

# Byron Primary Quarterly Connection

## November 2021



Dear Families,

Our first quarter has officially come to a close! We are so proud of the continuous effort from all of our students, staff, and families for making this school begin on a positive and encouraging note.

Thank you for your participation in fall conferences! This was a wonderful opportunity to continue to enhance the home-to-school partnership. We appreciate your investment in the educational well-being of your child as you are the first and most important teacher and role model for them.

During conferences, your child's teacher may have referred to some assessments that students took this Fall. Assessments such as FAST provide us with data we can use to ensure that our students are making growth and that our instructional efforts meet all student needs.

Thank you again for your continued support! It is greatly appreciated and valued. We are fortunate to reside in a community that continues to prioritize learning.

Yours in partnership.

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**Standards-Based Grading** measures student understanding of the grade-level Essential Learner Outcomes (ELO's). Teachers break down learner outcomes into daily Learning Targets. Throughout the units and lessons, teachers collect evidence that demonstrates understanding and use this data when completing progress reports each quarter.

All standards are viewed as "end of year" benchmarks which means as students progress through the year, we monitor student growth and progress in reaching the "end of year" with the goal of helping all students achieve proficiency.

### **Primary Positive PRIDE**

This year Byron Primary School has been introducing and implementing a new foundation for our students: Primary Positive P.R.I.D.E. Through this foundation we are able to help students practice ownership in making positive and meaningful decisions at school.

### **What does Positive Primary P.R.I.D.E. stand for?**

**P Positivity** (I can stay positive even if things change or do not go my way)

**R Respect** (Be kind and safe to myself and others in all I think, do, and say)

**I Integrity** (Do the right thing, even when no one else is watching. Wrong is wrong, even if others are doing it)

**D Determination** (Try, try, try...never give up on myself or others, think it through, and control my actions)

**E Empathy** (Understand and respect the feelings of others)

Through modeling, demonstrations, discussions, and stories, we continue to reinforce healthy life skills that students need to be successful in all facets of life.. We hope you are hearing about Positive Primary P.R.I.D.E at home!

## **Outdoor Recess and Winter Gear**

Please keep a watch on the weather as we enter the winter season. Students will have outdoor recess both in the morning and at lunch. please make sure to send appropriate winter wear with your child including boots, hats, jackets, gloves, snow pants, and extra socks. Please label your child's gear as there are many students who have the exact same winter items and we want to be able to return lost items to their owner. Students will go outside when the air temperature is 0 or warmer.

## **Community Resources**

**Bear Pack Program** (weekend food backpack program)

**Christmas Anonymous** (Byron Schools program)

**Good Samaritan Health Clinic** (free medical care through the Salvation Army)

**Imagination Library** (provides books to Olmsted County families under 5)

**Channel One** Food Shelf

If you have any questions about community resources, please feel free to contact Christine Jostock at Christine.Jostock@byron.k12.mn.us

**Education Benefits Form** Please use **this link** to fill out the Education Benefits form (previously the Free/Reduced Lunch Form). Many state-funded programs are based on the information provided.

## **Upcoming Dates**

**November 24-28: No School (Thanksgiving Break)**

**Triple P: December 21**

**December 23-January 2: No School (Winter Break)**