



Boscobel Area Schools District Newsletter December 2021



SCHOOL DAY MODIFICATIONS

In the event of inclement weather, the District will operate on one of three schedules: a) School Closing, b) Two (2) Hour Delay, or c) Early Dismissal. School day modifications will be announced over the following radio and television stations:

- KDTH - Dubuque - FM 92.9
- KIYX- Dubuque- FM 106.1
- WDMP- Dodgeville - FM 99.3
- WGLR - Lancaster FM 97.7
- WIZM - La Crosse - FM 93.3
- WJTY - Lancaster - FM 88.1
- WPRE - Prairie du Chien - FM 94.3
- WPVL- Platteville - FM 107.1
- WRCO - Richland Center - FM 100.9
- WVRQ - Viroqua - FM 102.3
- WKOW TV27
- WISC TV3
- WKBT TV8
- NBC TV15
- WXOW TV19



ELEMENTARY NEWS

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To get to Mrs. Wittrig's 4K class for some farm fun, of course!



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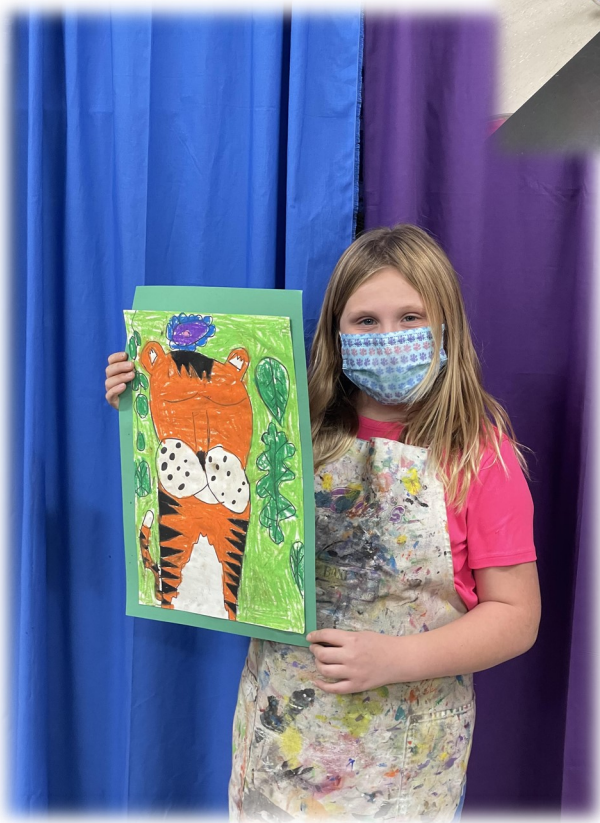
Our second graders took a trip to the school forest!

They talked about how animals adapt to the changing weather conditions and what makes a good shelter to protect animals from weather conditions and predators. Each class worked on constructing a “rabbitat” for the rabbits. It was great to learn and explore the outdoors!



