

What's The Buzz??? BEES Family Update February 2026 Edition

Principal's Message

Greetings and Welcome,

I am writing to you today from the median. In math, we have several ways to measure central tendency, and the *median* is the middle number in a set. Today—January 30, 2026—marks the exact middle of the school year. It really does happen that fast.

I want to first extend my sincere thanks to all of our BEES families. This year has been wonderful, and you are a big part of that success. Thank you for supporting our work by ensuring your children are here, prepared, and in uniform each day. When a foot of snow falls, obstacles stand in the way—I get it. Yet this week, BEES outpaced the city average in attendance. That is a true compliment to the work you do each morning to get your children to school. Thank you. As we look ahead, it would be short-sighted not to acknowledge the upcoming New York State ELA, Math, and Science Exams. BEES students will participate in these assessments in April and May. The groundwork for success has been happening all year. There is nothing more important than having a solid plan (which we do) and excellent instruction (which we have). Beginning next week, the entire District 23 community will enter what we call “Mastery Season.” Students will complete weekly mini mastery assignments in ELA and Math through i-Ready. These assignments are aligned to specific learning standards and sequenced intentionally to best prepare students for success. In truth, they are no different from classwork or homework. As a parent, you can ask your child to show you their i-Ready progress each week. If additional practice is needed, i-Ready offers personalized lessons and an instructional path tailored to your child. If you have questions about how this works or how to support practice at home, please let me know. Our teachers are also hard at work preparing thoughtful report card grades and comments. Report cards will be released on Monday, February 9th, via NYCSA. Students will also receive a paper copy. We are truly humbled by your continued support. Thank you for partnering with us in this work. Should you need or want anything, you know where to find us.

Saludos y Bienvenidos,

Les escribo hoy desde la *mediana*. En matemáticas, existen varias formas de medir la tendencia central, y la *mediana* es el número que se encuentra en el centro de un conjunto. Hoy, 30 de enero de 2026, marca exactamente la mitad del año escolar. De verdad, pasa así de rápido.

Quiero comenzar expresando mi sincero agradecimiento a todas nuestras familias de BEES. Este ha sido un año maravilloso, y ustedes son una parte fundamental de ese éxito. Gracias por apoyar nuestro trabajo asegurándose de que sus hijos lleguen a la escuela preparados y en uniforme cada día. Cuando cae un pie de nieve, surgen obstáculos — lo entiendo. Aun así, esta semana BEES superó el promedio de asistencia de la ciudad. Esto es un verdadero reconocimiento al esfuerzo que ustedes hacen cada mañana para que sus hijos estén presentes. Gracias.

Al mirar hacia adelante, sería poco realista no reconocer los próximos exámenes del Estado de Nueva York en ELA, Matemáticas y Ciencias. Los estudiantes de BEES participarán en estas evaluaciones en abril y mayo. El trabajo de preparación ha estado ocurriendo durante todo el año. No hay nada más importante que contar con un plan sólido (que tenemos) y una instrucción de alta calidad (que ofrecemos).

A partir de la próxima semana, toda la comunidad del Distrito 23 entrará en lo que llamamos la “Temporada de Dominio.” Los estudiantes completarán asignaciones semanales cortas de dominio en ELA y Matemáticas a través de i-Ready. Estas actividades están alineadas con estándares específicos de aprendizaje y organizadas intencionalmente para preparar mejor a todos los estudiantes para el éxito. En realidad, no son diferentes del trabajo en clase o la tarea. Como familia, pueden pedirle a su hijo que les muestre su progreso en i-Ready cada semana. Si necesitan más práctica, i-Ready ofrece lecciones personalizadas y una ruta de instrucción adaptada a cada estudiante. Si tienen preguntas sobre cómo funciona o cómo apoyar la práctica en casa, por favor no duden en comunicarse conmigo.

Nuestros maestros también están trabajando arduamente para preparar calificaciones y comentarios significativos para los boletines de calificaciones. Los boletines estarán disponibles el lunes 9 de febrero a través de NYCSA. Los estudiantes también recibirán una copia impresa.

Estamos verdaderamente agradecidos por su continuo apoyo. Gracias por acompañarnos en este trabajo. Si necesitan algo o desean comunicarse con nosotros, saben dónde encontrarnos.

