

BOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL *DR. Deborah Gibbens*

We are coming to the close of our first trimester of the school year. Classroom teachers have met with parents to share information about their child's learning and partner with them to support their child's success. As you know, we are implementing the new standards-based report card this year. This report card will provide parents detailed information about how their child is progressing towards meeting end-of grade level expectations. The report card will be completed on a trimester schedule, three times yearly. Report cards will be sent home on December 11, March 26, and the last day of school in June.

New to our reporting process is the documentation of a child's reading level. Reading levels will be reported at one of the following: above grade level, on grade level and below grade level. Reading is a complex process of automatically decoding printed text for the purpose of making meaning and communicating. Research shows that learning to read includes hearing and manipulating the sounds of language, linking the sounds to the rules of print, developing word knowledge, decoding print quickly and efficiently, forming connections and deriving meaning to the written words. When we assess reading level, we assess all of these areas.

It is November and a time when many families reflect with gratitude on their many blessings. Certainly at BES we have a long list of reasons to feel grateful. We are grateful that we work in a community that values and supports education. We are grateful for the BES team approach and having the opportunity to work collaboratively to meet students' needs. We are grateful for our active and committed PTO and parent volunteers who contribute to our school in both big and small ways. We are grateful for the dedication and positive energy of the BES faculty and staff as we work together to enhance student learning. And, we are especially grateful for our wonderful students who bring us joy and challenge each day. We are, indeed, fortunate to be part of the learning community of BES.



HOLIDAY SHOWCASE SING-A-LONG

We Welcome the
Bow School Board
To Attend
The Holiday Showcase
December 19th
@ 1:15



- UPCOMING DATES**
- DEC. 2 CURRICULUM**
- DEC. 3 PTO**
- DEC. 4 SCHOOL BD**
- DEC. 9 FACULTY MTG**
- DEC. 16 SAFETY**
- DEC 19 SHOWCASE**