



## Bloomfield Elementary School News November 2018

“Education is the **most** powerful weapon for changing the world.” Nelson Mandela



### Words of the Week

Each week a word of the week is introduced to the school community through the daily announcements. Each word connects to our school focus on developing a growth mindset and/or the values of Kindness, Respect and Responsibility. Since my last newsletter the following words have been highlighted: focus, stamina, connections, and mindfulness. Ask your child what this word means and how it's connected to learning.

### Service Learning

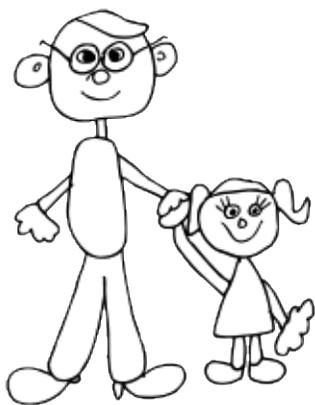
Our school is collecting non-perishable items for the Skowhegan Food Cupboard. Many families need help with food and other non-perishable items throughout the year. Canned fruits, and vegetables, as well as boxed items are welcome. Paper goods are also welcome. Please send items by Monday, November 19, 2018.

### Parent Group

The Parent Group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30-6:30 PM. Any parent that would like to help improve the Bloomfield Elementary experience and community is encouraged to attend. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 5, 2018. The Annual Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**. Volunteers are needed for set-up, food donations, runners, and clean-up. Please see the Bloomfield Elementary School Parents Facebook Page for sign-up.

### Monthly Whole School Meetings

On the third Friday of each month the whole school assembles for a Whole School Meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to build and maintain a safe and welcoming school community. Meetings include a greeting, sharing, birthday recognitions, and singing of the school song. Each meeting has a focus. Our focus this month is respect. The next meeting is Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:40.



## Upcoming Dates and Events:

Monday, November 12: No School-Veteran's Day

Monday, November 19: 8:00-3:00, 4:00-7:00

Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 19-23: No School

November 30: Picture Retake Day

December 1: 9:00-2:00 Annual Craft Fair

## Attendance

Did you know that good attendance in kindergarten and first grade is one of the strongest predictors of high school completion? You may remember a time when first grade was still a time of play mixed with learning. Today first grade is full of learning that we all hope is fun. Learning in elementary school includes all the things that will make children successful today and as adults. The Bloomfield Elementary goal for attendance is 95% of our students daily. Our average daily attendance has been 97%. Third graders have achieved 100% attendance several times this year. Perfect attendance is wonderful, but the goal is really for *healthy* children to be at school every day. If your child has a fever or is vomiting he or she needs to be at home for at least 24 hours. Your child can be healthy with good habits including: at least 8-10 hours of sleep, healthy meals, washing hands, getting at least an hour of exercise most days, and brushing teeth.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Monday, November 19th there will be no school for students in order for teachers to hold parent-teacher conferences. The purpose of the Parent-Teacher Conference is to provide you with a time to learn about how your child is growing compared to herself/himself and also compared to the expectations of the grade level standards this time of year. Our district only requires conferences one time per year. This is a great opportunity for you to partner with your child's teacher. One-hundred percent of parents are expected to attend a conference.

## Safety

Please keep the following routines in mind:

- The doors open with supervision at 7:45 for student drop off and bus arrival
- All visitors are required to stop at the office to sign-in and get a visitor's badge.

Parenting is the hardest job anyone will ever do. Thank you so much for working so hard. Together we can do anything!

—Mrs. Pillsbury