

J.W. Smith All Star Bulletin

October 15-19

Thursday & Friday: NO SCHOOL—MEA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, FALL CARNIVAL FROM 5:30—7:30

Parent supervision *REQUIRED*. \$2 per punch ticket (10 punches per ticket).

Hot Dog meal will be available for purchase in the cafeteria.

Students may wear costumes but no masks please!



RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents/guardians, grandparents, and family members who were able to join us at J.W. Smith last Friday for Relay Recess. J.W. Smith School students raised over **\$1,000** as a donation to the American Cancer Society!

Way to go, All Stars!

Bemidji After School Tutoring Program (formally known as 21st Century)

The Bemidji After School Tutoring Program will be started at J.W. Smith on October 8. If your child was chosen by his/her teacher to participate in the program and you would like them to attend and haven't turned in in the registration materials, please do so as soon as possible. Reminder: transportation is NOT provided. Students will need to be picked up by 5:15 on program days.

Box Tops for Education

It's time again to turn your box tops in to your child's classroom teacher. Please send them in no later than October 26. All money earned goes directly to the child's classroom. Thanks for collecting!

Looking Ahead

October 18 & 19

MEA—No School

October 25

Fall Carnival

October 29

Picture Retakes

November 4

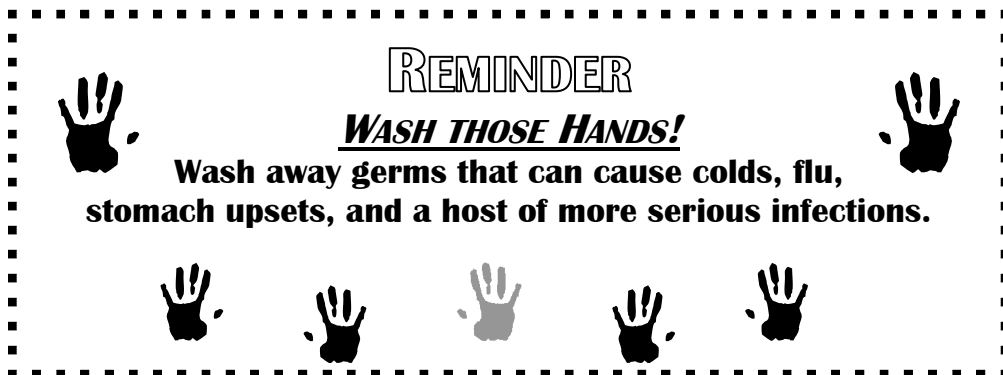
Daylight savings ends

November 8

Conferences—No School

November 9

No School



Over, Please



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

WE ARE ONLINE!

Check out our website at <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/jwsmith/> for the latest happenings in our school!