



BELMONT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

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Staffing Update

Our math specialist, **Chris Oakes**, has resigned from his position at Belmont Hills to accept the role as the K-12 Math Supervisor in the Marple-Newtown School District. Mr. Oakes' official last day at Belmont Hills will be Wednesday, January 31st.

We are currently interviewing candidates for Mr. Oakes' position. It is our goal to finalize the hiring process within the next two weeks. We are committed to ensuring that the children continue to receive math support until the permanent math specialist is hired. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Oakes in his new role.

Valentine's Day

In planning for the upcoming Valentine's Day activities, it is important to remember that LMSD policy # 856 states that no food or candy is permitted as part of the celebration/class activity. If this is the first time you will be participating in the Valentine's Day, most classes do a simple card exchange, while others recognize friendship and kindness to others as part of the Valentine's Day recognitions.

Please be mindful that when sending in cards that you send in one for everyone in the class. Per the food policy, please do not include food with your child(ren)'s card. This includes candy, lollipops, sweethearts, etc. attached to the card. Students are welcome to bring a snack to school and may eat their snack as they open their Valentine's cards. Your child's classroom teacher will be reaching out to you soon about the specific activity that is planned.

Absences

These past few weeks we have seen a significant increase in absences due to illness, especially strep and flu like symptoms. Please keep this in mind when sending children to back school who may not be feeling 100%. They may be exposed to another illness, as well as spreading the germs along to other children.

Absences after three days, will require a doctor's note to explain the illness. All absences require a note or call to the absence hotline at 610-645-1429 or email belmonthillsattendance@lmsd.org to report your child's absence or lateness.

Thanks for your help.