



# Bolin Beat

East Peoria District 86 Grade School

January 2012

## Bolin Spelling Bee

It's that time of year again. The Bolin Spelling Bee has been scheduled for Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bolin gym. All Bolin classes will be holding classroom spelling bees to determine the top two spellers in each classroom. The winner and runner up from each classroom will compete against all top spellers in the school on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The winner and runner-up of the Bolin Spelling Bee will compete in the District Spelling Bee on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all Bolin spellers!

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Despite the tough economic times, the students at Bolin School demonstrated their support for the community of East Peoria by sponsoring a canned food drive with all contributions being donated to the East Peoria Youth Council. The canned food drive began on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and concluded on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. During the seven-day event, the students, parents, and staff of Bolin demonstrated their generosity by donating over 1300 canned goods and over \$700.00. The grade level winners were Mrs. Baker's third grade class, Mrs. Higgins fourth grade class, and Mrs. Kolowski's fifth grade class. Each class was awarded a pizza party .



## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>January 3</b>	<b>Classes Resume</b>
January 6	Grading Period Ends Last Day for AR Tests
January 11	Report Cards Sent Home
January 13	AR Bingo (during school)
<b>January 13</b>	<b>Early Out @ 12:40pm</b>
<b>January 16</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
January 17	A/B Parent Club Mtg. 6:30p.m. @ Bolin
January 19	Board of Education Mtg 7 p.m. at CJHS
January 20	Bank It!
January 23	Bolin Spelling Bee



## Busing Update

For a quicker and safer dismissal, we have been experimenting the past three to four weeks by dismissing bus riders to the playground area where the buses are waiting. While this has not been a perfect process, we have reduced the overly congested parking lot and Arnold Road area significantly and have made it considerably safer for both students and drivers. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work out some of the kinks. We are grateful for all of the positive comments that we have received from parents. Thank you for your continued support!



## Save The Date

The Bolin/Armstrong Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction will be held on Tuesday, February 7th starting at 4:30! Please mark your calendars!

## BANK-IT!

Bank-It will be held Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The students who have an account will be able to make a deposit right here at Bolin School.



## Student Drop Off Reminder

Please remember that students can not be dropped off before school prior to 8:30 a.m. Often staff members are in meetings and are not available to supervise students until 8:30 a.m.



### Outdoor Recess

We will be going outside for recess on most days. This means that the students may be outside in the winter weather for up to fifteen minutes. If the temperature is above 20 degrees, weather/playground conditions permit, and the “feels like” temperature is above 20 degrees, the students will go outside for recess. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for these daily outside breaks. Students failing to wear a coat or who have bare legs may not be allowed to go outside on very cold days.



### Cognitive Testing (Terra Nova)

During the week of January 9th, fourth grade students will take a cognitive test of Basic Skills. This test, along with their winter MAP results and third grade ISAT scores are used for placement into the district’s fifth grade gifted class. Please check with your child’s fourth grade teacher (weekly newsletter) for the specific date of the test.

### Winter Weather

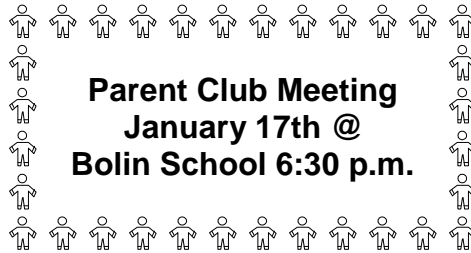


In case of inclement weather, school closings will be listed on television Channels 19, 25 and 31 or Cable Channels 7, 8 and 10 as early as possible. School closings will also be on most radio stations based out of Peoria. Please check your television or radio before calling the school. You may also check the district website and click on the Emergency Information link to see if school is closed that day. East Peoria District 86 will rarely, if ever, close school early because of bad weather. We do not want to risk children being left home alone or locked out of the house. A One Call Now message will also be sent.



### District 86 Board Meeting!

The January District 86 Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Central Junior High.



### Parent Club Meeting January 17th @ Bolin School 6:30 p.m.



### Balloons & Flowers

Balloons, flowers, and other gifts should not be delivered to students at school.



### Lego Mindstorm Teams Update!



Both Lego Mindstorm teams from Bolin, as well as a team from CJHS that included three Bolin students, represented District 86 very well at the Regional Lego Robotics tournament held December 10th at the Renaissance Coliseum at Bradley University. Lego Mindstorm is a combination of robotics (programming and math skills), science research, teamwork, and robot design. Due to the large number of teams that compete in this area, Central Illinois is divided into 3 tournament sections; the District 86 teams were placed in different sections. Remarkably, all 3 teams qualified for the state tournament to be held January 21 in Chicago!

Here are the final results:

**Bolin Builders:** 1st place for Robot Performance (robot performing tasks on the field table), overall Champions Award in their tournament, and qualified in First Place for state in their tournament; team members include Marisa Hoosen, Brayden Girdler, Danielle Kramer, Meghan Unes, Kaitlyn Carlson, Hunter Parrish, Jerry Decker, Alex Lane, Jake Wahmann, and Ashley Sholl

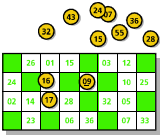
**Educated Eaters:** 3rd place for state in their tournament and won a Rookie award; team members include Carter Sellers, Mariah Tippet, Rebecca Ransom, Hailey Thompson, Zach Sommer, Ryan Sosnowski, Kyle Woodard, Randi Robison, and Ethan Sabotta

**RoboRaiders:** 1st place in Robot Design and qualified 3rd place overall for state in their tournament; the Bolin students on this team included Sam Dray, Mara Dimitroff, Paul Peterson

It was an unbelievable day with East Peoria kids very successfully meeting challenges all day long!

