

# West Burlington School District Newsletter

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## Superintendent's Remarks

By David Schmitt



The year is off to a great start. I have had the opportunity to walk through all of our classrooms and I see great things happening everywhere. We are refining literacy instruction and further implementing 'Everyday Math'. We continue to apply Fisher's instructional principles of Gradual Release of

Responsibilities. Our staff works hard in the early dismissal Friday professional development time. Our students are engaged and it is a lot of fun to see the teacher and student interactions. Falcon Pride abounds!

The Iowa Department of Education has submitted our action plan to the Federal Department of Education for review. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will be reviewed by Federal officials and the state will be notified if it passes or needs a rewrite within a couple months. Under the new Federal guidelines, the states will be responsible for identifying which schools need improvement. The following indicators will be used for the State Department of Education to decide which schools need to improve: student participation, academic achievement, student growth, graduation rate, progress in achieving English language proficiency, conditions of learning, and post-secondary readiness. In my eyes we do pretty well in a number of these categories. Our 2016 graduation rate is 98.11%. The states target is 95% for all students. Post-secondary readiness, our 2017 graduates' composite average is 22.7 compared to the state average of 21.9. Our annual improvement goals, which are board-approved each year, strives for 100% of our students to be at or above proficiency or achieve a minimum of one year's growth on our state assessment. We typically score in the 80's and 90's in regard to the percentage of students who are proficient for their grade level or achieve at least a year's growth. Our attendance is good and our school provides a safe and orderly learning environment in all three buildings. The state ESSA plan calls for a half percentage increase each year over five years. I know we can meet this ambitious growth goal. If you have questions about West Burlington's efforts to meet ESSA criteria, please contact [david.schmitt@wbschools.us](mailto:david.schmitt@wbschools.us). My last comment on this topic is West Burlington will not change our Kids First approach just to meet state standards. We believe every single one of our students is capable of doing great things in and out of the classroom. Please let us know what we can do to further assist your student.

We hope your child(ren) is/are doing well. We are here to help. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve your student(s) and your family. Kids First! ✘



## JH/HS Lesson Plans

By Mark Adams

Hello West Burlington Parents!

I wanted to extend my welcome to the 2017-2018 school year and pass along some information that might help your students have a more successful academic year.

Beginning last year, all of our secondary teachers began publishing lesson plans on one central location, so that parents, students and other teachers can see what our students are doing on a weekly basis.

To access lesson plans, you can go to our school's home page ([www.wbisd.com](http://www.wbisd.com)), click "Publications" from the top menu, and select "Jr./Sr. High School Lesson Plans". Each class has an active link that you can select to see what standards are being addressed, what each day's purpose is, and the activity/lesson for the day.

This is a good resource for students who have been absent, and for parents who are curious about what is happening in different classes. Our teachers spend a lot of time and energy creating and publishing their lessons, so we want parents to know they are available.

We are also offering Friday Academy again this year. Students who would like extra help on assignments, class content, or just want a quiet place to study can attend their grade-level academy room every Friday from 2:15-3:45PM.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me any time.

Have a great year! ☒

### **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT**

The school district does not discriminate in its education programs or educational activities on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status (for programs), creed or disability. Students are educated in programs which foster knowledge of, and respect and appreciation for, the historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups including those of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, and socio-economic background, as well as men and women, to society. The programs include contributions and perspectives of Asian Americans, African Americans Hispanic Americans, American Indians, and European Americans. Students who feel they have been discriminated against are encouraged to report it to the school district Affirmative Action Coordinator. The Affirmative Action Coordinator is David Schmitt and can be reached at 607 Ramsey Street, West Burlington, IA 52655, (319) 752-8747. Inquiries may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2292, (414) 291-1111, or the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319-0146, (515) 281-5294. ☒

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## Band News

By Mark Eveleth

### 7th and 8th Grade Band

7th and 8th grade band lessons take place during the day and students come out of another class to receive their lesson. All lessons are individual and last 15 minutes. All students should have at least 100 minutes of practice time each week in order to improve on their instrument. There are times when a student must miss a lesson because of a class activity. A missed lesson, for whatever the reason the lesson is missed, counts as a MI (or 0%) in the grade book until it is made up. It is best to get lessons rescheduled as soon as possible. Students should have their lesson time entered into Google Calendar; that way it will remind them to go to their lesson.



Please check your home email for information on the band and check the online grade book daily to see how your child is doing in band.

### High School Band

Marching band is in full swing! Our show this year is under the direction of Field Commander Cecilia Crozier.

We traveled to Ft. Madison and Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, September 16th for our first two, of four, contests for the marching band season. The band marched and played their show at their best level to date. The judges gave the students some great ideas on to improve their show for their next competition. Our immediate goal is to have all music memorized for the Wilton performance.

