

THE BOLIVAR BUZZ

DECEMBER 2022



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday! Since the winter season is almost upon us, bad weather sometimes causes delayed openings, closures for the day, or early dismissals. In an event like this, parents will be notified through an Urgent Alert using ParentSquare. Dependent upon your notification settings, you will receive a phone call and/or text message indicating our status during weather events. Also, we ask that you pay attention to local TV/radio stations whenever there is inclement weather, as updates will be available there as soon as a decision is made to delay, close, or dismiss early. On those few occasions, it is very important that you and your child(ren) have a plan to where they would go in the event of an early closing. A pink form was filled out with this information at the beginning of the school year. Please let your child's teacher know if this information has changed so a new form can be sent home.

Classroom teachers take students outside for recess in the winter, as long as the temperature or wind chill is not too cold. Please make sure your child has the proper clothing needed to go outside: boots/gloves/hat/winter coat. Label all items: this is helpful at all grade levels.

If your child rides a school bus, please take the time to remind them to look at the driver and wait for their signal to ensure it is safe to cross the road.

During this holiday season, we hope you find many opportunities to enjoy time and make new memories with your family!

Sincerely, *Mrs. Meghan R. Samsel*

MASTER MCDOWELL'S WORLD CLASS TAE KWON DO BOLIVAR ROAD FUNDRAISER



Master McDowell's World Class Tae Kwon Do visited Bolivar in October as a Sunshine Day presenter. After spending time with Master McDowell, just shy of 90 students signed up and took part in a 4-day after school program right at Bolivar! Following the event, Master McDowell donated ALL of the proceeds back to our very own Bolivar Road Elementary PTA, totaling \$1,800! These funds will be used to support our Sunshine Days for the remainder of the year!

DECEMBER'S ROTATION OF DAYS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 3	2 4	3
4	5 5	6 6	7 1	8 2	9 3	10
11	12 4	13 5	14 6	15 1	16 2	17
18	19 3	20 4	21 5	22 6	23 1	24
25	26 X	27 X	28 X	29 X	30 X	31

IMPORTANT DATES

- 20** ● 2nd-4th Grade Field Trip
- 21** ● Holiday Concert @ CHS (6:30pm)
- 26-30** ● No School - Winter Recess

UPCOMING JANUARY DATES

- 02** ● No School - Winter Recess
- 16** ● No School - MLK Day
- 19** ● "A GREAT Night Out" 6:00-7:30pm
Half Day
- 27** ● Pick-ups Begin @ 11:00am
Bus Dismissal @ 11:15am

*Please refer to the ParentSquare calendar for the most up-to-date list of events.



BOLIVAR PTA®

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Dear Family & Friends of Bolivar Road, Wow, it is already December and what a year we've had! We want to thank you, our Bolivar Community, for all the support you have given so far.

School picture retakes were a success!

Our Transportation Breakfast, in coordination with Bridgeport Elementary and Chittenango Middle School was wonderful! We cannot overstate how much we appreciate our Transportation Staff! Special shout out to Dunkin' Donuts in Chittenango, Maple Leaf Market, and Sorbello's, who helped supply the breakfast with their generous donations.

Text @bolivarrrd to 81010 for school event and activity reminders!

We don't make the school run; we help make it fun!

Why join the PTA?

Our PTA is a chapter of the NYS PTA in good standing. That means we have access to statewide programs and resources that help make our chapter successful. Part of your membership dues (only \$6 / school year) and ALL of your (much appreciated) additional donations stay right here at BRE. These donations support events and activities that our students all get to enjoy and benefit from! PTA members can participate in quarterly meetings and volunteer to be a part of the great events planned throughout the year – or not – your level of participation is up to you.

Visit: bolivarroad.memberhub.store to join.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

"A GREAT Night Out"
January 19 - 6:00-7:30pm

Formerly known as Family Fitness Night, this event will bring together families for a fun night out, including the return of a family favorite "The Brain Show"!

PTA MEETING INFORMATION

When: February 8 - 6:30pm

Where: Bolivar Library or Zoom

Zoom Info: Click the link within ParentSquare calendar event

Meeting ID: 702 805 7591

Passcode: RC9pf5

Please consider joining our silent fundraisers!



Volunteers needed! Any level of participation is appreciated! Join the fun!

THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER IS

RESPONSIBILITY

NOMINATION LETTERS ARE DUE
TO THE BOLIVAR MAIN OFFICE
BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH



WE KNOW... WE DO... WE FEEL

DOLLAR DOG SAVERS!

'TIS THE SEASON TO SAVE IN YOUR DOLLAR DOG ACCOUNT!

No matter what month or what time of year, your school gives you the opportunity to learn the importance of saving with its in-school banking program. It's fun, easy, and this season it's genuinely jolly!



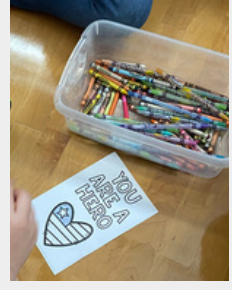
Not yet a Dollar Dog saver? Contact Mandy Khammar at 315.728.3318 or mkhammar@empowerfcu.com to join.
Membership eligibility required. Insured by NCUA.



BOLIVAR ROAD SUNSHINE DAYS



NOVEMBER 3 - VETERANS DAY ACTIVITY



Our special area teachers worked with each grade level to create cards for our local Veterans. The cards were sent to Clear Path for Veterans in Chittenango, the VFW in Manlius, and some students took them home to their own family members!

NOVEMBER 15 - WISDOM THINKERS



Helen Bolen visited as a part of the Wisdom Thinkers program to talk to students about self-control, controlling emotions, and staying calm. She facilitated student discussions and activities where students met in groups to talk and work through different scenarios in order to practice self-control.

NOVEMBER 28 - POST-THANKSGIVING EXERCISE



Our special area teachers hosted a fun-filled day of physical activities in the gymnasium to get students minds and bodies back into action after the holiday break!