

BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL



The month of March is a time when we intensify our focus in preparation for testing season. Parents, I am asking you to partner with me by encouraging your child to take advantage of the many support mechanisms we have in place to ensure their success. Many of our teachers will be sending home practice and study materials over the break, to assist in keeping information learned, current and fresh. In a study conducted in Springfield, Massachusetts in 2017, students who

actively engaged in vacation learning were much more likely to score proficient on state exams later that year. I challenge all Tiger students to invest in their success, by dedicating one hour each day, over this vacation, to tap into the resources available on Canvas or Khan Academy and raise the bar for their own personal achievement on these important graduation requirement assessments.

I also want to update all of you on the SMART Bond construction currently taking place on our campus. We are very excited with the plans and early signs of the renovation for our new outdoor patio area. Work is underway for a beautiful collegiate looking outdoor dining space where our students can socialize over their lunch hour and gather in a workspace that will allow them to charge and utilize their technology/devices. Work on our Media Center upgrade will also begin shortly and when finished will surely impress.

As always, I encourage you to make time to rest and enjoy family and friends over this vacation time, with plans to return refreshed and ready to maximize student achievement!

Dr. Karlton O. Johnson, Principal

BLANCHE ELY RECEIVES iCAN GRANT

The BEHS Tigers are one of six schools who will receive funds to expand career pathway programs at their schools over the next 5 years. The iCAN Grant will see BEHS assisting students to develop critical on the job skills, in areas they are passionate about, beginning with the class of 2023 next year. All students will be scheduled into a career pathway which they will follow, through graduation. Each pathway allows for students to earn valuable industry certifications and AP/College Credits in their selected field. Grant funds will be used to incorporate additional new class offerings such as Journalism, TV Production and Personal Trainer, as well as expand existing opportunities in our Medical Science, Culinary and Engineering programs!

Stay tuned for more information as plans develop!



Upcoming Events:

March 6, 2019

SAT All 11th & 12th identified only

March 7, 2019

Professional Study Day

March 19, 2019 6:00 PM

SAF/SAC Meeting, Amphitheater

March 17-19, 2019

College Tour

March 21, 2019

Early Release

March 22, 2019

Employee Planning Day
End of Third 9 Weeks

March 25-31, 2019

Spring Break, School Closed

Access to Our Campus

Everyone who comes to Blanche Ely High School must present and wear an ID Badge to enter the campus!

BEHS JROTC “All In!”

The Tiger Battalion roared into the JPA Evaluation with the intent to exceed the standard. Major Johnson, Sgt. Dunn and the Cadets are proud to report, “The Legacy has been restored”. After hours of preparation and rigorous training, we are once again a "Gold Star" Honor Unit with “Distinction”. The Battalion came in with an impressive rating of 95%! Great job, TIGERS!



To top off their busy month JROTC marched into the BB&T Center and presented our Nation’s Colors at the Panther’s vs. Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game on February 10, 2019.



END of QUARTER 3

The end of the 3rd Nine Weeks is Thursday, March 21, 2019. Parents, this is a good time to review your child's grades, reflect on student goals for success, and consider study strategies to improve grades and GPA impact, prior to the end of the 2nd Semester. Students, who receive an “F” in any class, **MUST** receive passing grades for both the 4th Nine Weeks and the FINAL Exam to receive the .5 semester credit for the course. Keep in mind, Graduation, Dual Enrollment, athletics, and student activities have minimum GPA requirements for participation. Competition for available scholarships also relies on strong academic performance and GPAs. Once a GPA drops below 2.0 it is very difficult to bring it up. Don't get caught in the cycle of poor grades and the resulting need for credit recovery and night school. Attendance in class is key. Be on time. Stay focused. Work hard. Check your Pinnacle regularly! Keep - up with class work and challenge yourself to raise the bar for success. You are building your transcript with each set of nine- week grades. **PUT YOUR BEST PAW FORWARD, TIGERS!**

CONGRATULATIONS

**TO OUR TEACHER AND
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYEE
FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!**

**Ms. Chana Kay Pommels
and Mr. Anthony Jordan**



TIGERS Prepare for Accountability Testing

To help increase student success on the various upcoming EOC and FSA assessments, Blanche Ely High School is offering a number of after school programs to meet student needs. In addition to our existing YMCA offerings, we have added FREE Tutoring for Algebra, Geometry, Biology, US History, and SAT/ACT preparation and practice. We also have specific support and instruction available, to assist our English Language Learners build skills and confidence to perform their best on these tests. Tutoring is Monday thru Thursday, afterschool from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with transportation available to those students who currently receive and are eligible for District School Bus transportation. Call the school at (754) 322-0950 for more information. Don't forget to take advantage of other resources like practice sessions and tests on KHAN Academy, which are also free and provide important feedback on specific skills to work on for improved success on these assessments.

BEHS Celebrates BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tigers celebrated Black History Month during February with a number of great events on campus. Individual classrooms competed for recognition in a door decorating contest, a new Black History question was presented each day on the morning announcements, students researched and represented famous African Americans in History in a Live Wax Museum, and Tigers wore their pride to school on *Dashiki Day* to round off a very successful month of celebration and learning.



Our wonderful Cafeteria Team really showed out!

Blanche Ely High Boys Basketball Going to State Championships AGAIN!!!



Tigers play March 8 in Lakeland, 4 p.m.