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to all 3 teams at state!**

## Reading Club News



AR goals for the second grading period are due by the end of the day on Friday, January 6th! Our reading incentive for the second grading period will be BINGO on January 13th. Students who have earned their reading goal for this grading period will be invited to play. Students playing BINGO will have the chance to win Bolin Bucks, 30 minutes of extra recess time, prizes, books, or a popcorn party for their whole class

### **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.**

## Six Flags Reading Club

Six Flags Theme Parks have once again offered to add an extra incentive to our reading program this year. For the third grading period, any student who reaches their reading goal by February 25th will receive a free admission to a Six Flags Theme Park. The tickets can be used at 12 different parks throughout the United States including Chicago and St. Louis. The tickets also come with an offer to purchase discount tickets for the rest of the family.

## FONDULAC LIBRARY EVENTS



### **Mommy & Me**

When it's cold and the kids (and mom!) need to get out, come to the library to join mommies and their toddlers for an hour of chat and play. Share recipes, crafts, and other ideas while the kids play. Join us **January 10 and 24 at 10 a.m.**

### **Wacky Science**

Explore the crazy world of science **January 12 at 6:30 p.m.** This free program is open to Kindergarteners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and younger must bring an adult.

### **Elephant and Piggie Party**

Kids in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to our Elephant and Piggie Party **January 23 at 6:30 p.m.** We'll enjoy silly stories, fun games, and a craft!

### **Chinese New Year**

Join us **January 28 at 2 p.m.** as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon. This free program is open to school-aged children.

### **Julie K**

It's party time! Jam with Julie K and her wonderful world of animals, from the sea to the jungle and everywhere in between, on **January 17 at 10 a.m.** Coupled with her catchy lyrics for learning, she inspires spontaneous fun! Julie K's eclectic mix of melodies are refreshing and enjoyable for young and old alike. Come and jam with us at this musical Party

### **Book Battle**

**READ. COMPETE. WIN.**

Are you in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Do you enjoy reading and want to compete against other libraries to test your knowledge of a selection of books? If so, call the Children's Department at 699-3917 to join the library's team for this exciting new program that will run mid-February to late April/early May.

### **Story Hours**

**Story hour sessions resume January 30.** Registration is not required, but the library requests that the caregiver has a valid library card and that the child is the appropriate age. For session times, please call the library at 699-3917.



## Media Violence

Television, movies, and video games have become a large part of American culture and are often the main form of entertainment for man families. On average children watch approximately **four hours** of television a day! Unfortunately, much of today's television programs contain violent material. As parents, it can be very difficult to protect your children from the effects media violence. Such images can have detrimental effects on children and their behavior. Research on media violence and children have shown numerous negative effects towards children's behavior. Some of these effects include:

- Imitating violent and aggressive behavior shown on television
- A "numbness" towards violent behavior
- Using violence as a way to solve problems
- A tendency to relate to or idolize violent characters
- A disregard for consequences
- A lack of empathy and impaired social judgment

Young children are very impressionable and frequently model behavior around them. The more violent programming that children are exposed to the more likely they are to display aggressive behavior towards others. Children with emotional, behavioral, and learning problems are particularly vulnerable as they tend to be more influenced by media violence. It is important that children are surrounded by positive role models and taught positive social behavior. A huge part of this is ensuring that the television shows and video games they are exposed to have minimal violence and are focused on pro-social behavior.

Be overly cautious with what children are allowed to view. Many parents find it beneficial to watch television with their children and talk to them about what they're watching. The content of family friendly shows help to introduce topics of discussion. Parents can get children actively thinking about television, instead of just passively watching. During commercials, ask them questions such as:

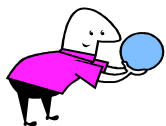
- "What do you think is going to happen?"
- "Did he/she stop and think before acting?" or "What does that tell you about them?"
- "What are some good choices that character could make?"
- "Why do you think the character did that?"
- "How do you think the character feels about that?"
- If there is a conflict between siblings in a TV program, you can ask your kids, "Why are they fighting?"
- "Is that a good way to act toward each other?"
- "What should they do instead of fighting?"

After the program is over ask children questions about the plot. Help them summarize the show by recalling plot details in sequential order. This will help prepare your child for academic tasks by teaching them how to effectively summarize or explain a story.

It is also important to limit the amount of television and video games that children are exposed to each day. Offer alternative activities for children to do that are both fun and engaging. These activities could be playing outside, reading a book, playing games, or art activities.

Although media violence is not the only factor that influences aggressive behavior, it is a major factor and easily preventable. Control the TV; don't let it control you or your kids.

Jenny Macpherson, School Psychologist



## Bowlin' at Bolin January 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>



**Parents: Lace up your bowling shoes and join your son and/or daughter during their P.E. time.**

### Tuesday

3G/3E 9:00—9:30  
 3B 9:30—10:00  
 4H/4S 10:00—10:30  
 4B/CC 10:30—11:00  
 5K/5B 11:00—11:30  
 5A 11:30—12:00

### Thursday

3G/1/2 3E 9:00—9:30  
 3B/1/2 3E 9:30—10:00  
 4H & 1/2 4S 10:00—10:30  
 4B & 1/2 4S 10:30—11:00  
 5K & 1/2 5B 11:00—11:30  
 5A & 1/2 5B 11:30—12:00

### Wednesday/Friday

3G 9:00—9:30  
 3B 9:30—10:00  
 4H 10:00—10:30  
 4B/CC 10:30—11:00  
 5K 11:00—11:30  
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