

BULLSEYE BULLETIN



Henry & Evelyn Bozarth Elementary School <http://schools.ccsd.net/bozarth/>

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Upcoming dates:

<i>January 23</i>		<i>New Student Pictures</i>
<i>January 24</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Sea Camp Meeting</i>
<i>January 26</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>3-5 Tolerance Assembly</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>SOT Meeting</i>
<i>February 2</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>K-2 Teamwork Assembly</i>
<i>February 8</i>		<i>PTA Candyland Dance</i>
	<i>Grades K-2 3-4 p.m.</i>	<i>& Grades 3-5 4:30- 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>February 9-11</i>		<i>5th Grade Sea Camp</i>

Happy New Year and welcome to the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year!

We had a wonderful close to 2017 at Bozarth Elementary. We hosted a magnificent Multicultural Night that included musical performances, a living wax museum, and foods from around the world. Our PTA coordinated a phenomenal Pancakes in Pajamas event that included a delicious breakfast, DJ, photo booth, and performances. Ms. Taylor directed a remarkable Winter Concert that included various instrument ensembles and singing groups; a performance that would rival most middle school groups.

While we bid farewell to a fantastic 2017, we anticipate that 2018 will be even better! We are now able to announce that Bozarth Elementary has been named a **Five Star School** on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF). A five star rating is the highest ranking a school can achieve and signifies that Bozarth has reached "Superior" status. The NSPF includes multiple measures of student achievement and growth. To learn more about the NSPF, visit the Nevada Department of Education online at <http://nevadareportcard.com>. While we take great pride in reaching five star status, we aren't about to stop striving for higher achievement levels. We are currently piloting two new supplemental programs that support differentiated learning in our classrooms. If the pilot data demonstrates increased student performance, we will adopt these supports schoolwide next school year.

As always, thank you to our students, staff, and families for all your hard work. Bozarth is a superior school because of the combined efforts of our learning community. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve in 2018.

Sincerely,

Bailey McGuire



GATE WITH MR. JONES

This month we've continued working on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) challenges in grade 3 ALM classrooms. These include building structures using given materials for specific purposes and designing, building, and testing items we would need to survive in the Arctic. 4th grade ALM finished their research projects and started working on meteorology. 5th grade ALM has started working on a Zombie Apocalypse unit that focuses on the spread of viruses along with several STEM challenges. 4th and 5th grade ALM students also finished their science fair projects and presented them during the science fair on December 21st. In 2nd grade we're working on problem solving skills in the ALM classrooms. I continue to visit the remaining 2nd grade classrooms bimonthly to work on pattern identification and problem solving skills.



Happy New Year! There are lots of exciting performances for our music ensembles this spring. We just finished auditions for the Instrument/Recorder Ensembles and the Honor Choir. Next week we will begin our weekly rehearsals.

Also, next week we will hold auditions for our newly formed Third Grade Choir! I loved working with them during the Winter Concert, and am looking forward to working with this talented group again in the spring.

Speaking of spring, we begin our performances with the Orff Festival on March 17th. We have a group of ten students who have been working very hard to prepare for this fabulous event. They will perform at UNLV along with 240 other elementary students from Clark County. The theme for this event is "A Splash of Water".

On April 6th, the Bozarth performing ensembles will sing *The Star Spangled Banner* at the 51's game. It's always so exciting to stand on home plate and sing to the crowd. Our students do an awesome job and have been invited back to perform every year! We also have an area festival performance in April, but the date is to be determined. May is also a busy month with the UNLV Choral Festival on May 1st for our Honor Choir and our Spring Concert on May 3rd.

Many thanks to our parents and teachers for their support of the Bozarth Music Program. We couldn't do it without you!



LITERACY WITH MRS. VALENZUELA

REHEARSALS

Third Grade Choir – Mondays, 7:00am

Honor Choir – Tuesdays, 7:00am

Instrument & Recorder Ensembles – Wednesdays, 7:00am

Reading Comprehension

Comprehension is the understanding and interpretation of what is read. To be able to accurately understand written material, children need to be able to (1) decode what they read; (2) make connections between what they read and what they already know; and (3) think deeply about what they have read.

