



# Bernd Elementary, Where Rigor Is Routine!



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## PASTRIES WITH PARENTS: GEORGIA MILESTONES FORUM

Mark your calendar for Monday, January 23, 2017 for Pastries with Parents. The event will commence at 8:00 a.m. and conclude around 9:00 a.m.

The goal of this meeting is to share **test-taking strategies** with our parents, along with offering **information** regarding the **Georgia Milestones Assessment**.

All students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will complete the Georgia Milestones Assessment on-line this year. Please come out and find out more about how you can support your child(ren) regarding the assessment.

## PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

In July 2003, the state passed the Georgia Promotion, Placement, and Retention law. This law requires 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to pass parts of the state assessment.

In addition to successfully passing certain parts of the state assessment in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students must also meet other promotion requirements. In order to make sure students and parents are aware of the promotion requirements for students in grades 1-8., two meeting times have been scheduled for your convenience.

**Please plan to attend one of the two meetings:**

**January 23, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**January 23, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.**

## HEALTHPOWERS

Students' success in schools is more than just academics. Eating healthy food is important to your students' success in school. For students to do their best in school, they must eat a healthy diet. Not only does a healthy diet for your child make them healthier and less likely to get sick, but also, it improves learning, improves memory, increases grades, increases scores on state tests, and decreases absenteeism.

Did you know that a variety of proteins will improve your child's nutrient intake and health benefits?

Foods high in protein include meat, poultry, seafood, beans/peas, eggs, nuts, seeds, etc. So, consider an egg for breakfast and/or ½ ounce of nuts or seeds for an afternoon snack.

## GIFTED SCREENING INFORMATION

January 6-20, 2017 our teachers will be giving particular attention to observing students, looking for the typical traits, attributes, and behaviors (TABs) of a gifted child. Students demonstrating exceptional achievement and performance will be referred to the school gifted education eligibility team for further consideration.

During this time period, students may also be referred to the school eligibility team for consideration by parents or other concerned individuals.

Please refer to the gifted screening notification that was sent home during the month of December, or call and speak with Ms. Leitzsey, the school counselor.

**Please be reminded the TARDY BELL rings @ 8:20 a.m. Students arriving at 8:20 a.m. are tardy and begin their day behind.**

**School ends at 3:20 p.m. Students should be picked up no later than 3:50 p.m.**

**#eastsideoutloud**

**#wearebernd**

**#raiderpride**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 16: MLK Day – No School

January 18: Report Cards Go Home

January 19: Board of Education Meeting

January 20: Clubs

January 23: (8:00 a.m.) Pastries with Parents: Georgia Milestones Forum

January 23: (8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.) Promotion Requirements Meeting