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Principal's Notes

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Byrd School began the New Year by hosting its annual Spelling Bee. It was a very competitive event. The spellers competed all morning and finished shortly after lunch. It was the longest spelling bee in Byrd School history. Byrd School was proud to have Alexandra, a fifth grader, represent Byrd at the District Spelling Bee at Liberty Junior High. She did an excellent job at the District Spelling Bee.

The teachers at Byrd School had a difficult job reading all of the Young Authors Contest entries; however, they were able to read all of them and choose a winner from each grade. Byrd submitted a winner from each grade to participate in the upcoming District event that will take place at Edward J. Tobin School on February 22nd. Congratulations to every student who submitted a story. They were very creative.

The EL teachers have been in the process of administering the ACCESS test since mid-January and will continue to administer it for another week. Keeping a testing schedule was difficult; however, the EL teachers worked very hard at administering the test as efficiently as possible. EL services should resume on Monday, February 12th.

Byrd School will be participating in the annual St. Baldrick's fundraising event this year. The event will take place on March 2nd. More details will be provided on this event as soon as it becomes known to us. We look forward to participating in this event every year. Byrd is always well represented at this event.

Our regularly scheduled after-school activities will continue in February. The Kindergarten Academic Guidance will continue on Tuesday afternoons, as will 4th, 5th and 6th grade After-School Reading and Math. Miss Harrison's Recycling Club will take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Second grade Reading and 3rd, 5th & 6th grade Math will continue on Thursdays. As you can see, our school day doesn't really end at 2:35 pm. Many students are staying and working with teachers well past the end of the regularly scheduled day.

Please mark your calendar for Byrd's PTO meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm. Please don't forget that there is no school on Monday, February 19th in honor of President's Day.

Also, mark your calendar for The Young Authors Night which will take place on Thursday, February 22nd at Edward J. Tobin School at 6:30 pm. The St. Baldrick's fundraising event will take place on March 2nd. All of these events are on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

On February 2nd, we held our first monthly behavior reward celebration. We gave the students a chance to dance on Friday, February 2nd. Our second themed reward event will take place on March 2nd and the theme will be technology. Students may bring their DSs, tablets/iPads, or play a game on the computers at school in the afternoon. In March, the PTO will sponsor a reward Movie Day for the students at the end of the month. The April reward will be Kickball or Softball Day for every student who has had consistently good behavior. Finally, in May, Mr. Gamino will provide an extra PE session for the students.

On February 23rd Byrd School will be going to the Museum of Science and Industry to see Charlotte's Web. Remember to mark your calendar and please turn in your field trip permission slips as soon as possible.

Progress reports will be sent home on February 16th.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Mr. Martin

