

March 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Enrichment: Blue Blocks Free Play**
March 1 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Book Club**
March 1 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Volleyball Clinic**
March 4 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Crazy8's Math Club (3-5)**
March 4 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Pickleball Afternoon**
March 5 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Volleyball Clinic**
March 6 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Crazy8's Math Club (K-2)**
March 6 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Winter Wildlife Tracking**
March 7 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Pickleball Afternoon**
March 7 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- March LINK Meeting**
March 7 - 7:00pm
- Enrichment: Book Club**
March 8 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Spring Dance!**
March 8 - 6:00 - 8:00pm
- Enrichment: Crazy8 Math Club (3-5)**
March 11 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Agility & Conditioning**
March 11 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Pickleball Afternoon**
March 12 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Bracelet Making**
March 13 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Crazy8 Math Club (K-2)**
March 13 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: How to Catch a Leprechaun**
March 14 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Pickleball Afternoon**
March 14 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Blue Blocks Free Play**
March 15 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Book Club**
March 15 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Crazy8 Math Club (3-5)**
March 18 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Agility & Conditioning**
March 18 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Air Clay Bean Mosaics**
March 18 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Cheer Camp**
March 19 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Book Club**
March 22 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Tie-Dye (3-5)**
March 22 - 3:00 - 4:15pm



It's Time to Read!

This month - LINK host's a Read-A-Thon for all of our super readers! This is our ONLY fundraiser for the 2023-2024 school year. What's the money for?



LINK raises money to:

- Send kids on field trips
- Put Scholastic and Time magazines into classrooms
- Bring Discovery Museum & Hands-on-Nature to every student at BMS
- Provide curriculum support for teachers to enhance student learning
- Bring "extras" like Whale Mobile, cultural shows, Blue Blocks, and more!
- Keep LINK in Business (cheddarup.com, website, insurance)

Help us raise the funds to support and sustain Berlin Memorial student success! This year we are asking for 100% participation from our families.

Our Read-A-Thon runs Monday March 4, 2024 to Monday, March 18th.

Support our Read-A-Thon by activating your reader's account today. Click on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/323738333933/1> and follow the simple instructions.

You can support our Read-A-Thon by:

- Making a donation
- Asking friends and family to do the same
- Encourage your readers!

Let's make this our best fundraiser ever! Thanks for your help!

About LINK

LINK is the gathering of parents and teachers to support and sustain Berlin Memorial student success! Whether you want to volunteer at an event; offer an exciting enrichment program bringing new and interesting learning experiences to our students; or become involved in the planning and management of LINK activities; there is a place for you here. Welcome!



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Upcoming Events – Continued

Enrichment: Agility & Conditioning

March 25 – 3:00 – 4:15pm

Enrichment: Crazy8's Math Club (3-5)

March 25 – 3:00 – 4:15pm

Enrichment: Cheer Camp

March 26 – 3:00 – 4:15pm

Enrichment: Spring Theater Production

March 27 – 3:00 – 4:30pm

Enrichment: Easter Crafts

March 27 – 3:00 – 4:15pm

Enrichment: Hide-A-Bug

March 28 – 3:00 – 4:15pm

Enrichment: Tie-Dye (K-2)

March 29 – 3:00 – 4:15pm

April LINK, Inc. Meeting

April 4 – 7:00pm

Volunteer of the Month

The LINK, Inc. March Volunteer of the Month is Jennifer Totman. Jen is Mom to 3rd grader Caroline and Kindergartener Aeden. Jen is currently our K-2 Math Club coach and steps in regularly to support many of the crafting enrichments. She's quick to support appreciation events, volunteer to set-up and clean-up for activities, and in generally and all-around great volunteer. Thank you Jennifer!



LINK is an organization that makes amazing things happen for our BMS students with the helping hands from volunteers. We are grateful to all who supported the activities and events in February! If you want to participate, be sure to visit our website for the latest opportunities to get involved.

Be sure to sign-up for chaperone support & bringing some snacks!

This is a Family Dance. All parent/chaperones must stay on site.



Financial Corner

Current Account Balance (02/01/2024): \$29,521.00

Expenditures to Date (02/01/24): \$6,067.81

Fundraising to Date (02/01/24): \$2,659.65

Upcoming Events/Expenses (estimated): \$14,000

Read-A-Thon

Spring Cultural Show

Spring Dance

Whale Mobile

Field Trip Buses

Hands-on-Nature Classes

Discovery Museum in Class

Join us for a Sweet adventure...

BERLIN MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPRING dance

MARCH 8TH 6-8PM @ BMS GYM

Casual dress attire
Be on the lookout for snacks and drink sign-ups!
All participants must stay in the building.

Sponsored by...

Enrichment scholarships are available for families in need. Please reach out to: linkenrichment@gmail.com. All inquiries will remain private.

