Bethany Elementary
THE BARK

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

December 3rd, 2021

BE IN THE KNOW! IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Check out our school website: *bethanyelementary.org*

★ **PTA Holiday Shop:** The PTA will host their annual Holiday Shop December 14th-16th. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase personal items for family members. More information will be sent home this week including a presale order packet.

★ **Christmas Break**: December 17th will be an early release day with students being dismissed at 12:45pm. There will be no school from December 18th thru January 3rd. Students will return to school on January 4th.

★ **CogAt Testing:** 4th grade students will take the CogAt test December 6th - 8th and 3rd grade students will take the CogAt test December 13th -15th. The CogAt assessment is one way used to determine AIG eligibility for students. Please be sure students are well rested and have breakfast on test days.

★ **PTA Event!** Please make plans to join us on December 16th for our annual Christmas PTA event. Students can enjoy Milk and Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus beginning at 5pm. Our Bethany Chorus will be spreading Christmas cheer and we will also collect unwrapped gifts for our Toys 4 Tots Campaign. Please come out and support! Masks will be required for all guests inside our building.

★ **COVID Procedures:** Please continue to help our school stay safe and open for in-person learning by keeping students who are sick, showing symptoms of COVID or have been exposed to COVID at home until you have talked with our school for the safest next steps. Also, if your child has been tested for covid, please keep them home until results return.

★ **Bethany Yearbook:** Our 2021-2022 yearbook is now on sale! Yearbooks cost $30! To order, please visit www.yearbookforever.com.

★ **Sign Out Reminders:** Please remember that you will need your license each time you sign out a student. Any adult that signs out a student, must be listed on the Gray Card in the office. If you wish to add a name to the card, please call Ms. Helms or Ms. Clyburn in the front office. Also, students should not be signed out after 2:15 pm unless they have a scheduled doctor's appointment.

★ **Tardies:** Parents, student tardies have been on the rise lately. Please do your best to have your students at school before 7:45 AM each morning. If you arrive to school after the tardy bell at 7:45 AM, you will need to sign in your child in the front office. We begin opening car doors at 7:25 AM and the there is generally less traffic. Come on in early!

PTA Holiday Shop

December 14th-16th
8AM-2:45PM
(Tuesday-Thursday)

Students are encouraged to bring back the presale packet that will be sent home with payment for items being purchased!

Upcoming Events

- **December 14th-16th** - PTA Holiday Store
- **Thursday, December 16th** - PTA Meeting. 5pm-7pm
  Santa/Milk & Cookies/Toys 4 Tots/ Chorus
- **Friday, December 17th** - Early Release @ 12:45pm
- **December 20th - January 3rd** - Holidays - No School
- **Tuesday, January 4th** - Students return to school
- **Wednesday, January 14th**-BMX Bike Show-Fundraiser Reward
- **Monday, January 17th** - MLK Jr. Holiday - No School
- **January 18th-19th** - Teacher Workdays

Toys 4 Tots Campaign

Please bring one, unwrapped toy to our PTA event on December 16th. We hope to donate a large collection to the Salvation Army for needy children and families!