

BOLIN BEAT

East Peoria District 86 Grade School

February 2012

Bolin Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who represented Bolin classrooms in our school spelling bee on January 23rd. The winner of this year's school spelling bee was Mariah Tippet of Mrs. Bierdeman's fifth grade class. The runner up was Meghan Unes, also of Mrs. Bierdeman's class. Mariah and Meghan will represent Bolin at the District 86 Spelling Bee at 1:00pm on February 6th at CJHS. Good luck to both of you!



SPELLING BEE QUALIFIERS



Ms. Baker - Third Grade

Addie Lister
Liesel Lindo

Mr. Schulze - Fourth Grade

Brady Watson
Monique Hoosen

Mrs. Espe - Third Grade

Justin Anthony
Ayshani Ali

Mr. Ames - Fifth Grade

Carson Forbes
Anas Abdallah

Mrs. Gafford - Third Grade

Blaze Bahnfleth
Ethan Klein

Mrs. Bierdeman - Fifth Grade

Meghan Unes
Mariah Tippet

Mrs. Brix - Fourth Grade

Tyler Billingsly
Ivy Hellstrom

Mrs. Kolowski - Fifth Grade

Austin Hart
Bryce Conover

Mrs. Higgins - Fourth Grade

Gavin Smith
Cade Coon



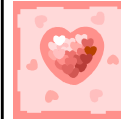
Congratulations

Bolin Spelling Bee

Winner *Mariah Tippet* &
Runner-Up *Meghan Unes*



Meghan & Mariah



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 6 - District Spelling Bee
1 p.m. at CJHS
- February 6 - 10 - Candy Gram Sales
- February 7 - Silent Auction/Spaghetti
Supper at Armstrong
5p.m. - 7 p.m.
- February 14 - Valentine's Day Parties
starting at 2:15 p.m.
- February 15 - Mid Terms Sent Home
- February 16 - Board of Education Mtg
7 p.m. at CJHS
- February 17 - Easter Seals Pajama Day
Early Dismissal
at 12:40 p.m.
- February 20 - *NO SCHOOL*
President's Day
- February 24 - Bank-It
- February 27 - Mrs. Bierdeman's Class
Field Trip
- February 27 - March 2
Kindergarten Registration
Begins at Armstrong



Bowlin' at Bolin!

Thanks so much to all the parents who were able to attend P.E. to bowl with their child. All the kids had a great time bowling with their parents and also their friend's parents. Over 90 parents participated! Also a big thanks to Landmark Lanes in Peoria for letting us borrow their lanes and equipment. We look forward to bowling again next year.



Pajama Day to Benefit Easter Seals

On Friday, February 17th, students can wear pajamas to school if they bring in a \$1.00 to donate to Easter Seals. Easter Seals is a great organization that helps children and adults with disabilities. Thank you in advance for your support!



District 86 Board Meeting

The District 86 Board of Education meeting will be held on February 16th at 7:00p.m. in the Board Room at CJHS.

Candy Gram Sales

Feb. 6th—Feb. 10th

Candy grams go on sale from Feb. 6th-10th. They will cost \$0.50 each. The proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase items needed for the AR Auction.



Please join us on February
7th, at Armstrong School
for our
Annual Spaghetti Supper
&
Silent Auction
5:00pm—7:00pm

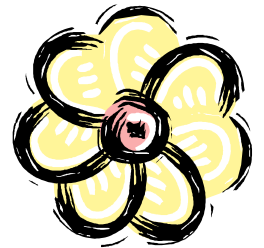
TICKET PRICES:

Adults: \$5.00
Children: \$4.00
2 & under: Free
Family maximum: \$20.00

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

EP District 86 Plant Sale

Seems winter just arrived and already we are talking about spring flowers. The District 86 Music Boosters will be conducting their annual plant sale as follows: Date of the sale is February 18th through March 9th. Packets with order forms will be distributed to band and chorus members the week of February 13th. Delivery is scheduled for May 11th. Questions may be directed to Mr. Newgard, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Whitman or Diane Lauterbach

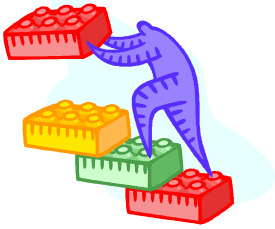


St. Jude Math-a-thon

This year's Math-a-thon will kick off in February. Permission slips will need to be signed in order for students to participate. Proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to St. Jude Hospital. Please encourage your children to participate. Additional information will be sent home soon!

**NO PARENT CLUB MEETING THIS
MONTH**

Bolin Builders in State Competition



Congratulations to all 3 Lego Mindstorm teams for a great finish at the state tournament held in Chicago, January 21st. The Bolin Builders placed 4th out of 64 teams on the robot table missions, competing primarily against 7th and 8th grade teams. They actually beat all other teams on 3 of the 4 robot mission runs. During the 2nd run, 3 other teams scored just a few points higher than their top score and since only the highest score of the day counts for final placement, they received 4th place. Additionally, the Bolin Builders were called out during the awards ceremony as finalists in 2 of

the 3 other areas judged, research presentation and robot design. It was the best overall finish ever by an East Peoria team.

