



The Bashaw Bulletin

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“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don’t have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.”

- Carol Dweck, Author of Mindset

As we look at the above quote and think about this holiday season, it reminds us that there are many things we can give or do for our children that cost nothing. As parents and educators, our impact on these children is large, and it is critical we think about what we do and say with them each day.

As a STEAM school, we are pushing ourselves to provide challenges for our students. We want to constantly encourage their inquiry and curiosity; their natural love of learning new things; and instill in them the motivation to build their knowledge and experience by participating in learning. Engineering lab is just one place these challenges specifically occur; students face challenges across academic subjects and with all different staff members in their schoolday.

Through all these learning experiences, it is important for us to support the learning that occurs from mistakes. We must help them see it’s not about being “wrong”; it’s about not knowing YET! It’s about figuring out that there may be other, or even better, ways to seek an outcome or an answer. We’ve all made mistakes; we can all look at multiple times in our lives we’ve LEARNED from mistakes. Yet we don’t always support this in our children. We don’t always remember to look at it as learning!

Efforts are important! It is our effort to reach a goal or achieve a dream that get us there. MOST things don’t happen in one step. It takes efforts towards something to truly reach something, and through those efforts, we feel success and a sense of achievement. And we know that sometimes efforts in one area lead us to success in another area down the road.

As we launch into 2019 and the second half of our school year, let’s celebrate mistakes, efforts and challenges. Together we can build strong young children ready to succeed not only in school, but in life!

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Kindness at its finest

Elves in Action

During the month of December, Bashaw had special kindness elves on the lookout for students demonstrating acts of kindness. These students' pictures were posted on a bulletin board outside of the art room. Each student or class of students, demonstrated kindness in a special way without being asked, which is why they were chosen by the Elves in Action.



Around Campus

New Year! New Track!

The PE department would like to introduce our brand new track to you! Over the break, construction was done out at our field, and we now have a quarter-mile track behind our school. Through our PE classes, Coach Thornton and Coach D will be establishing rules and things to consider when your child participates in Runner's Club or has PE as a special. The surface of our track is made of an orange clay composite. **We are asking that you consider this as we are suspecting that the clay could leave stains on your child's shoes.** Runner's Club is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and your child also has PE twice a week. We are looking forward to your child using our new track in a fun and safe manner.



Art - 5th Graders made salt dough ornaments in December.

