

Belleville Mennonite School

2010-2011 Elementary School Program

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all of these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33-34

Letter to Parents and Elementary School Students

This program guide provides information about the Elementary program at Belleville Mennonite School. It reflects Belleville Mennonite School’s commitment to a strong, integrated academic program with an emphasis on mastery of skills.

After reviewing the Elementary program details, please complete and return the enclosed 2010-2011 registration form to the Superintendent’s office. The deadline for early registration (\$10 per student) is April 5, 2010, so please return your registration in a timely manner. After April 5th, the registration fee will increase to \$30 per student.

The aim of Belleville Mennonite School’s Elementary curriculum, and total school program, is that students may study subject matters in the framework of a Biblical worldview.

Thank you for entrusting your child’s education to Belleville Mennonite School.

What is a Biblical Worldview?

Integrating Biblical worldview “is **viewing all of life and learning from God’s perspective** and not from the perspective of ‘under the sun’ --the meaningless (vanity) discovered by the teacher and described in the book Ecclesiastes. Pursuit of academics (study and exploration), pleasure, work (career), achievement, and riches are all meaningless, in the final analysis, when viewed apart from God.”

How to Develop a Teaching Model for World View Integration, Martha MacCullough, EdD

The Christian school helps cultivate a worldview that **gives God His rightful place**, and it **looks to the Bible for guidance** in answering life’s big questions.

The Distinctives of Christian Schooling, Derek Kennan, EdD

Belleville Mennonite School
Developing Minds – Building Faith – Making Disciples.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM (Grades 1-5)

Daily Schedule

Belleville Mennonite Elementary School hours are from 8:05 AM to 3:00 PM. The day begins with a devotional time led by the classroom teacher in the individual classroom.

Curricular and co-curricular activities are the focus of faith development.

The elementary grades are foundational years for children when habits, learning skills, and attitudes are developed and formed. Each year at BMS, small classes with loving teachers provide personal attention and constitute the best steps in developing a good foundation.

Curriculum

Math	Reading	Art	Music
Science	Social Studies	Bible	PE
English	Writing	Choir	Technology Education

Computer Technology Instruction Services

Computer technology instruction is vitally important to the 21st century student. At BMS, students have access to computers in all classrooms. Additional computer time is available at the TIU Resource Room, where students are challenged with enrichment or remedial opportunities. Students in Grades 4 and 5 begin working on keyboarding skills in the elementary computer lab, as school goals for student computer skills include all students being able to type 30 wpm before leaving middle school.

Spelling Bee

Grade 4 and 5 students can participate in the spelling bee at BMS, and Grade 5 students are encouraged to participate in additional competition through the Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI).

Speech Meet:

Students in Grades 1-5 are invited to participate in an Elementary School Speech Meet with competition at both the local school and ACSI district level. Categories included in the Speech Meet are: Poetry, Bible Memorization, Fable and Folklore, Patriotic Oration, Dramatic Bible Prose, and Original Speech.

Music and Choral Program

Each student in the elementary school attends music class and participates in choir. Students learn about music history, instrument families, and basic music theory, in addition to proper singing techniques. Students have the opportunity to take individual instrument lessons and to participate in an elementary worship team. Two fifth grade students, selected by audition, participate in PMEA's Elementary Song Fest which occurs each spring.

Student Support Services

Project HOPE provides a systematic, team approach to solving student academic, behavior, and social-emotional problems that provides hope to students who learn differently and to their families. The Support Team provides information on assessment, adaptations, classroom management, and modifications to staff members to help meet the needs of students.

Enrichment Program

Whole class and small group enrichment is offered through the Act 89 program in various parts of the curriculum including the language arts.

Assessment

Assessments and evaluations for elementary school students at Belleville Mennonite School come from a variety of sources including:

- PSSA (Pennsylvania State Student Assessment)
- Stanford
- School classroom (Informal and formal checks for understanding)
- AIMS web monitoring system

Belleville Mennonite School provides a comprehensive Pre-K through Grade 12 education in a Christ-centered environment, and prepares students to change the world through Christ-like service, peacemaking, and leadership.