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BES Holds Annual Open House
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“Positivity” was the theme this year at both sessions of the annual Open House Programming at Berlin Elementary School. Open House was held on 2 nights in September. The first session was for students in grades K-2 and the second was for students in grades 3-5. “Families appreciated the format and feedback from parents, staff and students about both evenings has been overwhelmingly positive.” according to Principal, Michelle Colvin.

Open House proved to be a multi-generational event with many grandparents in attendance; several of whom stopped to share a fond memory of attending high school at BES. As parents and grandparents reconnected with former classmates many stories were shared and spaces were revisited rekindling the Mountaineer Pride!

The format for Open House is a family-friendly event where children are in attendance with their parents. Each teacher designs their own classroom presentations ranging from hands-on activities to PowerPoint slide shows to scavenger hunts. Topics discussed with families included; information about the new Common Core State Standards, tips for how parents can support their child’s academic program at home, grade level expectations for the year and the New York State Testing Program. Teachers shared that many parents have signed up to volunteer for various activities during the year. The Scholastic Book Fair, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization, (PTO) was open on both nights with many parents and staff volunteering their time to assist families and students with their shopping.

Principal Colvin shared, “The atmosphere in the building was very upbeat and several parents stopped me in the hall to comment on the wonderful classroom presentations and displays of students’ work. The teachers and staff worked incredibly hard to prepare for this evening and their success is evidenced by the smiles on the faces of our students and their families.”