ELEMENTARY ART NEWS

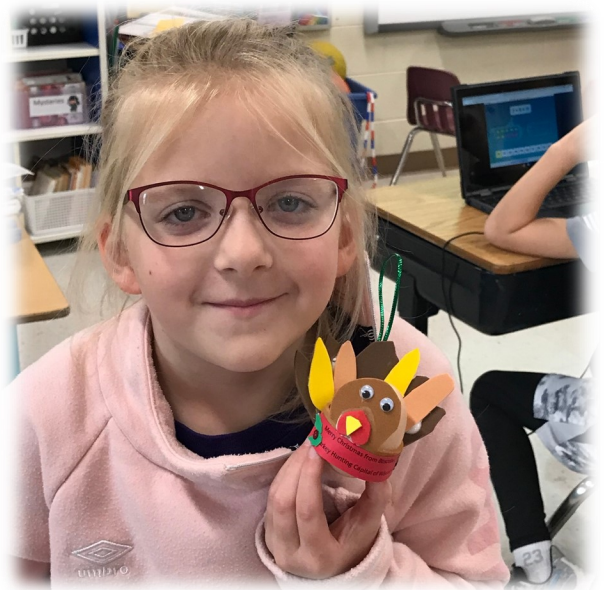
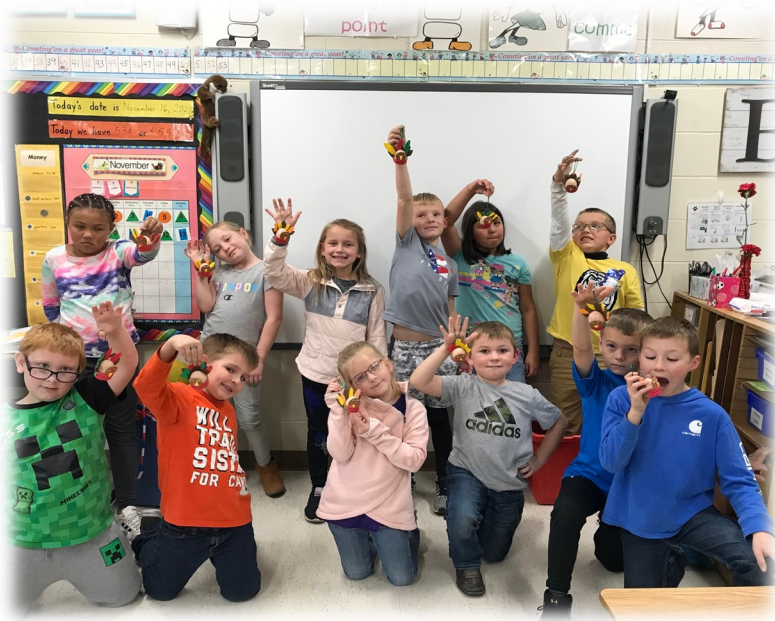
Third grade students showing off their tiger drawings based off of the post-impressionist artist Henri Rousseau.



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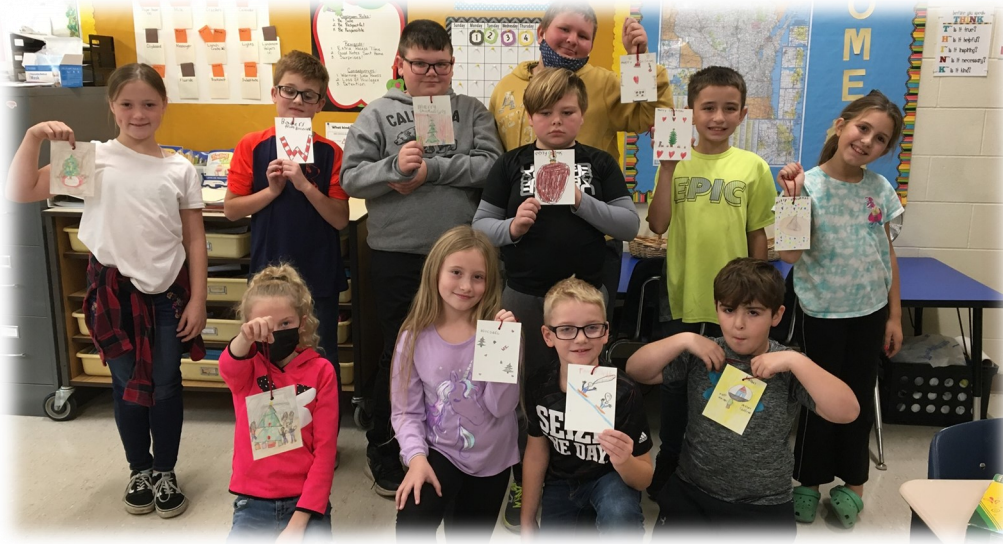
Mrs. Bohringer's class made ornaments for the 2021 Capitol Holiday Tree in the Wisconsin State Capital Rotunda.

The theme of the tree is "Hometown for the Holidays" and Governor Evers invited classrooms around the state to make ornaments that highlight their hometowns. Since Boscobel is known for turkey hunting, the second graders made turkeys!



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Our fourth grade students are already thinking about the holidays! They were invited to create ornaments that will hang on the holiday tree in the Wisconsin Capitol Building. The ornaments were created around the theme of family and community traditions. Students are very excited to have their work hanging in our Capitol!



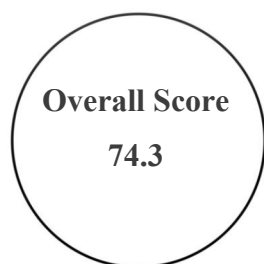
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Our Boscobel teachers are always learning!

Elementary teachers engaged in professional articles and a discussion around those articles during our Professional Learning Community recently. This provided an opportunity to collaborate about information regarding compassionate leadership, rethinking learning, and humor in relation to retention. This collaboration time is tied to our district vision to lead, engage, and discover within our teaching and student learning.