Students who struggle with comprehension may feel like this:

- It takes me so long to read something. It's hard to follow along with everything going on.
- I didn't really get what that book was about.
- Why did that character do that? I just don't get it!
- I'm not sure what the most important parts of the book were.
- I couldn't really create an image in my head of what was going on.

What parents can do to help at home:

- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?" and "So, what lesson can we learn here?"
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.
- Help your child monitor his or her understanding. Teach her to continually ask herself whether she understands what she's reading.
- Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those he reads and those he hears.
- Read material in short sections, making sure your child understands each step of the way.
- Discuss what your child has learned from reading informational text such as a science or social studies book.

(Information provided by doe.nv.gov and readingrockets.org)

\$7000 for Bozarth's Library!

Now that I have your attention, please continue to read this article regarding our APPLE CORE Reading Incentive Program and the chance for Bozarth's Library to win \$7000.00 for new books!

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, the library set a goal for students to read 1,500,000 minutes, which is equivalent to 25,000 hours and 1,250 APPLE CORE bookmarks.

As of January 8, Bozarth has read a total of 496,800 minutes, which is equivalent 8,280 hours and 414 APPLE CORE bookmarks.

We have 1,003,200 minutes to read and only 3 more months!

Parents, I need your help! I encourage, plea, petition...well, I am downright begging you to initial your child's APPLE CORE bookmark on a nightly basis!

Not only is APPLE CORE a reading incentive program, APPLE CORE is a required portion of your child's nightly homework. Depending on the grade level, students are required to read 15 minutes ($\frac{1}{4}$ of an apple) or 30 minutes ($\frac{1}{2}$ of an apple) every Monday-Thursday. Technically, 1 apple a week should be completed in younger grades and 2 apples a week should be completed in the older grades.

Bozarth is full of avid readers! I know Bozarth's readers are reading additional minutes beyond the required homework minutes. It is noticeable in the amount of books that circulate throughout the library and the number of Bozarth students and families that I personally see at the public library!

If you are devoted to initialing your child's bookmark, I personally thank you! If you are inconsistent with signing your child's APPLE CORE bookmark, I ask you to try your hardest to create a nightly routine signing your child's APPLE CORE bookmark. What a perfect New Year's Resolution! It's easier than losing weight, eating healthier or exercising on a daily basis!

In April, 3 months away, all completed APPLE CORE bookmarks will be entered into a district-wide drawing for Kindle FIREs and bundles of brand new books. In addition, the elementary school with the greatest number of minutes read per student will receive a donation toward their school's reading efforts. Did I mention that the winning elementary school will receive \$7000.00 to use in expanding their library collection? Bozarth...we can win this!

If you have any questions, please email me at gubleaj@nv.ccsd.net

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Gubler



TECHNOLOGY WITH MRS. SZYMANSKI

Happy New Year from the computer lab! The second semester is going to have lots of exciting new adventures for students to learn about with computer technology. We are currently finishing our unit on coding where every student from kindergarten through fifth grade learned about what coding is, how to complete coding games, the terminology associated with coding, and the importance of how coding could be used in the future for students. It was incredible to see the excitement and growth from each of the students as they mastered the coding content! If your child is interested in working on coding at home, they can go to the following website:

www.code.org; which is a free coding website that has a variety of coding activities for all ages of learning.

Within the next month, students in grades kindergarten through second will be introduced to websites that will help build their skills in both reading and writing. Our third through fifth grade students will begin working on particular websites that will help develop their skills for the upcoming SBAC testing. I will be teaching them navigation tools and helpful hints to help them be successful while taking an online test. We will continue practicing our keyboarding skills in all grades to further advance our knowledge on letter and number placement.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ALL PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL



NO DOGS/ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED ON
CAMPUS AT ANY TIME

BIKES AND SCOOTERS ARE
TO BE WALKED WHILE ON
CAMPUS



WALKING AT DISMISSAL IS
EXPECTED BY ALL
STUDENTS

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN
THE KISS AND GO LANE

