

Good Afternoon to our BES Community!

I am writing with information about our Halloween parade, Veteran's Day assembly, and parent-teacher conferences.

Halloween

The BES Halloween parade will begin on Friday, October 28th at 2:40pm. The rain date will be Monday, October 31st at 2:40pm. Parents should park and then line up alongside the roadway adjacent to the playground and field to watch the parade. We have very little parking available when staff is here, so please plan to arrive early and be patient and safe in the lots. The bus circle will be reserved for Pre-K pick-up, so all other parents will need to park in another location.

At the conclusion of the parade, parents/guardians who wish to take students home will line up in the car rider line, and dismissal will begin immediately following the conclusion of the parade. We will send a paper home next week for you to return if you would like your son or daughter to go to the car rider line after the parade. All students will be called in one wave on this day. Again, please be patient and safe as you enter the car rider line.

Parties will be held prior to the parade this year. Due to the concerns with parents and guardians needing to be approved volunteers, teachers will reach out ahead of time if they are looking for assistance with their parties. If you have not made arrangements ahead of time with your child's teacher, please do not plan to attend the party, as the office simply cannot keep up with checking approval status of volunteers on that day for a large volume of people.

Guidelines for costumes: Students should bring their costumes to school in a bag, and will change into them before the parade. Costumes should be worn over the student's clothes. No masks, face paint, or weapons are allowed. Hair color is acceptable only if applied at home before coming to school.

Veteran's Day Assembly

I would like to invite our local veterans to attend our Veteran's Day assembly on Thursday, November 10th at 9:15 am in the gymnasium. Each grade level will be sharing in our celebration of veterans. Due to limited capacity in our gymnasium and parking lots, we are not able to invite families to attend. However, if you have veterans that are family members in attendance, please feel free to join us as we celebrate and thank them for their service.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Your active participation in your child's education is important. I ask teachers to communicate what is going on in their classrooms, through newsletters and other means, so you can support and supplement the learning at home.

On November 7th and 10th, we will be hosting parent-teacher conferences from 4 to 7pm. If you have not yet scheduled a conference, please contact your child's teacher to do so. Teachers will be updating you on your son or daughter's academic and social-emotional progress. In some instances, teachers will

be preparing their students for student-led conferences, during which your son or daughter will report on their learning.

Please make sure you are on time, as conferences are scheduled every 20 minutes. I expect teachers to stay on schedule out of respect for all families. If you need additional time, that can certainly happen via phone or email in the days following our conferences.

Finally, we need parents to complete a quick survey online on this night for our Title I program. We are fortunate to have school-wide access to our Title I resources, and this parent survey is a requirement for us to complete. We will use the feedback to continue to improve our support of both students and parents/guardians.

Thank you for your continued support of Belmont Elementary School, including all of our students and staff. Go Tigers!

- Ben Hill