We are a successful school - WHY?



Exceeds Expectations



With the abundance of hurdles that meet us along our way, predominantly over the last couple of years as we navigate a global pandemic, Boscobel Area Schools has remained successful in spite of these challenges. I am very proud of our students and staff not only in the elementary but district-wide and look forward to more success along the way.

As we look at our state report card, we continue to shine. The disclaimer made directly on the report cards reads, “Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please use caution when interpreting scores and ratings. A careful review of the detailed data on all pages is encouraged”. There is more than one page of the school report card.

Generally, the first page is the one we look at as it shares our overall score; the information on the continued pages breaks down the areas that are reviewed which calculate our score (such as achievement, growth, demographics, and being on track to graduation). We will look through all areas in comparison and determine our areas of strength as well as those we can improve on. Moving forward in Boscobel Pride fashion, we will address all areas within our PLCs and school teams.

It is with that great pride to send a huge congratulations to all that helped us achieve our district rating of EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS! It isn't without hard work and support from our families and community in order to make this happen.

With that being said, what is it that makes this possible? From the article “8 Attributes of Successful Schools in the Digital Age” taken from thetechadvocate.org by Matthew Lynch, these areas include but are not limited to the following attributes:

1. Successful schools in the digital age are rich with edtech. Each student has at least one device-if not more. Boscobel students have access to devices and platforms that support learning.
2. Successful schools in the digital age are putting an increased emphasis on collaborative learning. As much as possible we have students collaborate and work in small groups so they are sharing what they learn which helps with retention and understanding of the concepts learned. This has been a challenge with COVID, but we are committed to meaningful learning experiences at all levels.
3. Community concern over school safety continues. Successful schools in the digital age are taking simple, practical steps to promote the physical safety of their students. The trick here is to avoid making a school look like a prison while still protecting the students. While it has been a bit of a challenge working with small spaces, class sizes, and staffing, the district has been diligent in keeping students safe and working as a team following protocols and guidelines while still keeping the integrity of learning at the forefront.

These are just a few of the attributes needed to be a successful school but we couldn't make gains without our students being engaged in their learning along with the support from our families and community. When I define student success, here's what comes to mind:

- A committed individual that strives to meet personal goals that are supported by the adults responsible for helping them to learn.
- A physical environment that lends itself to support innovative learning to include extracurricular activities so that learning is relevant and preparatory of the real world = developing today's child for tomorrow's world.

- Professionals that lead students to new learning, discover new findings along the way, and engage each student in the learning process.
- Support from families and the community to build up everyone in the school community and work together collaboratively for the betterment of our students, school, and society they are contributing members of.

To reflect on the success of our students and staff is rewarding, as are the daily interactions we get to have. Education is the business of young people that is not taken lightly or for granted and without community support, a wonderful school team, and students that strive to meet goals and learn new things, we would not exceed expectations.

Source: Lynch, Matthew. 8 Attributes of Successful Schools in the Digital Age. thetechadvocate.org. July 22, 2018. <https://www.thetechadvocate.org/8-attributes-of-successful-schools-in-the-digital-age/>

~ submitted by Danelle R. Schmid, BAS Elementary Principal



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Boscobel High School Student Council sold fall leaves to students and staff to raise money for the local food pantry. The total amount raised was \$260. Pictured with the leaves are Trista Fargen and Aubree Johnson.



In late October, Boscobel High School artists drew and painted the scenery in Kronshage Park. General Art student Katie Kinney then learned with her class how to cut a paper mat frame for her colored pencil drawing.

Boscobel Girls Cross Country Wins State Championship! Boys finish 10th

The Boscobel Bulldogs cross country teams had an amazing performance at the WIAA State Cross Country Championship Meet at The Ridges Golf Course at Wisconsin Rapids Saturday.

The boys raced first with the team hoping to get a good start and to then build momentum as they made their way through the course. At the 1 mile mark the boys were in 4th place, and at the 2nd mile marker the team slipped to 6th. Unfortunately for the boys it just wasn't their day as the team placed 10th overall out of 16 teams. The team was lead by Ben Bohringer (58th - 18:09), followed by Levi Glasbrenner (70th - 18:20), Brady Smith (86th - 18:43), Gabe Davis (94th - 18:51), Hayden Schott (96th - 18:53), Sawyer Smith (102nd - 19:01), and Tucker Schmid-Cox (131st - 19:55). Valders was the team champion with 78 points followed by Grantsburg (85), Ozaukee (158), Poynette (164) and Brookfield Academy (176).

