

100th Day of School

Wednesday, February 15th

What does Belle View do to celebrate the 100th day of school?

Over the past few years, we asked the students to bring in 100 pennies to support educational programs in places like Afghanistan.

Why?

1. Simple, teaching our younger students the value of money and counting is a win.
2. Each student learns that they can make a difference no matter how small or young they are.
3. Every student counts and everyone can make a difference.

So, what will we be doing with the pennies?

For the past few years, we have been donating the pennies to a charitable organization. This year, the teachers would like to continue our education with an environmental focus in mind which supports our school's wetland project and outdoor classroom program.

This year, the pennies collected will be donated to the "Chesapeake Bay Foundation." It's an excellent example of what happens here in our backyard affects what happens on a larger scale. Our watershed and marshlands are interconnected and affect more than just us.

"The Chesapeake Bay watershed is 64,000 square miles and has 11,600 miles of tidal shoreline, including tidal wetlands and islands. The watershed encompasses parts of six states. Approximately 17 million people live in the watershed; about 10 million people live along its shores or near them. It's the largest estuary in the U.S.—but it's something much more than that." www.cbf.org

What is needed?

Your teacher is asking that your child bring to school 100 pennies in a baggie. Bring them in next week (February 6 – February 10).

They will count out the pennies and have some math fun with them before the 100th day. This is a volunteer project, but the classroom will be participating as a whole and, hopefully, we can get as many kids to participate as possible. The lesson learned is the value of how just a little bit can make a big difference, from a single penny that grows into a dollar and much more.

This is a totally on a volunteer basis and your child will not be reprimanded if they do not participate,