General Updates:

Last Friday, 2nd Grade students celebrated the Year of the Rat!

Throughout the prior weeks, 2nd Graders learned about the Chinese New Year festival. Students discovered the different elements of this annual holiday, identified the significant cultural symbols, and made connections to the different holidays celebrated within their own families. This discovery unit culminated in a BW favorite, the Chinese New Year Parade!
Shout-out!

Congratulations to the following Brandywine Wallace students who have been chosen to participate in the 2020 Downingtown Area School District 5th Grade Honor Band! Every year select students who excel on their band instrument combine from all 10 elementary schools in the district to form a 5th Grade Honor Band which consists of approximately 120 students. The DASD Honor’s Band Concert will take place at Downingtown West High School on Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 PM. The Honors Band concert will feature the 5th Grade Honor Band, the Middle School Honor Band and the Downingtown West High School Symphonic Band. This year the following students were selected from Brandywine Wallace to participate and represent their school:

**Flute**
- Caitlyn D.
- Sejal P.

**Clarinet**
- Madison M.
- Kaitlyn A.

**Alto Saxophone**
- Gabriella H.
- Ojas W.
- Emma L.
- Brianna M.
- Annabelle A.

**Tenor Saxophone**
- Cole S.
- Elle W.

**Trumpet**
- Kayleigh R.
- Derek M.

**Trombone**
- Natalie G.
- Lily K.
- Yeeny W.

**Percussion**
- Freddie D.
- Addelyn L.
Spirit Council:

Spirit Council is holding a "Share the Love" Drive for Brandywine Valley S.P.C.A. Please see the list of needs at the end of the Weekly.

Also, beginning next week Spirit Council will be selling $1 donation cards that will be displayed in the lobby. Interested students should put their name, homeroom, and $1 in an envelope, and address it to the Spirit Council if they'd like to buy one.

Boxes will be in the lobby for all other donations.

Home and School Updates:

Publishing Center:

Volunteers needed for the Publishing Center!

The BW PC creates hardback books from stories that the first and second grade students write. This keepsake tradition can't continue without you, our dedicated parents! We need a Chairperson who can work with me this year and take over the position next year, and people that can help during school hours with editing and putting the books together. If you're unable to volunteer during the day, please consider volunteering as a typist, having stories sent home with your child to type on your own time.

Any questions or volunteers, please contact Kate McCarrie at beacham78@yahoo.com.

Thanks so much!

H&S is looking for a new Treasurer next year. If you are interested, please email Jen Bush at: jengalley@yahoo.com. She will be happy to answer any questions about time commitment, etc.

Sweetheart Dance:

Reminder to send-in forms and a $15 check for the Sweetheart Dance!
Deadline to send it back in is 2/14!

Signup link for volunteers to help with the dance is included in the Weekly Update email.

**Yearbook:**

The yearbook is on sale now for $20 at www.balfour.com. Go online and order today!
The price will increase to $25.00 on February 1st, so be sure to order soon to save!
Name personalization is available until February 28th for $5.00
Thank you for your support!

**Box Tops:**

Next clipped box top collection date is 2/20/20, please label baggie with your child’s name, teacher and total # of box tops! Top student in each grade will earn Dairy Queen gift cards! (please note the total of scanned box tops if you are using the app to increase the total number.)

Questions, contact Marge Hajek.  Margery.hajek@gmail.com

**Coming Soon:**

- 2/13 - Early dismissal
- 2/14 & 17 - No school for students
- 2/25 - Wear PINK because #noonefightsalone

Read further for upcoming opportunities and events . . .
You're Invited to a Magical

Winter Wonderland
Sweetheart Dance

Girls ask your father's or that special role model in your life to a night he'll never forget!

February 21, 2020
6pm–8pm

Brandywine Wallace Elementary School

Cost $15 per family

Includes Dancing, DJ, games, Photo Booth

Daughter(s)’ Name(s):

Family Name: ___________________________ Teacher's Name: ___________________________

Tickets are $15 per family. Make checks to BWHSA. Number of guests attending the festivities: ______

Please return this form to the student's teacher by February 14, 2020
SHELTER NEEDS

- Kuranda dog beds
- Cat scratchers from Stretchandscratch.com
- Wet cat food (Pate)
- Small, medium, & large plastic pet carriers
- Towels, blankets & sheets (washed gently used items are fine; no down comforters or pillows please)
- 6 ft Leashes
- Gentle leaders (medium & large)
- Martingale collars
- Poop bags
- Kongs
- Cat litter (clumping & unscented)
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, paper towels, fabuloso, windex, clorox wipes, blue Dawn, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Dog treats/soft training treats
- Peanut butter
- Food puzzles
- Pee pads
- E-Collars

KITTEN SEASON NEEDS

- KMR powder
- Pet nursing bottles
- Dry and wet kitten food (no color added)
- Heating pads
- Kitty litter

OFFICE SUPPLY NEEDS

- Fine point black Sharpie markers
- Pens
- Clear sheet protectors
- Mania file folders
- Copy paper (white and colored)
- Liquid hand soap refills
SUPPORTING THE SELCHERS

BINGO Family Fun Night

Please join Selcher’s Soldiers on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 6pm in the BW Cafeteria to support one of our very own BW families.

$25/family includes:
5 sets of playing cards, 1 large pizza, 5 bottles of water

All proceeds will go toward the needs of the family as Erin focuses on kicking cancer to the curb.

RSVP by MONDAY FEBRUARY 24
Cash/Venmo/PayPal preferred
*PayPal: PayPal.Me/jenhungry / *Venmo: @Selcher-Support
*Be sure to write “Pizza Bingo” in comments/notes section and send completed form (below) to school so we can include you in the pizza count.*

**THIS EVENT IS FOR BW FAMILIES ONLY**

FAMILY NAME___________ # ATTENDING: _______
PIZZA: ___CHEESE ___GF
# of Extra pizzas____ ($10 each)

UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT A DONATION IS INCLUDED______
*ADDITIONAL PLAYING CARDS & A 50/50 RAFFLE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT
They grow up so fast.
Now’s your chance to shape their future.

A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030. That’s 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than $675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It’s easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.

You have the power to shape your future, and the future of all children, by counting everyone in your home in the 2020 Census.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at 2020CENSUS.GOV.
Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS.