

Parent Link 11-11:

Good Evening Bell-Graham Families

On Thursday evening November 17, I will be speaking with parents prior to the PTO meeting. I will be sharing information about our efforts to engage and support student development of critical learner traits. What classrooms engage in before their learning day starts, "upstanders" efforts and daily work to support our students develop as part of our school community will be reviewed. If there are areas you would like to gain greater insights on, please connect with me prior to November 17.

Thank you Fifth grade and Mrs. Simon for a wonderful Veteran's Day Assembly. Thanks also to our BG Scout troops for assisting us in honoring our Veterans.

Have a great weekend,

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Important Dates:

11-7/11-18: CoGat testing 3 and 5 grade
11-14: School Board Meeting: MS Facilities
11-15/17: Wellness Council \$1 collection for Northern Il Food Bank
11-16: Last day to schedule parent teacher conferences
11-17: PTO evening meeting 7:00 pm (phone in option if out of town)
11-21&22: Parent teacher conferences: No student attendance
11-23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday (BG Office closed 11-24&25)
11-23: HAC opens for review of Tri 1 report cards

Support Wellness Council: The BG Wellness Council is raising funds for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Please have your child bring \$1 to school on Nov. 15-17. Every \$30 raised will assist a family with a Thanksgiving meal. Please see the attached flier for more details.

CoGat Info (Third and Fifth Grade): Third and Fifth grade students will be taking the CoGat assessment November 7-18. Please refer to information from your child's classroom teacher regarding specific administration dates. Students only need a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to prepare for these assessments.

Performance Series and CogAt results are a component of the AT identification process. This assessment information is also reviewed by teachers to provide an additional insight into student learning. We recognize the interest you take in your child's performance on these measures and will be providing them to you in one mailing. Please look for your child's Performance Series and CogAt assessment results the week of January 2, 2017. Information on further assessments for AT identification will be mailed home the week of January 23, 2017. Please contact me with any specific questions you may have.

Math Assessments: Throughout the past two years, small groups of teachers at each grade level across the district have worked to develop common math summative assessments. These common district-wide assessments are administered at the end of a unit of math instruction. It is essential that summative (end of unit) assessments are secure and as a result, you will not receive a copy of the actual assessment your child has taken in math. End of unit summative assessment information will be sent home highlighting the standard student's demonstrated proficiency or a need for further support. The staff and I want to ensure we are communicating information to best support your understanding of your child's achievement in math. If you have question related to the assessments administered at the end of a math unit, please contact me directly.

Middle School: To review information shared at community meetings on MS facilities, click [here](#).