



Blue Jay News

March EVENTS

March 2	Early Release
March 3	Lewis and Clark Presentation for Fourth Grade
March 4	5 th Grade goes to Hickory Hills for preview day.
March 5	Spring Pictures
March 9	6:30 - 2 nd grade Music Performance
March 18	Wonder Years Field Trip
March 19	End of third quarter
March 22 - 26	Spring Break

Love and Logic Workshops - Tuesday Nights 6:30 - 8. A three week session will start March 30.

Great parenting tips and ideas, If you are interested in joining please contact the office and we will get you a form.

Also if you are looking for a place for your child's after school care, East Grand currently has some openings in their program. The number is 883 - 3628

Get Your Child Involved with Something Big!

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches caring adult volunteers with children in the community to form lasting friendships. "Bigs" and "Littles" spend time together participating in shared hobbies - such as riding bikes, playing games, and eating ice cream. "Bigs" are positive role models to reinforce the values and goals you set for your children. To get your child involved, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters by calling 417-889-9136, email bbbs@bigbro.com, or visit their website at www.bigbro.com for more information.

Attendance

- Bingham's Attendance Goal for this year is 96%.
- Our January attendance was 93.58%, so far this year our average is 94.36%. The cold winter days caused us to lose some ground! If your child is not sick, let's get them to school on time and make that 96% goal.

Reminders

- In the last week of our attendance contest, with two days to go, we have a 0.01% lead. When it is close, every student counts.
- If you have to call the school to make different arrangements for your child's end of the day pick-up; please do so prior to 3:15. If you call after 3:15 we cannot guarantee the message will reach your child in time.
- I wanted to say thank you to the families who returned the survey. The feedback, helps us know if we are on course, and if not what corrections need to be made.
- The biggest parent concern was drop off and pick up procedures. Please remember, both of our parking lots are one - way only, no matter what time of day. Entering the wrong way could make for dangerous conditions for our students. Also, leaving a spot for the buses to get in (we have 3, and 2 vans) safely. Remember that U -turns on Cherry in front of the school are illegal; we have had traffic services out here watching several days and have issued warnings to some parents.
- Finally, please drop off students in designated areas. If you stop on Barnes, a child has to walk across the dangerous parking lot without supervision and you are blocking the road way.
- Thank you for all you do to make Bingham a safe place in our community!
- With it turning cold outside, please remember: Students should not be dropped off before 8:10 AM. If the temperature is less than 32 degrees the doors will be open at 8, otherwise the students will have to wait outside. The building doors are locked, and there is no supervision until that time.
- If your child eats breakfast at school, please make sure she/he gets to school before 8:30. Your child needs to be in the breakfast line by 8:35 AM.
- If you have any questions, the number to the school is 523 - 3400, I would be happy to speak with you by phone, or we can set up an appointment time.