

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends of BREC,

The staff and students would like to wish you all a very warm-hearted holiday season. Our first semester has been one of challenge, accomplishment, friendship and growth. We are so proud of all that our students have accomplished thus far and in this edition we would like to highlight a few of our student-artists and their recent work:



Erik, 11th

"Soul of Cinder" tempera & canvas

Mason, 11th

"The large dragon-like creature in the close center is a Legendary Pokemon known as 'the Blinding One'"



SPECIAL THANKS TO A FEW OF OUR PARTNERS



Quitemind Psychotherapeutic Services



Blue Ridge Educational Center



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 6

Volunteer: Community Table 3:30-6p Front Royal Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 17

BREC Spirit Week! Dec 17-21st

DECEMBER 21

Early Release @ 1:00pm

Students return on Monday Jan 7th

See you in 2019!

JANUARY 3

End of the Semester

JANUARY 7

Students return from Break!

JANUARY 10

Report cards sent home

JANUARY 21

No School: MLK Day!

Blue Ridge Educational Center has a new website featuring community events, school news, and more information about our programs. Check us out at:

www.blueridgeeducation.org

SCHOOL NEWS

Classroom Updates

The Crunch Heard 'Round the Commonwealth

On October 5th, B.R.E.C. participated in the Crunch Heard 'Round the Commonwealth, an event where all participants simultaneously take a bite out of a locally-grown apple.



This day is part of **Virginia Farm to School Week**, scheduled for October 1-5, 2018 to coincide with National Farm to School Month. This year, the VDOE is encouraging schools and education centers to "Make some Noise for Virginia Farm to School Programs" to recognize the importance of these programs in improving child nutrition, supporting local economies, and educating students about the origins of food.

Many thanks to our public partner, [The Homestead Farm at Fruit Hill Orchard](#) for providing us with locally-sourced, delicious apples! YUM!

Inclement Weather Reminder

We operate in accordance with Warren County Public School's academic calendar. In the event WCPS would delay or close due to weather conditions, BREC will operate in accordance with the same delay or closing. Local radio stations and our website are quick resources for checking on closings and delays. We will also post a message on our school's Facebook page.

Please note that if schools are delayed or closed within your student's placing school district, and that decision differs from BREC, the expectation is for your student to attend based on the placing school district's schedule that day and he or she will not be penalized for missing school. Your student *will* be expected to complete any missed assignments as agreed with the instructor.

If you have any questions about our inclement weather policy, please contact our office and we will assist you.

OCCUPATION EXPLORATION

Students will have the opportunity to tour Firefly Café & Bakery in Winchester. Firefly Café and Bakery is social enterprise, owned and operated by the Winchester based non-profit organization NW Works, Inc. Students will also begin to explore job and skill interests through

occupational interviews with experts in our community.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spirit Week Dec 17-21st :

Monday December 17th

Merry Monday

Show off your best Holiday BLING!

Tuesday December 18th

ELF Take Over!!

Bring your favorite cookies to swap

Wednesday December 19th

Winter Wonderland White-out!

We're hoping for snow! –
Wear all white

Thursday December 20th

Krampus's Trivia Thursday

hosted by: Gabby & Erik

Friday December 21st

Polar Express Day!

Wear your pajamas to school