



**Boyette Springs Elementary**

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## Attendance News & Resources

Bi-monthly reminders and community resources from  
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### Happy New Year, BSE students and families!

We hope you all had a joyous and restful winter break and are ready to start the new year strong! We know it can be tough getting back into the swing of things, which is why we want to thank everyone for helping restore the routine of daily and on-time school attendance. Everyday of school provides students with the opportunity to develop personally, socially, and academically.

Unfortunately, absences tend to increase leading up to and following holiday breaks, which is why we need your continued support in getting students to school. Parents can help improve attendance by setting attendance goals with their child and celebrating their progress. They can also motivate them to stay engaged in school, especially if they are absent, and connect with other parents who share the same commitment of daily school attendance. If you encounter any challenges along the way, BSE is here to help!

**Remember, bobcats, if you miss school, you miss out!**

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

### Panorama Survey Spotlight

Our district wants to hear from you! We are currently surveying BSE families to gain insight into your perception of our school and district effectiveness. The survey is being administered by Panorama Education, which safeguards your privacy, keeping your responses confidential. The survey only takes a couple of minutes and will be available online between 1/6 – 1/24. To access it, please visit: [surveys.panoramaed.com/hcps/fam0311](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/hcps/fam0311).

### The Incredible Years

**The Incredible Years** is a free evidence-based program offered to parents of young children in Hillsborough County to promote children's emotional regulation, social competence, language skills, school readiness, and relationships with others. Parents enroll in a 14-week group session that meets once a week in various locations throughout Hillsborough County with an additional home visit component. To learn more, call (813) 836-4739.



## Looking Ahead

### January 13

Early Release Monday @ 12:55 PM

### January 16

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(No School)

### January 23

Report Cards Available Online

### January 23

PBIS Winter Bingo

### February 1

Bobcat Bash (12:00 – 2:30 PM)

### February 7

January Bobcat of the Month

### February 7

Book Fair Begins (Ends 2/13)

### February 14

Non-Student Day (No School)

### February 20

Spring Pictures



**Best. School. Ever.**

## Backpacks of Hope

Seeds of Hope, a local community organization, is partnering with BSE again this year to host a food program called **Backpacks of Hope**. Families in this program will receive a free bag of non-perishable foods every week to use over the weekend until the end of the school year. To apply, please contact Mrs. Rosler.

## Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

For nearly 50 years, **the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay** has offered community resources to ensure no one faces a crisis alone. They handle a variety of situations, including financial distress, substance abuse, medical emergencies, and mental health difficulties. They provide free, confidential crisis intervention and referrals to over 3,000 community resources. To reach them, dial 2-1-1 or visit [crisiscenter.com](http://crisiscenter.com) for a list of services provided.

## Tampa Housing Authority

**The Tampa Housing Authority** provides free counseling services to youth 6-17 and families in Hillsborough County. They offer individual, school group, and family counseling and case management. They also speak Spanish. To learn more, call (813) 341-9191.

## Children's Home Network

**The Children's Home Network** provides caregiver support services for parents and caregivers caring full-time for a child from birth to age 13 and living in Hillsborough County. Services are designed for families with children with difficulties or disabilities (e.g., physical disability, social-emotional challenges, developmental delays) who often present challenging demands. Respite care provides parents and other caregivers with short-term childcare services offering temporary relief to improve overall family wellbeing. To reach the caregiver support intake line, call (813) 897-3652.



### Character Trait of the Month: Teamwork

**Teamwork** is the process of working together to achieve a common goal and it involves cooperation, communication, and collaboration between team members. It is an essential skill in many aspects of life, including school, work, and personal relationships. There are many benefits to fostering **teamwork**, including improved communication skills, enhanced problem-solving abilities, and

increased self-esteem. **Teamwork** also helps children develop social skills and learn to work with others, which will be a valuable skill in their future careers. There are several ways to teach **teamwork**, including games and activities, such as participating in sports, playing board games and helping with household chores. Group projects are another way, whether it is a school project or a community service project. Children can also learn **teamwork** and give back to their community through volunteering, such as participating in a beach cleanup. Even simply being in a family means working as a team! It is also important to provide opportunities for children to work with a variety of people, which will help them appreciate diversity. When teaching **teamwork**, provide clear expectations and guidelines, encourage open communication, and provide opportunities for feedback.



## BSE School Schedule

**7:10 – 7:40 AM:** School Opens/Breakfast

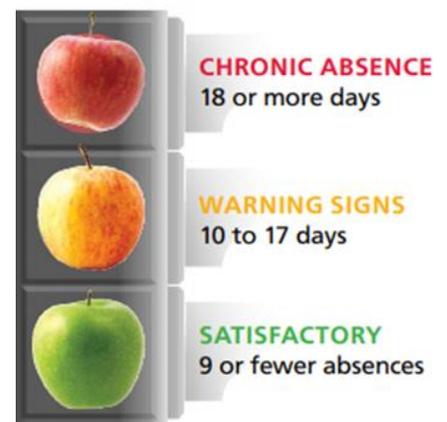
**7:40 AM:** Tardy Bell Rings

**1:55 PM:** Dismissal (12:55 PM on early-release Mondays)

## Tips for Good Attendance

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Try to schedule non-urgent medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up.

## When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.