

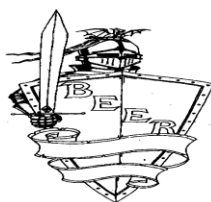
BEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A MICHIGAN BLUE RIBBON EXEMPLARY SCHOOL

" HOME OF THE BARONS"
A MICHIGAN EVERGREEN SCHOOL



AdvancED District
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OFFICE: 574-3175
ATTENDANCE: 698-4489

FEBRUARY, 2012

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- If possible, **please make all doctor appointments after school.** Pulling students out of school and sending them back during the middle or the end of the day causes too many interruptions.
- The office **WILL NOT interrupt class to notify students that items have been brought in for them.** It is the student's responsibility to check in between classes.
- The school staff will **not transfer phone calls to the classrooms while school is in session.** Please leave a message on the teacher's voicemail and they will return your call as soon as possible.
- To ensure the safety of our students, parents **MUST** call the school to report an absence at 586-698-4489.

NEW MEAP CUT-SCORES

To learn more about the new MEAP cut-scores established by the State of Michigan, please visit the following link:
<http://mistreamnet.com/vidfly.php?who=resa121611>
This video will also be shared with parents at the February 2 Booster Club Meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 2 Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 7 AREA Band Concert
- 8 **Count Day/No Absences Please**
- 9 SAC Dance 3:00-4:30
- 10 Fridays Activity 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 15 Literacy Parent Night 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Pre-Festival Concert/Mott 7:00 p.m.
- 20-24 Winter Break/No School

March

- 1 Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Fridays Activity 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9 MSBOA Band Festival
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences/Half-Day
- 19 Fifth Grade Parent Orientation 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Coney Night 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 28 Community Parent Night 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Half-Day/Dismissal 11:14

April

- 2-9 Spring Recess/No School
- 12 Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 SAC Activity

May

- 3 Booster Club Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 18-20 Band Trip to Mackinac Island
- 25 Memorial Weekend/Half-Day
- 28 Memorial Day/ No School

June

- 5 Spring Band Concert
- 7 Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Talent Show



CONEY NIGHT

Mark your calendars! The Beer Booster Club is hosting a "Coney Night" on Tuesday, March 20th. There will be coney dogs, chips, pop and dessert for sale all evening. There will also be performances by our 6th, 7th and 8th grade bands. All are welcome! More details will follow in our March newsletter!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following parents who helped make the SAC Jingle Mingle Extravaganza on December 15th a holiday treat for the students of Beer Middle School!

- Kelley Collins
- Tammy Kaleta
- Kellie King
- Elizabeth Lawerenz
- Lori Pokorski
- Deanna Sarkissian
- Chris Shelton-Canady
- Vicki Wrobel

If you are interested in helping out during the year for our SAC extravaganzas, please contact our Boosters. Our extravaganza dates can be found on our SAC website. Simply visit www.wcskids.net/beer and click on the SAC button. Also, make sure you have your background check completed! The background check form can be picked up in the front office.

Also, we would like to acknowledge our wonderful SAC volunteer workers for their excellent leadership skills!

- Maddie Detty
- Sandy Heikka
- Shelby King
- Carlo Quiazaon
- Cameron Robinson
- Celeste Rupert

DECEMBER PEP RALLY

We wrapped up 2011 with a jolly cheer! Besides enjoying the swinging sounds of the 8th grade band, we recognized our 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball teams. We also congratulated the 6th grade for being the winners of the Penny Wars Contest.

We had two physical challenge contests. In the first, the dynamic duo team representing the 8th grade Andreas Demetriou and Kelsey Livingston collected the most "snowballs" on their "sleigh ride" around the gym. The 6th grade triple threat team of Taelor Moore, Jordan Green, and Donald Krutsch showed stamina and they raced to help Santa in the Reindeer Relay.

We ended our pep rally with the Canned Food Drive Human Sundae winner. Ms. Stark was deliciously made into a chocolate, whipped cream, and sprinkle covered sundae with two cherries on top!

Beer Middle School students and staff showed wonderful participation in all of our spirit days this week. Thank you to all who followed dress code as well.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



As part of our ongoing commitment to the Kids Against Hunger program, Beer Middle School held a special Pancake Breakfast at Chili's on the morning of Saturday, January 7th. Students and families from the community as well as the families of many staff members came for a special breakfast where \$600 was raised to help support Kids Against Hunger. The staff of Chili's came in to make some delicious pancakes and bacon while the staff of Beer Middle School had the task of serving our community in the form of waiting on the tables. Despite a significant lack of experience in this line of work for many staff members, the work was still done well and the event was an enjoyable success for everyone who attended. Special thanks goes to Chili's for their help with the event and to Mr. Abraham, Mr. Bardelline, Mrs. Blake-Gatson, Ms. Ceravolo, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Harrison, Ms. Lauria, Ms. Lee, Ms. Nicaj, Mrs. Raese, Ms. Yaldo, and Mr. Zetouna for working the event (and doing such a great job)!