"We didn't have the finish we wanted at state," said senior Levi Glasbrenner, "but we are proud of our accomplishments in our four years and have so many great memories and got to do it with Coach Reynolds."

The girls raced next with a goal of starting off strong, as they have all season, and to keep the pressure on the top teams in the field ... including #1 ranked Oshkosh Lourdes and #3 Valders. Right away the girls looked focused as they raced through the state course, and when they reached the first mile they were in 1st place and maintained that ranking at mile #2. At the last 400 meters of the course spectators started to cheer as the first pack of athletes appeared as they sprinted to the finish line. Nora Jillson was the top finisher for the Bulldogs finishing in 6th place with a time of 19:55, followed by Aleya Kliesner (16th - 20:28), Abri Brown (26th - 20:42), Avery Brown (32nd - 20:50), Skyler Carlin (63rd - 21:37), Lilah Glasbrenner (74th - 21:55), and Easton Carlin (122nd - 23:43).

Now the wait began as the top teams gathered near the scoreboard, as well as many Boscobel fans, waiting to see how the Bulldogs finished. Soon the rankings were displayed one team at a time. The girls held hands as they looked at the scoreboard that showed Oshkosh Lourdes finishing 3rd, then Valders finishing 2nd, and then Boscobel finishing in first place! The team all jumped in the air in unison as they celebrated the victory, and quickly the tears of joy started to flow as the girls hugged coaches, parents, family members, and friends who made the trip to Wisconsin Rapids.

The girls won the division 3 state championship meet with a score of 71, followed by Valders (108), Oshkosh Lourdes (110), Kickapoo/La Farge (139), and Catholic Central (173) rounding out the top 5 team scores.

This becomes the 4th state championship for the girls in school history (2002, 2004, 2007), and Nora Jillson becomes the 6th girl in school history to finish in the top 10 at the state meet. The other podium finishers were Lynne Fitzgerald in 1979 (4th), 1980 (6th), and 1981 (1st), Tasha Utzig in 2001 (2nd), Teesha Moret in 2004 (9th), Keely Foley in 2011 (9th) and 2014 (3rd), and teammate Abri Brown in 2019 (7th).



Freshman Nora Jillson said after the meet, "We worked really hard to get where we are today and we had faith from the start that we would do well, and we did. I'm so happy for the seniors to finish out their career as state champs." When asked about her finish she added, "I just kept hearing everyone saying how many girls I needed to pass to podium, so I started passing - and they didn't react - so I just kept doing that and finished as hard as I could."



Senior Abri Brown, who competed in her 3rd cross country state meet, said, "This one was very special because of the people that were there with me. My 7th place finish in 2019 was awesome but winning it with a team was much more awesome."

"It was the greatest experience of a lifetime," said Avery Brown. "Being a senior and knowing it was my last race I knew I had to give it my all. I wanted to run a race that I will always want to remember and that's what happened. That day will be a day I will never forget."

"I had a feeling we would win." said junior Skyler Carlin.

"We were definitely nervous" said sophomore Lilah Glasbrenner. "But I felt that we were also confident and we could definitely count on each other."



Sophomore Aleya Kliesner said, "I was just focused on racing well for the seniors and for Coach."

Junior Easton Carlin added, "When I found out we had won state, after we had been waiting at the finish, it was easily one of the most exhilarating, happiest moments of my life. As soon as the board light up with Boscobel in first, I started crying tears of joy. It's great to know everyone was there cheering for our team and supporting us to our victory. I appreciate every athlete, parent, coach, and friend that supported me and the team along the way."

Head Coach Skyler Reynolds said, "The state meet was full of emotion for our teams on Saturday. The boys went out and gave every ounce of effort they had, and we were proud of them for getting in the mix early on. The boys were in 4th at the mile and 6th at 2 miles. For our seniors, it was their last race, and no better place to finish their incredible careers (3 time defending conference champions, 2 x sectional champions). For the girls, they left little doubt in the minds of the large crowd of people watching the final race of the day. They were on a mission from start to finish, and dropped one of the most impressive performances in division 3 history. Watching the girls huddled together at the finish area, celebrating with our fans and their families is something I will remember forever. We would like to thank the community and school administration for making this such a special season."