The Educated Eaters finished 29th on the robot table missions and were also called out as a finalist for Teamwork. The EP Bacterial Bandits, a team of CJHS students and 3 Bolin students, finished 33rd on robot table missions.

Overall it was great representation of East Peoria kids at a statewide venue!

BANK-IT

Bank-It will be on Feb. 24th. Students who have an account with Fondulac Bank will be allowed to make deposits. Representatives from the bank will be at Bolin to assist students with making their deposits. If you would like your child to make a deposit, please send money with them on Friday, February 24th. Parents must accompany students to the bank to make withdrawals.



Mrs. Bierdeman Receives Grant for *Building Basics*

Mrs. Bierdeman was excited to learn that the grant she wrote for a project entitled **Building Basics** was selected to receive funding from PNC Bank. Over 122 applicants from the tri-county area were received by the bank and only 17 were awarded. A check for her grant was given to Mrs. Bierdeman at a luncheon at the Peoria Country Club on January 26th. During this math/economics unit, students will participate in a simulated home building project in which they will buy land and supplies to build a house out of Legos. Goals include learning to apply for a loan, write checks, balance an account, follow a budget, and work with a partner to successfully build a home. Throughout the process students will find the answers to these questions: How much does an average house cost to build in this area? What is a building permit? What is a mortgage and how does one apply for it? What is property tax and how does it figure into how much house you can afford? How do you keep a running balance? Mrs. Bierdeman and her class want to thank PNC Bank for funding the \$600 needed to buy supplies for this project.



Notes from the Music Room.

Third grade students are studying pitch (high and low sounds). We learned a song, "Rocky Mountain", and followed a music map to see how melodies have high pitches, low pitches and repeated pitches. We listened to the "Sabre Dance" from the ballet, *Gayane* by Aram Khachaturian. We discovered that the main theme had pitches that stayed high on the staff and were mostly the same. We talked about the form of the music and learned that the form for the "Sabre Dance" was A, B, bridge and A Prime.

Fourth grade students are learning the lines and spaces from a series called Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment. It relates the lines and spaces to an apartment building to help give the students a visual reference for the lines and spaces of the staff. I hope to start playing our recorders shortly after the first of February.

Fifth grade students are reviewing and learning musical terms. We are singing songs by Teresa Jennings that demonstrate the musical elements such as legato, staccato, dynamics, tempo, and more. We are reading through other songs to reinforce music terms and learning how to read music by symbols such D.S. al Coda. One song the students seem to enjoy is "Fireflies" by Adam Young. We will be in the computer lab one day in February to use a site called, "Fun With Music", for exploration and reinforcement of music terms.

Reading Club News



Hooked on Fishing

Reading goals for this grading period are due March 9th. The reading incentive for the 3rd grading period will be a field trip to Hooked on Fishing on May 1st. We had attempted this trip last year, but had to cancel due to flooding. We felt it was a trip worth trying again this year. If we should have flooding issues again this May, there will be an alternative incentive party. **Volunteers will be needed, so mark your calendars!**

HELP!!

We are still in need of donations for the end of the year AR auction. We have received several wonderful things that we appreciate very much, but we are still in need. The types of things that we are looking for are:

- Board games
- Books
- Outdoor activities
- Food Certificates
- DVDs
- CDs
- Handheld games
- ANYTHING of interest to a child!
- Movie Certificates
- Sports Equipment
- Game/Movie rental Certificates

Thank you again for the donations that we have received so far!

Electronic Databases

Did you know that District #86 provides electronic databases for the students to use here at school as well as at home? Two of the databases that your students use here at Bolin are **World Book Online** and **EBSCO Databases**.

World Book Online is a complete encyclopedia at you and your child's fingertips. In addition to updated information and facts, you can also experience pictures, maps, sounds, and videos.

EBSCO Databases is a database that searches for information in magazines, books, encyclopedias, newspapers, television transcripts, and photos. Unlike the World Book Online, this database will search through current events as well as, historical data. This database also contains a separate image database where your child can search for just pictures.

Both databases can be reached at <http://www.epd86.org/epweblinks/>. Once on this page, click on the "subscriptions" link to the right and select the database. You will be asked to log in to these sites. **Username: dist86 Password: wildcats**



The following activities will be happening at Fondulac Library during the month of February.

Valentine Craft

Preschoolers through 5th graders can stop by the library **February 10 between 4 and 5 p.m.** to decorate a Valentine bag. Supplies are provided.

Junior Chefs

If you're in 3rd through 5th grade and want to learn how to make (and sample) cake mix cookies, join us **February 18 at 2 p.m.** To ensure we have enough food for this program, please call 699-3917 to register.

Kids in the Kitchen

Kids love to cook! Kindergarteners through 2nd graders are invited to make no-bake cookies and banana smoothies **February 25 at 2 p.m.** To ensure we have enough food for this program, please call 699-3917 to register.

Daring Program for Girls

Third graders and older are invited to a Daring Program for Girls, based on *The Daring Book for Girls*, **February 9 at 6:30 p.m.**