Saludos cordiales, Craig Garber – Principal BEES

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photos and events please LIKE
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texting and communicating with
families. Are you using it? Let Ms.
Sparkle know to add your number.

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BEES Uniform Policy 2025 – 2026 “Dress Well to Perform Well”

Uniform Sales

Uniform Policy “Dress Well to Perform Well” (all Students)

To foster a learning community free of distraction, and to better capture the disciplined culture that has been so crucial to the success of other middle schools, **BEES will uphold a uniform policy**. The code is **enforced**, with students expected to be in full uniform during **all school days**.

BEES Uniform Polo Shirts	BEES Uniform Sweatshirts
	
BEES uniform tan khaki pants/shorts may be purchased at any retail store. <u>Skirts and shorts MUST extend down to the knees.</u>	

ALL STUDENTS must be in full uniform each day. As we return to school we must get back into the routines that make us successful. All BEES students are asked to be in uniform daily.

TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES deben usar uniforme completo todos los días. Al regresar a la escuela, debemos volver a las rutinas que nos hacen exitosos. Se les pide a todos los estudiantes de BEES que usen uniforme todos los días.

The BEES Uniform is simple. All students must wear:

- **Tops & Bottoms:**
- BEES-branded top with tan khaki bottoms
- **Footwear:**
- Sneakers, shoes, or boots are required.
- **Slides, Crocs, flip-flops, and sandals are not permitted.**
- **Head Coverings:**
- Allowed only for religious, cultural, or medical reasons.

El uniforme de BEES es sencillo. Todos los estudiantes deben usar:

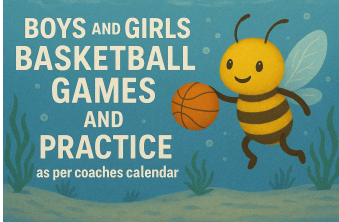
- Camisetas y pantalones:
- Camiseta con la marca BEES y pantalones color caqui.
- Calzado:
- Se requieren zapatillas deportivas, zapatos o botas.
- No se permiten chanclas, Crocs, chancletas ni sandalias.
- Cubrecabezas:
- Solo se permiten por motivos religiosos, culturales o médicos.



BEES Calendar February 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM CEC D23 Meeting 3rd Marking Period Begins	38:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	48:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM 7th Grade Trip to NY Historical Society 8th Grade NYSED Science Simulation	58:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	68:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	7 BEES Saturday Academy 9:00 – 12:00
8	98:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM Report Cards Distributed and available in NYCSA	108:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	118:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	128:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	13 BEES Valentines Day Celebration!!! All Students encouraged to wear red or pink – permission slips needed for attendance 😊 Party ends 4 pm No NY Edge today	14 No Saturday Academy
15	16 	17	18 NY Edge Bowling Trip	19 NY Edge Trip TBD	20	21 No Saturday Academy
	  	 Mid-Winter Recess—School Closed	Mid-Winter Recess—School Closed		  	
22	23 8:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	24 8:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	25 8:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	26 8:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM FULL UNIFORM	278:00 Breakfast, 8:30 School Begins 8:40 Late Bell, 2:50 Dismissal NY Edge 2:50 – 5:50 PM End of Month Dress Down Day – ½ Uniform (wear any pants you like)	28 BEES Saturday Academy 9:00 – 12:00



Monday / Lunes	Tuesday / Martes	Wednesday / Miércoles	Thursday / Jueves	Friday / Viernes
 NY Edge SONYC After School 2:50 – 5:50 Programa extracurricular NY EDGE	 NY Edge SONYC After School 2:50 – <u>5:50</u> Programa extracurricular NY EDGE	 NY Edge SONYC After School 2:50 – <u>5:50</u> Programa extracurricular NY EDGE	 NY Edge SONYC After School 2:50 – <u>5:50</u> Programa extracurricular NY EDGE	 NY Edge SONYC After School 2:50 – <u>5:50</u> Programa extracurricular NY EDGE
				
				
		MATH CLUB Wednesdays 3 – 4 pm Room 212		
Math Tutoring – See Permission Slip for Schedule.	Math Tutoring – See Permission Slip for Schedule.	Math Tutoring – See Permission Slip for Schedule.	Math Tutoring – See Permission Slip for Schedule.	Math Tutoring – See Permission Slip for Schedule.