Assistant Coach Fritz added, "The state meet is always such an exciting day for the fans, parents, and coaches. I'm so proud of the guys for going out after it. They knew that if they didn't get out fast we were in trouble. They gave us everything that they had. The girls did what they have done all season long; get out fast, run together, and hang on to their spots. The state race was exactly that. They ran so tough and put it all together to bring home the gold. I couldn't be more proud of the girls. It's so much fun to get to work with those kids, Coach Reynolds, and Coach Jillson each and every day"

Congratulations to both teams!

MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

B2 Foods class chose their menu and made a class Thanksgiving Meal to share together as a whole class. They did an awesome job. Amazing future chefs here! Thankful for such talented students!!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Boscobel Middle School Student Council purchased six 15-pound turkeys. They donated these birds to the Boscobel Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. This has been an annual tradition since the Middle School Student Council was established six years ago.

The Boscobel Middle School Student Council plans to continue helping the Boscobel Food Pantry as the Christmas season approaches. During week of December 6-15 the Council will host a Penny Wars competition and give all the money raised to the food pantry. If you know a student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, be sure to send your coins to school with them!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Winter Concerts

The music department invites you to their Winter Concert on Monday, December 13th. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the big gym and will feature the sixth grade band, sixth grade choir, middle school band, and the middle school choir.

The high school portion of the concert will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will feature the high school band, high school men's choir, high school women's choir, and the high school mixed choir. Come get into the holiday spirit as you enjoy some of your favorite Christmas carols!

Upcoming Events:

Conference Honor Band @ Iowa Grant: Jan. 8th @ 4:30

Conference Honor Choir @ Darlington: Jan. 29

MS Pops Concert: March 8th @ 6:00

HS Pops Concert: March 8th @ 7:15

MS Solo and Ensemble (Riverdale): March 5th

HS Solo and Ensemble (Boscobel): March 12th

Jazz Festival (Fennimore): March 17th

Music Trip to Florida March 25th - 31st

Large Group (Ithaca): May 4th

MS Spring Concert: May 10th @ 6:30

HS Spring Concert & Banquet: May 11th @ 6:00 with banquet after



NOTES FROM THE NURSE



COVID-19 DASHBOARD: Boscobel Area Schools has a live COVID-19 dashboard which shares “real time” data. It is our hope that the dashboard offers transparency and insight by providing **counts for active positive and active close contact cases** among our staff and students. The dashboard reflects the important work being done by our district to keep our students and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find the link to our COVID-19 dashboard on our district webpage. You can see closed cases as of mid-November below also.

Active Cases - STUDENTS & STAFF			Updated as of : 11/24/2021	
	Elementary	Middle/High	Districtwide	TOTAL
Positive Covid	2	2	0	4
*Close Contact	21	9	0	30
**Low Risk	1	1	0	2
TOTAL OUT	24	12	0	36

Closed Cases - STUDENTS & STAFF			Updated as of : 11/24/2021	
	Elementary	Middle/High	Districtwide	TOTAL
Positive Covid	32	67	3	102
Close Contact*	226	240	4	470
Low Risk**	202	152	8	362
TOTAL OUT	460	459	15	934

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: The following COVID-19 documents/protocols are accessible from the school district website. The protocols were updated in early November.

- COVID-19 Overview
- 2021-22 COVID-19 Updates
- COVID-19 Metrics & Protocols
- Personal Face Coverings
- Exclusion & Re-entry
- Exclusion Letter
- Close Contact Letter
- Home Health Screenings & Absences
- Underlying Health Conditions in Children
- DHS COVID-19 Fact Sheet, DHS Family FAQ & Screening Instructions, and DHS Health Screening Checklist

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM THE DELTA VARIANT -- GET THEM VACCINATED TODAY!



- Available for kids ages 5-11
- COVID-19, especially the Delta variant, can have serious impact on your child's health
- Visit our parent/guardian resource page to learn more



YOU STOP THE SPREAD

Wisconsin children ages 5-11 years old are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requires two doses for full protection and is the first and only vaccine currently available for this age group.

After successful clinical trials and a rigorous review of all available data, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized Pfizer's request to expand the emergency use authorization (EUA) to include children ages 5-11 on October 29. On November 2, the CDC Director officially confirmed the vaccine is safe and recommended the vaccine to this age group.

