



## October 2017 Newsletter

Dear Blain Elementary Families:

It seems as though the weather has finally changed and fall is upon us. Students and staff cruised through the midpoint of Marking Period 1 last week. I have been encouraged by all of our students' willingness to embrace new challenges and persist when the going gets tough. These are traits that will aide them as they work through their school year but also as they continue to grow and learn.

We are excited to welcome abc27's StromTracker team to Blain on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Our guests will be at the school for 2 hours during which students will be learning about the weather team's equipment, green screen, and more. Our school will also be featured on that evening's news broadcast.

Fall conferences have been set for Monday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 8. Please look for additional information to come home soon regarding signing up for a parent/teacher conference.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Young

### ***A few reminders:***

- ✓ ***Please remember to send a note regarding your student's absence the day he/she returns to school.***
- ✓ ***Educational Trip forms must be submitted at least 3 days in advance of a student's absence.***
- ✓ ***Blain Elementary's S.T.A.R. Reading Challenge – Encourage your student to be reading each evening and remember to sign their reading calendar.***

### Dates to Remember:

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| Monday, Oct. 9 -    | No School for Students       |
| Friday, Oct. 13 -   | Picture Day                  |
| Thursday, Oct. 19 - | PTO Meeting – 4:30 – Library |
| Oct. 23 to 27 -     | Red Ribbon Week              |
| Friday, Oct. 27 -   | Halloween Parade             |
| Friday, Oct. 27 -   | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> MP    |
| November 6 and 8 -  | Parent / Teacher Conferences |



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**At Blain Elementary School we expect students to:  
Be Respectful      Be Responsible      Be Safe**

***\*September's Top Mustangs\****

Students are recognized for being TOP MUSTANGS when they are "caught" displaying exemplary behaviors or performing acts of kindness toward others. They receive a top mustang ticket, which is then entered into a drawing. Each Monday six tickets are drawn and the students get to choose a prize from the Top Mustang Student Store. Congratulations to our Top Mustang winners for the month of September:

~ Jeremiah Baker ~ Jacob Hurley ~ Taylor Snook ~ Emma Fritz ~ Megan Eslinger ~ Sawyer Cotto ~  
~ Konnor Clouser ~ Kiersten Stephens ~ Anthony Peralta Cernas ~ Ava Martinez ~ Lillie Wallace ~  
~ Braddin Fisher ~ Vanessa Kretzing ~ Jordan Dillman ~ Kiersten Dobson ~ Holly Salazar-Ramirez ~  
~ Rebekah Gustafson ~ Ira Lauver ~ Noah Nickel ~ Farren Rahn ~ Maycie Stone ~



As in years past, we will be recognizing "Red Ribbon Week", the nationally recognized week for education on drugs, alcohol, and smoking. We here at Blain are celebrating it October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is **Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free**. More information will be coming soon.

## **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

This year's Halloween parade will be held on **Friday, Oct. 27 beginning at 2:00**. Parents/families wishing to watch our students are welcome to attend. The only parents who will be able to enter the school are those that are formally volunteering as a parent helper in the classroom. We will not be able to have parents who are not helping in the classroom enter the building. As per our district's volunteer policy, all parent helpers must sign a volunteer form prior to helping in the school. Teachers will be communicating with parents if there is a need for parent helpers. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to a fun afternoon.

In the event of rain, the parade will be canceled.

## **Volunteer Information**

For volunteer information please visit the district website at [www.westperry.org](http://www.westperry.org). Both non-supervising and supervising volunteers must be board approved.

