

Belington Elementary 471 Morgantown Pike, Belington, WV 304-823-1411

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Mission: **ALL students will “EXCEL” academically, emotionally, and socially.**

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE: Welcome to Belington Elementary School! We are excited about the learning opportunities waiting for our students. BES staff members work hard to make certain we have everything ready for our students to have the best year possible. We welcome and encourage parent involvement. We are proud of our students and staff at BES and look forward to embracing the challenges of the new school year.

ATTENDANCE: School attendance is critical for student success. Research shows that children who attend school regularly have a higher school success rate. Make up work must be completed within two days of returning to school. Educational leave forms can be obtained by visiting <http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools>

Student drop off 7:05-7:30 is located at the double doors at the rear of the building. After 7:30 all students will need to be signed in at the front office (back doors will be locked) **Student Pick up 2:55-3:15** at the double doors in the back of the building. On two-hour delays students are to be dropped off from 9:05-9:30 and picked up at 2:55-3:15.

HARASSMENT: Harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Any discrimination based on race, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap will not be tolerated. (A complete copy of harassment policy 2300 is available on the Barbour County Website <http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools> or you may request a hard copy from the office.

STUDENT EXPECTED BEHAVIORS IN SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS Policy (8400) (4373) Standard highlights are:

- Standard 1—Self awareness and self management
- Standard 2—Social awareness and interpersonal skills
- Standard 3—Decision making and responsible behaviors
- The code may be read in full at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschool/ElectronicManual4373New.html>

HIGHLY qualified teachers: Schools who receive Title one funds must inform parents if their child is assigned a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks that is not yet “highly qualified” under the terms and criteria outlined in the NCLB Act.

VITORS: Even though there are some scheduled and invited times, parents are welcome to visit anytime. If you wish to have a conference with any staff member, please call to make an appointment. Planning in advance helps prevent disruption to the classroom. After the beginning of the day the doors will be locked and you will need to be buzzed into the front office, sign in and obtain a visitors pass.

STUDENTS in the media: At BES we are proud of our students and all their accomplishments, and we sometimes like to share news of these accomplishments through newspapers, website, television, and other publications. If you DO NOT wish to have your child’s accomplishments made available to the media, please inform the school in writing so that we may have that on record.

GRADING: The purpose of the student grading system policy is to communicate student progress in meeting the West Virginia & Barbour County Schools' Content Standards

Pre-K –K

Emerging – Partial Mastery in K

Developing – Partial Mastery in PK; progressing above partial mastery in K

At Standard -Mastery

Above Standard – Above Mastery

1st-4th grades

A= 90 – 100, B = 80 – 89, C = 70 – 79, D = 60 – 69, F = 0 - 59

CELL PHONES: During the instructional day (before starting time and after dismissal time) cell phones and electronic signaling devices must be in a locker, backpack, or purse, hidden from view and turned off. Any cell phone or other electronic signaling device that is visible is considered in use and will be subject to confiscation by the school administration. Any cell phone or other signaling device that rings or vibrates at a prohibited time or location is considered in use and will be subject to confiscation by the school administration.

BELINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be free from bullying, harassment, and intimidation of any kind. (A copy of the complete policy (8420) is available on the Barbour County Schools website <http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools> or can be obtained by notifying the office)

TRANSPORTATION: If a student is to ride a bus other than their usual bus, they must have a bus note. Parents need to make these arrangements prior to students coming to school. If there is an EMERGENCY, the secretary will take a message for bus changes (please keep these to a minimum).

CAFETERIA: Breakfast and lunch are served each day in the school cafeteria. Menus are sent home at the beginning of the month.

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS: Assignment books are provided for each student at the beginning of the year. These are to be used as a communication tool between teachers and students and their parents. Assignment books should be checked daily/regularly by **parents and teachers**.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: At BES we are committed to open and clear communication. All parents are given the opportunity to participate in their child's education and strongly encouraged to do so. These are a few of the opportunities: Parent-Teacher conferences, PTA (Parent-Teacher Association), LSIC (Local School Improvement Committee), Parent Volunteer, Parent Workshops, Assignment Book communication.

CURRICULUM: Students at BES are taught using high-quality instructional materials aligned to the science of reading and content standards. There is emphasis on reading and math with social studies, science, with the arts and physical education playing significant roles.

