (wireless or corded) to plug into their Chromebooks,
- cellular phones and Smartwatches will be collected by testing proctors if students have them on their person,
- come ready to show what they know and apply the skills they have mastered this year!

Performance on these assessments impacts students' learning platforms in Clever. They also are very critical in helping us measure growth to ensure that each student is learning and progressing as we would expect during the year.

Please reiterate their importance and that students should **take their time** and **do their best work** on the tests. Results will be sent home to families in the next couple of weeks along with a printed copy of the Quarter 2 Report Card and Fee Invoices. We appreciate your partnership in your student's education.

Also, **did you know???** . . . students can continue their learning at home with the learning platforms in the Clever portal that are powered by their MAP testing results? Find out how to access these programs [here](#).

Please note that the weather has changed and we are now experiencing a lot of indoor recess. However, we will have recess outside on the playground if it is 32 degrees or warmer, including the windchill. Please be sure that your student has appropriate attire to stay warm during the cold season. Additionally, please remember that no student should



be dropped off until 8:45 am. The gym doors (Door D) do not open until that time.

Also, please remember that for extended absence from school, make-up work can be provided and made available for pick up in our lobby, which is open (and under surveillance) until 7pm daily for your convenience.

Also, please be aware that the church adjacent to Bell Creek has asked that our families not utilize their parking lot for morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. It is considered private property and they are considering roping off their driveway during the week.

JANUARY POSITIVE PARENTING SESSIONS



Positive Parenting Sessions from the Greene County Educational Service Center: The focus for this month is how to handle sibling dynamics and conflict. More information can be found in the flier linked [here](#).



ART CLASS NEWS FROM MRS. GREGGA

[Click this link](#) for Mrs. Gregga's newsletter for Art Class. She returned to BCI just before Winter Break and will be here through Jan 26th. Students had a blast in Art first semester.



STEM: CAMP INVENTION 2023

You can find all of the information you need about Camp Invention [linked here](#). Please contact Mrs. Van Brackel with any questions: dee.vanbrackel@bss.k12.oh.us



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