

BEVERLY GARDENS BULLETIN

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IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY

- 8 City BBQ/ Graeter's Ice-Cream Night
- 9 PTO Meeting—2:30
- 15 Special Education Meeting at Central Office —6-7:00
- 20 No School—President's Day
- 21 District Spaghetti Dinner 5-7:00
- 22 2 Hour Delay Start (School starts at 10:00)
- 23 Family Night at BG—Ann Anzalone Presentation 5:30-7:30
- 28 BG Talent Show / Texas Roadhouse Dinner
- 29 Spring and Group Pictures

MARCH

- 6 Election Day
- 8 PTO Meeting—6:00
- 8 4th Grade Visit to SHMS
- 9 End of Quarter Early Release 1:10
- 13 First Grade Program—6:00
- 27 Second Grade Program—6:00

APRIL

- 5 COSI On Wheels (Volunteers Needed)
- 6-13 Spring Break
- 16 School In Session
- 30 OAA Grade 3 Reading

MAY

- 1 OAA Grade 4 Reading
- 2 OAA Grade 3 Math
- 3 OAA Grade 4 Math
- 9 2 Hour Delay Start (School starts at 10:00)

Dear BG Parents,

As you may know, our November levy was defeated by 336 votes. Due to this failure, we are forced to make \$4 million dollars in reductions. Some of these cuts include decreases in programs and staff reductions that will now result in higher class sizes at all Mad River Schools including Beverly Gardens.



The Mad River Local School District will take another devastating hit if the March 6th levy does not pass. **If voters oppose the levy, more cuts will be coming, including more employee reductions (resulting in even higher class sizes) and the potential reduction or elimination of some academic, athletic, or elective programs.**

These reductions will make it difficult, if not impossible, to continue services and opportunities that have helped our district make tremendous gains academically. Possible cuts could put the district academic achievement at risk.

To meet these financial challenges, the district needs your help. Whether it's assistance with the upcoming levy or sharing of ideas, you are encouraged to help. If you would like to volunteer, please call (937) 259-6609.

Family Fun Night at Beverly Gardens

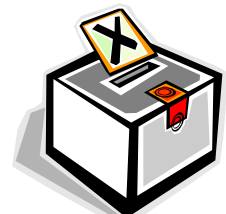
**Thursday, Feb. 23
5:30-7:30**

**Special Guest Speaker
Ann Anzalone**

**Come learn new ways
to help your child be
more successful at
school.**

Are you registered to VOTE?

If you would like to become a registered voter, or receive an application for an absentee ballot, please contact the school for more information.





Beverly Gardens Elementary Texas Roadhouse Dinner and Talent Show Thursday, February 28, 2012

Please mark your calendar to come have dinner catered by Texas Roadhouse and attend the talent show on Thursday, February 28, 2012. The staff has worked hard to organize this fundraiser to raise money for classroom supplies. Texas Roadhouse will provide dinner that will consist of pulled pork or hotdog, rolls, corn, salad, desert and a drink. Look for a flyer to come home soon with dinner reservation times and prices. Reservations are required for dinner. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Special Education Meeting

We are currently in the process of consolidating our K-4 and our 5-8 MD/cross-categorical programs in the district in order to better meet the needs of our diverse population of students. As we move forward with this process, we would like to invite you to a parent meeting for those students affected by the consolidation.

The meeting will take place at our district central office on **Wednesday, February 15, from 6-7 PM** in the Board of Education Room. During the meeting Mr. Wyen, Special Education Supervisor, along with Mrs. Ottmar, Mrs. Bush, Ms. Hearn, Mrs. McCurdy, Ms. White and Mrs. Gaffin will describe the transition and answer any questions that you may have. We look forward to meeting with you on Wednesday, February 15.

The Second Semester can be Time to Review, Make Adjustments

We are now at the halfway point in this school year. So it's a good time to take stock and make any needed adjustments.

Spend some time talking with your child about how the school year is going. If the two of you set learning goals at the start of the year, review those goals now. Is she making progress? How can she make the rest of the school year even better?

Then make some learning resolutions. Here are a few to consider:

- **Reduce screen time.** Talk about the time your child spends in front of a screen. How much time does she watch TV? Play computer games? Chat and IM with friends? If she's an average seven- to 18-year-old, she's spending seven-and-a-half hours on these activities a day. Yikes! Set a goal of reducing her total screen time to no more than two hours a day.
- **Spend time reading.** There is no skill that will help your child more in school. And reading, like other skills, gets better with practice. Encourage your child to read, and don't worry about what she reads. Let her read about sports, her favorite TV star or a hobby.
- **Go back to beginning-of-school routines.** Has your child's bedtime begun to slip later and later? Does that mean mornings are feeling more rushed? Is your family's regular study time now not quite so regular? Routines like these make life easier—and help kids do better in school.

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Family Night Out

Tired of cooking dinner?? Join the Beverly Gardens staff and PTO at City BBQ and Graeter's Ice-Cream in Beavercreek on **Wednesday, February 8th**. The PTO will receive a percentage of your purchase at both restaurants. The teachers will be serving the ice-cream at Graeter's. Hope to see you there.