The Wilton Festival of Bands will take place on Saturday, October 7th. State Marching Band Contest will be at Muscatine High School in Muscatine, IA on Saturday, October 14th. Please check your email for times and schedules. I will send them out as soon as I receive the information.

High school lessons take place throughout the school day. All lessons are individual and last 15 minutes. All students should try and get about 100 minutes of practice time each week in order to improve on their instrument. A missed lesson, for whatever the reason the lesson is missed, counts as a MI (or 0%) in the grade book until it is made up. It is best to get lessons rescheduled as soon as possible. Students should have their lesson time entered into Google Calendar; that way it will remind them to go to their lesson.

Please check your home e-mail for information on the band and check the online grade book daily to see how your child is doing in band. ☒

### **IOWA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

“It is the policy of the Independent School District of West Burlington not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.7. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by the Independent School District of West Burlington, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html>.” ☒



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Our Book Fair will be **October 2<sup>nd</sup> - October 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will also be open from 4-8PM during Parent Teacher Conferences **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be shopping on the days listed below.

Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5-Shipp, 3-Elliott, 4-Leopard, 1-Morey, K- Garrells, 2-Williams

Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5-Schmidt, 3-Gunn, 4-Morey, 1-Claypool, K-Springsteen, 2-Bush

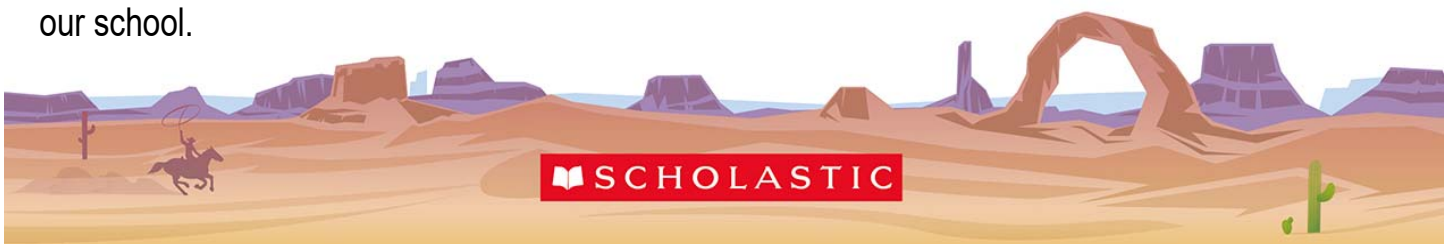
Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>- 5-Henry, 3-Mickey, 4-Hoskins, 1-Dotson, K-Hillyard, 2-Lamb

Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>- 5-Nehring, 3-Watkins, 4-Mineart, K-Laffoon, 2-Sleister

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/westburlingtonelemschool>

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



**October, 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00pm-5:00pm SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	2 6:00pm-8:00pm School Board Work Session @ Board Room 6:00pm Football-JV WB / ND / Dan vs. Mount Pleasant @ West Burlington High School 6:30pm-8:00pm Boy Scout's @ ES Gym	3 4:00pm-8:00pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ West Burlington Elementary 4:30pm Football-7th WB / ND / Dan vs. Mediapolis @ West Burlington High School 4:45pm Volleyball-G/JH Van Buren @ Van Buren High School 5:30pm Volleyball-G/Fresh/Soph WACO @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 6:00pm Football-8th WB / ND / Dan vs. Mediapolis @ West Burlington High School 6:30pm Volleyball-G/JV WACO @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity WACO @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym	4	5 4:00pm-8:00pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ West Burlington Elementary 4:30pm Cross Country-Varsity Winfield-Mount Union vs. Multiple Schools @ Winfield-Mount Union 4:30pm Activities-Conference Winfield-Mount Union vs. Multiple Schools @ Winfield-Mount Union	6 2:15pm Early Out 5:00pm Football-Fresh/Soph WB / ND / Dan vs. Washington (Washington IA) @ West Burlington High School 7:30pm Football-Varsity WB / ND / Dan vs. Washington (Washington IA) @ West Burlington High School	7 8:30am Volleyball-G/JH Holy Trinity @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School 11:00am-7:00pm Festival of Bands
8 1:00pm-5:00pm SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	9 4:30pm Volleyball-G/JH WACO @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 5:00pm Volleyball-G/JV Wapello vs. Multiple Schools @ Wapello High School 6:00pm Football-JV Washington (Washington IA) vs. WB / ND / Dan @ Case Field Washington IA - football field & track 6:30pm-8:00pm Boy Scout's @ ES Gym	10 5:30pm Volleyball-G/Fresh/Soph Cardinal @ Cardinal High School 6:30pm Volleyball-G/JV Cardinal @ Cardinal High School 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Cardinal @ Cardinal High School	11	12 6:00pm Football-7th Burlington vs. WB / ND / Dan @ Bracewell Stadium 7:30pm Football-8th Burlington vs. WB / ND / Dan @ Bracewell Stadium	13 2:15pm Early Out 5:00pm Football-Fresh/Soph Solon vs. WB / ND / Dan @ Solon High School 7:30pm Football-Varsity Solon vs. WB / ND / Dan @ Solon High School	14 8:00am-4:00pm Marching Band 8:00am-10:00am Post Prom Fundraiser 9:00am Volleyball-G/JV Holy Trinity @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School 9:00pm Activities-Conference New London vs. Multiple Schools @ New London High School

