



February's Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

As incredible as it may seem, we have already begun the third marking period of the school year. As I said in my opening letter a few months ago, our children's time in high school passes like a fleeting moment. Before you know it, they are off to college or career. In any case, it is important that teachers and parents work together to make sure that their time here at Becton is a happy and successful one.

February is Black History Month. It is a time when we honor and recognize the numerous contributions of African Americans to the history of this country. February is also American Heart Association Month. National Wear Red Day is on Friday, February 3rd. We wear red to bring awareness to the little known fact that one out of every three women die from heart disease and stroke. On February 20th, we commemorate President's Day to remember all past presidents but in particular, Washington and Lincoln who helped to shape our great country.

The Student Council will once again be sponsoring a Date-a-Match fundraiser in honor of Valentine's Day. Students can buy a Date-a-Match print out for \$2.00 in the cafe teria on February 14, 2017. It is a great social experiment for our students. The Junior Class and the Key Club will also be having a variety of fundraisers this month beginning with a Jeans/Hat Day on February 3rd. All proceeds of the fundraisers will be donated to the American Heart Association.

Recently our Boys' Basketball Team participated in the Bergen County Jamboree. The boys have not qualified for the Jamboree since 2008. Congratulations to Coach Balaban and the Boys' Basketball Team. Go Wildcats!

Remember, all school closings and delays will be posted on our website, www.bectonhs.org, Twitter, the Becton App, and will be announced through a reverse 911 call to your home or cell phone. If you still have not signed up for the Becton App, now is the time to do so. It is absolutely free and available on your phone by searching your app store for Becton Wildcats. We will be closed for Winter Recess from February 20-24, 2017. Classes will resume on Monday, February 27, 2017.

Sincerely,

Louise Clarke

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Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional BOE