**ELEMENTARY SERVICE PROJECT THANK YOU:**Our Christmas service project for Bluffton Elementary staff and students was, “Coins for Kids!”  We collected $2,840.84 for “Leukemia and Lymphoma.”

**ELEMENTARY MEMORY BOOKS:**  A colorful, elementary Memory Book for the 2018-2019 school year will be on sale now until Feb. 14. Informational flyers will be sent home with each student.

**FIFTH GRADE QUIZ BOWL SEASON BEGINS:**  Jan. 14 will be the first Quiz Bowl match.  All matches will be held at Shawnee Middle School.  Our team members are: Ethan Blount, Jackson Bowlus, Lucy Casey, Lilly Dagani, Maizie Digby, Braylon Goings, Luke Ginther, Ellie Hartzler, Eli Jones, Nick Lovett, Emma McCall, Lyla McCall, Alayna Mueller, Landon Sehlhorst and coach: Christine McCafferty.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**  It’s time to think about Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.  Any child who will be five years old by Aug. 1, 2019, is eligible to enroll.  In order to develop a kindergarten mailing list, contact the elementary office at 419-358-7951.

We will need the following information: child’s name, birth date, parents’ names, address, and phone number. You may send the information via email to [marquartt@blufftonschools.org](mailto:marquartt@blufftonschools.org).  All children are required to have their immunizations before starting school.  The Allen County Health Department provides immunizations but appointments must be made.  Their website is: allencountyhealthdepartment.org.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**Reading tutors are needed for our Pirate-2-Pirate Intervention Reading Program.  Grandparents are welcome. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Ackerman at 419-358-7951.

**P.T.O NEWS:** Please continue to save Box Tops and Community Market receipts.

**DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:  Please remember that if your child is going home a different way than normal, he/she will be required to have a note from a parent.  *If your student does not have a note, then he/she will be sent home the normal way.***A Bus Request form must be signed in the elementary office if a parent is changing a daily pick up or drop off.

**TRANSPORTATION CHANGES BY 2:00 PM:**  Only emergency transportation changes will be made after 2:00 p.m. for that day.  Written notes by parent/s must be turned into the office by 9:00 a.m. for same day changes.

**BLUFFTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS ALERT SYSTEM:**  If you would like to be notified of the delays and/or cancellations via a text message on your cell phone, visit the school’s website at [www.blufftonschools.org](http://www.blufftonschools.org/) and sign up.  On the website’s home page, under the “Parents” heading, click on “Parent Alert System” and follow the simple steps to subscribe to alerts.  Contact the office if you have any questions.

**WORKBOOK FEES:**Workbook fees for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:  2 Year Kdg.-$21.00, Kdg.-$38.00, 1st grade-$38.00, 2nd grade-$26.00, 3rd grade-$43.00, 4th grade-$34.00, and 5th grade-$36.00.  You may send one check for all your elementary students.  Please note your child’s name and grade level on the memo line.  For security reasons, please send the check in a sealed envelope marked “Student Workbook Fees” with the student and teacher name.  Workbook fees can also be paid through EZPay. Thank you!

**HEALTHY SNACK CHOICES:**  Please consider the special needs of students in your child’s classroom with food allergies or diabetes.  Send in healthy snacks that all kids will enjoy.  ***For the safety of our students with allergies, please do not send nuts or food containing nuts to the classroom with your child.  This includes all special treats, i.e. birthday and holiday parties, incentive days, etc.***  **Thank you!**

**January**

Monday            7 PTO Meeting @ 8:00 p.m. – Teacher Lounge

Monday 14 5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl @ 4:30 p.m. – Shawnee Middle School

Friday 18 **End of second grading period**

**Monday          21 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Make-up day, if needed)**

Friday 25 **Grade Cards** go home with students

Monday 28 5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl @ 4:30 p.m. – Shawnee Middle School

**February**

Monday 4 5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Tourney @ 4:30 p.m. – Shawnee Middle School

Monday            4 PTO Meeting @ 8:00 p.m. – Teacher Lounge

Monday 11 5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Tourney @ 4:30 – Shawnee Middle School

Thursday 14 School Yearbook Deadline

**Monday          18 No School – President’s Day (Make-up day, if needed)**

Friday            22 Midterms go home with students