To find vaccination locations currently offering the Pfizer pediatric vaccine, go to [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). You can also call 211 or 1-800-232-0233 for help finding a health care provider or a vaccination location.

Parents and guardians can find information they should know about COVID-19 and vaccines for children on the [COVID-19: Resources for Parents and Guardians page](#).

Where to Get Your Booster Shot

People eligible for their COVID-19 booster shot are able to receive their booster dose at any vaccine provider. You may return to the site where you received your primary series, or if there is a more convenient location elsewhere, that is ok too. To find a COVID-19 vaccine provider in your community, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), or call 211 or 877-947-2211. For additional information about booster doses, additional doses, and help accessing your COVID-19 vaccine record to determine when you may be recommended for a booster, visit the DHS [Additional Doses and Booster Doses](#) webpage.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE: Boscobel Pharmacy (608-375-4466) and Grant County Health Department (608-723-6416) have COVID-19 vaccine available. If interested, please call to schedule an appointment.

For information about COVID-19 vaccine development and distribution, go to:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/school-located-clinics/how-schools-can-support.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children.html#covid19-vax-recommendations>
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm>

To learn more about safe celebrations this holiday season, check out the [COVID-19: Staying Safe in Your Community page](#).

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“FLU” (INFLUENZA):

School-aged students were offered the influenza vaccine on October 19th at school. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine but your child was not able to receive the flu vaccine from school (or if your child requires a 2nd dose of flu vaccine), please contact Grant County Health Department at 608-723-6416 or contact your child's primary health care provider to schedule the vaccine. Be vigilant and keep your child home from school when they are ill.



SCOLIOSIS LETTERS: Parents of 8th grade boys and girls and parents of 6th grade girls will receive a scoliosis screening letter in the mail. Scoliosis is a lateral (sideways) curvature of the spine. It is a spinal disorder that usually appears during the early teen years. After you have completed the home test for scoliosis, please return it to school. If you have any questions about the results of your screening, contact your child's doctor/health care provider or call me at 375-4165.

HEALTH SCREENINGS: Health screenings should be completed and vision and hearing referrals mailed before winter break. If you have received a referral, winter break might be an excellent opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment for your child. Please contact me at the elementary school if you have any questions. Adequate hearing and vision are important for children to learn .



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BED BUGS

You have probably heard the saying: “Sleep tight, don’t let the bed bugs bite.” The name comes from a tendency for bed bugs to live between mattresses and feed on occupants at night. Bed bugs do not fly, jump, or travel well outside...but they can move quickly over floors, walls, ceilings, and furniture. Bed bugs are wingless, approximately ¼ inch in length with a flattened oval shape and rusty, brown color. Newly-hatched nymphs are much smaller and a little lighter in color. A bed bug can survive several months to a year without a blood meal. Bed bugs can be found in apartments, hotels,

homes, shelters, dorms, and nursing homes. They are active travelers and can be transported in luggage, boxes, clothing, furniture, and sometimes hair. Infestations are not necessarily tied to sanitary conditions.

When looking for bed bugs, check on the seams, tufts, or folds of mattresses, bed frames, and head boards. They may also be behind baseboards, pictures, frames, windows, door casings, loosened wall paper, curtains, in cracks on walls, or behind electrical wall plates. The first sign of a bed bug infestation is the appearance of small rusty spots (droppings or blood spots) on your mattress or bed linens. Bed bugs feed on bare skin while sleeping. Red itchy welts are an indication of an infestation. It may take as long as 14 days for a welt to appear from a bed bug bite. Bed bugs are not known to transmit any diseases to humans. Thus, they are not considered a public health hazard. However, precautions may need to be taken at school for known cases to prevent transfer of an infestation into the building. Complete elimination of a bed bug infestation may be difficult without using a pest-management company. Do-it-yourself measures sometimes cause problems because of misuse of pesticides or scattering of bugs. If using products yourself, make sure the product is for bed bugs and read the label completely.

Other ways you can help are:

- Reduce clutter in your home.
- Vacuum areas where bed bugs are seen (including mattress and box springs) and dispose of contents in sealed bag.
- Cover mattress and box spring with zippered encasements and seal openings with tape.
- Wash bedding and clothing in hot water (120 degrees F) and dry on high temperature. Store items in sealed bags.
- Inspect furniture brought into your home. Inspect hotel rooms for signs of bed bugs before unpacking.

HOLIDAY FUN PAGE



WINTER WORD FIND



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