NO SCHOOL

February 20th - 24th (Winter Recess)
April 2nd - 9th (Spring Recess)
May 28th (Memorial Day)

HALF-DAY REMINDERS

March 30th
May 4th
May 25th
June 14th

RECYCLING CORNER A FEW EASY RECYCLING TIPS



1. Take leftover plastic bags back to grocery stores where they are collected and reused to make plastic lumber.
2. Find a convenient place to collect recyclable items. Most things come from the kitchen, making it a good spot to set up a recycling center.
3. Save water and time when recycling cans and bottles. You no longer need to rinse them out or remove their labels.
4. You can bring the following things in to recycle @ Beer Middle School: cell phones, jewelry, ink jet printer cartridges, laptops, mp3 players (including ipods), & digital cameras.
*Give the items to your science teacher.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL 7TH & 8TH GRADE



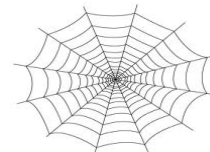
February 13	Beer @ Carleton
February 15	Beer vs. Grissom @ Mott
February 29	Beer vs. Roseville
March 1	Beer vs. Flynn
March 5	Beer vs. Carter
March 7	Beer vs. Carleton
March 12	Beer vs. Grissom
March 14	Beer @ Roseville (Eastland)
March 19	Beer @ Flynn
March 21	Beer @ Carter
March 26	Beer @ Roseville (Eastland)
March 28	Beer vs. Grissom

Game time is 4:00 p.m. Games may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

Monday/Thursday - 7th grade plays first
Wednesday - 8th grade plays first
The 2nd game immediately follows the first game.
WCS schools charge a \$2.00 admission.
Roseville/Eastland charges \$1.00 admission.

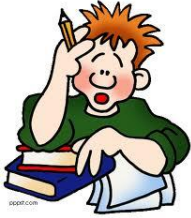
HAVE A WONDERFUL SEASON GIRLS!!

WEB ACADEMIC ACTIVITY COMING FEBRUARY 6



8th Grade WEB leaders will be in the 6th grade classrooms during 4th hour on Monday, February 6th. At that time, 6th graders will learn about the value and benefit of staying focused in the classroom through interesting and fun activities. Be sure to ask your 6th grader what they gained from the WEB experience!

HOMWORK REQUEST



Please remember when requesting homework that students must be absent for 3 consecutive days. Students not absent for 3 consecutive days will be responsible for getting any missed work from their teachers and also check with their teacher as to when the assignments are due.

STUDENT ID'S AND AGENDAS

Please remind your student to wear their ID and bring their Agenda to school everyday.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS



For the latest information on school closings due to inclement weather you can text 57780 to WCSKIDS.

Most local television stations, as well as radio stations, will also tell you if the schools are closed due to severe weather conditions.

Please listen for the weather report on radio station 950 WJR. Remember...Beer Middle School is part of the Warren Consolidated Schools.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL FOR THIS INFORMATION.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Beer for March is Reading Month! Come visit the book fair during school hours March 19th - 23rd. The book fair is also open to families during Beer's Coney Night on March 20th. All proceeds from the book fair benefit the media center, so come out and support your school today!

AREA BAND CONCERT



Congratulations go out to all the band students who participated in this year's M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival! Every student who performed placed a medal! Great job to all! Coming up in February we have our annual Beer Area Concert with performances by incoming 5th grade bands, our 6th, 7th, 8th grade bands, Jazz Band, as well as the Warren Mott Marauder Marching Band! Hope to see you there!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

After-school tutoring will be determined on a day-by-day basis due to shortages in tutor volunteers. We will make an announcement at lunch every Tuesday and Thursday. Students will then call to notify parents if need be. We apologize for any inconvenience this creates. We are working our hardest in conjunction with Warren Mott High School in offering as many tutoring sessions as possible for our Beer students.



Notes from Nursing

Happy Valentine's Day!

It's not too late. If you or your children have not received the Flu shot yet, you can still receive one.

The Flu season is running later this year and can run through April.

Many cases are just now starting to be seen at doctor's offices and Urgent care.

The flu is a contagious illness caused by viruses and strikes 5 - 20 percent of Americans each year.

Symptoms

The symptoms of any type of flu can be mild, severe or deadly depending on the person.

Older adults, young children, pregnant women, and anyone with asthma, diabetes, heart disease, or other chronic ailments have a higher risk for serious complications.

Flu symptoms usually start suddenly. They can include:

- ♥ High fever
- ♥ Headache
- ♥ Fatigue
- ♥ Cough
- ♥ Sore throat
- ♥ Runny or stuffy nose
- ♥ Body aches
- ♥ Vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children)

Prevention

The best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination. The 2011-2012 vaccine will protect you against the three groups of influenza viruses, including the 2009 H1N1 virus.

Washing hands frequently can also offer protection.

Boosting the immune system by eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep will also help.

Seeking Medical Help

If you or your children get the flu, call the doctor within two days and ask if you could be prescribed an antiviral drug.

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Call your doctor at once if you have:

- ♥ Fever over 102 degrees
- ♥ Flu symptoms that last longer than 10 days or gets worse instead of better over time
- ♥ Persistent vomiting
- ♥ Very swollen glands in your neck or jaw

If your child has the flu:

- ♥ Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration
- ♥ Do not take Aspirin
- ♥ Get plenty of sleep and rest
- ♥ Encourage children to cover their cough to prevent the spread of the virus
- ♥ Stay home until they are fever free (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours with no medication

February is Dental Health Month

Teach your children good oral hygiene:

- 🦷 brush your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- 🦷 replace your toothbrush every three to four months
- 🦷 clean teeth daily with floss
- 🦷 rinse with an antibacterial rinse to decrease the bacterial count
- 🦷 **Brush...Floss...Rinse...**

♥ Seven Steps to take to reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease and improve your **Heart Health:**

- ♥ Get active
- ♥ Control cholesterol
- ♥ Eat better
- ♥ Manage blood pressure
- ♥ Lose weight
- ♥ Reduce blood sugar
- ♥ Stop smoking

Stay well and healthy,

Marjorie Racine RN
WCS School Nurse
February 2012

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Student Achievement

A focus on measurable student achievement in our Professional Learning Communities.

Clear Expectations

Clear expectations for every stakeholder, including students, staff and parents.

Strong Relationships

Strong relationships among all stakeholders, including: teacher-student, parent-teacher, principal-teacher, and superintendent-board member.

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