Pickleball Afternoons

BMS students will be introduced to the popular sport of Pickleball at the end of February in PE class. This enrichment will offer the students an opportunity to further the fun that this sport has to offer. This will be run over 4 sessions.

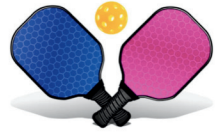
Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 5, 7, 12, 14

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: 3-5

Cost: \$20.00 per student

Min 8/Max 16



Agility and Conditioning Clinic

Looking to get ready for the spring sports? Bored now that basketball is over? Need to burn some extra energy? Come and join Julie Lee for this 5-week agility and conditioning clinic for the month of March. Students will partake in a series of drills to increase reflexes, coordination, balance and speed.

Date: Mondays, March 11, 18, 25; April 1 & 8.

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: 2-5

Cost: \$60.00 per student for 5-week session

Min 8/Max 20



Bracelet Making Afternoon

Students will have the independence to create their own special bracelets. Boys and girls alike will be able to make unique designs for themselves and friends.

Date: Wednesday, March 13

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: 2-5

Cost: \$12.00 per student

Min 8/Max 16



How to Catch a Leprechaun

Do you know How to Catch a Leprechaun?! Well, let's read the exciting tale by Adam Wallace and let his antics inspire our own efforts to create unique and effective traps for those mysterious leprechauns! Families - ahead of this exciting enrichment event we're collecting shoe boxes, egg cartons, popsicle sticks (clean please!), laundry bottle caps... you name it - creative elements of potential leprechaun traps. Send your stuff with your creative builder!

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-2

Cost: \$6.00

Min 8/Max 16



Blue Blocks Free Play

Have you seen the Blue Blocks at the school? Come and explore the different ways to play with these cool blocks. Working in teams students will work through a series of challenges to build different structures. They will also have some free time to let their creativity run wild. Multiple sessions offered. Please only sign up for one session.

Date: Friday, March 15

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: Free

Min 8/Max 16



Air Clay & Bead Mosaics

Working with clay, beans and beads, our BMS crafters will create unique and fun mosaics - great for your garden path or to decorate inside. Parent Melissa Brodeur will lead this exciting craft and bring patience, dexterity and creativity together in a beautiful way.

Date: Monday, March 18

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$9.00 per student

Min 8/Max 16





Enrichment Program Updates & Information

(all programs register **ONLINE** at bmslink.org)

Enrichment scholarships are available for families in need. Please reach out to: linkenrichment@gmail.com. All inquiries will remain private.

Cheer Camp

Led by Tahanto cheerleaders and students, this program will introduce BMS students to the sport of cheering. They will work on the basic components of cheering, movements, and pom work. This is a 4-week session that will work toward a performance at the end to be presented to family and friends. Students will craft a t-shirt to wear during the final performance.



Date: Tuesdays, March 19 & 26; April 2 & 9

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$25.00 per student

Min 8/Max 20

Tie-Dye Fun!

As the weather warms up and Spring colors begin to pop – so should the t-shirts we get to wear! Come and create your own tie-dye masterpiece. Work those creative tying and dyeing skills to make your wardrobe pop. Bring your own white t-shirt to tie-dye! One date only by grade level.



Date: Friday, March 22 (grades 3-5) & Friday, March 29 (grades K-2)

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: 3-5 & K-2

Cost: \$8.00 per student + bring your own white t-shirt!

Min 10/Max 16

Spring Theater - Let's Get Dramatic!

The BMS Arts Committee wants to bring a Spring Production to life for our BMS kids. Feeling a bit dramatic? How about a bit comedic? Over the course of 6 weeks, our cast and crew will learn lines, create costumes and build a simple set for BMS's first Spring Theater production! Using scenes from Readers Theater, there are roles open for ALL AGES! Led by parent Jillian Ross, this theater opportunity is one that will make a lasting impact on our community. Dress rehearsal will be open to all participant families (May 8th) and the cast will perform at an all-school assembly the morning of Friday, May 10th.



Date: Wednesdays, March 27; April 3, 10, 24; May 1 & 8. All-School Performance on Friday, May 10th (during the school day)

Time: 3:00 – 4:30pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$25.00 per student

Min 9/Max 16

Easter Crafts

Spring is coming and so is Easter! Students will spend the afternoon creating a variety of Easter-themed crafts and activities.



Date: Wednesday, March 27

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$8.00 per student

Min 8/Max 16

Hide-A-Bug Challenge with Professor Bugman!

Professor Bugman is BACK!!! Animals need shelter, and it's up to your children to use our forest-gathered materials to build a shelter fit for a bug. Not just any bug, but our residential judge, Mr. Cranky B. Cockroach! Will he approve of your shelter and find safety within, or will he hiss and make his way to more suitable real estate



Date: Thursday, March 28

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$15.00 per student

Min 8/Max 20