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**October, 2017 continued**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 <b>1:00pm-5:00pm</b> SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	16 5th & 6th Grade Band @ HS Auditorium <b>12:00pm-3:30pm</b> 5th & 6th Grade Band @ HS Auditorium <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/JH Cardinal @ Cardinal High School <b>6:00pm Football-JV WB / ND / Dan vs. Solon @ West Burlington High School</b>	17 <b>12:00pm-3:30pm</b> 5th & 6th Grade Band @ HS Auditorium <b>7:00pm-8:00pm</b> 5th & 6th Grade Band/Vocal@ HS Auditorium <b>7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ West Burlington</b>	18 Picture Re-Take Day @ Multiple locations	19 <b>TBD</b> Cross Country-Varsity <b>TBA vs. ND / WB@ TBA</b> <b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b> 7th & 8th Grade Band/7th-12th Grade Vocal @ HS Auditorium	20 <b>2:15pm</b> Early Out <b>5:00pm Football-Fresh/Soph WB / ND / Dan vs. Oskaloosa @ West Burlington High School</b> <b>7:30pm Football-Varsity WB / ND / Dan vs. Oskaloosa @ West Burlington High School</b>	21 <b>8:00am-4:00pm</b> All-State Auditions
22	23 <b>6:30pm-8:00pm</b> Boy Scout's @ ES Gym <b>6:30pm-8:00pm</b> Boy Scout's @ ES Gym <b>7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ West Burlington</b>	24 End Quarter	25 No School Teacher Work Day/In-Service Day	26 Begin Quarter <b>TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ West Burlington</b>	27 <b>2:15pm</b> Early Out	28 <b>TBD</b> Cross Country-Varsity <b>TBA vs. ND / WB@ TBA</b>
29 <b>1:00pm-4:00pm</b> Optimist Club Trivia Contest@ HS Cafeteria	30 <b>6:30pm-8:00pm</b> Boy Scout's @ ES Gym	31 <b>7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ West Burlington</b>				



**School Information:** This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



**Nutrition Tip:** Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



#### Monday

- 4 Savory Salisbury steak  
Dinner roll  
Green beans  
Strawberry cup  
Milk

- 1 Teriyaki beef strips  
Dinner roll  
Oven potato  
Pears  
Milk

- 2 Crispito/salsa  
Steamed corn  
Mandarin oranges  
Milk

- 3 Popcorn chicken  
Baby carrots/ranch  
Dinner roll  
Peaches  
Milk

- 3 Turkey & gravy over mashed  
Potatoes  
Dinner roll  
Mandarin oranges  
Milk

#### Tuesday

- 1 Mac and cheese  
Peas  
Pineapple  
Milk

- 2 Tenderloin  
Baked beans  
Kiwi  
Milk

- 3 Chicken patty  
Broccoli  
Peaches  
Milk

- 4 Hoagie  
Oven potato  
Pineapple  
Milk

- 4 Meatball sub  
Broccoli  
Peaches  
Milk

#### Wednesday

- 2 Chicken tenders  
Regular breadsticks  
Sliced carrots  
Fruit mix  
Milk

- 3 Pipin hot pizza  
Steamed corn  
Fresh apple/ apple slices  
Milk

- 4 Tasty tacos  
Black beans  
Fruit mix  
Milk

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#### Thursday

- 3 BBQ pork sandwich  
Baked beans  
Applesauce  
Milk

- 4 Chicken nuggets  
Dinner roll  
Cheesy broccoli  
Fruit mix  
Milk

- 1 Mini corn dog  
Oven potatoes  
Fresh orange  
Milk

- 1 Chicken nuggets  
Dinner roll  
Green beans  
Fruit mix  
Milk



#### Friday

- 4 Meatball sub  
Broccoli  
Peaches  
Milk

- 1 Hoagie sandwich  
Baby carrots/ranch  
Pineapple  
Milk

- 2 Chicken drummies  
Sliced carrots  
Breadstick  
Applesauce  
Milk

- 2 Cheeseburger  
Baked beans  
Applesauce  
Milk

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