

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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Superintendent's Remarks

By David Schmitt



Midterm reports are out, parent/teacher conferences at the Junior/Senior High School have come and gone and Homecoming is the weekend of September 30th. The school year is off to a great start. I have had opportunity to be in our classrooms and I'm witnessing firsthand what quality instruction looks like and how engaged students act. I could not be prouder of our student body, PK -12th and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to catch you up on some of the many great things happening in the West Burlington Independent School District. The elementary drop off/pick-up area is working out well. Everyone has been patient and cooperative. We have reduced the time to get our students into vehicles and on their way home significantly. Thanks to our school personnel and to our parents. I am convinced this system has made students safer at this very busy time of the day.

The new playground is a big hit with our students. The surface is squishy and the equipment is sleek, modern, and colorful. We are glad that students are able to use the playground during recess and after hours. We ask that those who drink soda and eat candy to please clean your mess up. We have garbage cans in convenient places to assist with this. Brain research supports the notion that a child's mind benefits from physical activity. The playground is an important piece of our instructional program.

Another major change for West Burlington Independent School District is the implementation of the Teacher Leadership Compensation program. Collaboration and teaming are two key components to improving instruction and meeting all of our students' learning needs. Our early outs on Fridays are dedicated to building teacher leaders and improving instruction through weekly professional development. I can assure you the time is well spent. We are pleased with our initial foray into the TLC program and have seen improved instruction in our classrooms with the TLC model making a significant contribution.

I also hope the early outs allow you some additional family time. Please contact me if you have questions, comments or concerns about Friday early outs or any other school matter. (319) 752-8747 or email David.schmitt@wbschools.us.

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Certified enrollment will be completed in October. I will provide a report to the public when that data is ready for public consumption. Our kindergarten class currently has 51 students sitting in seats. We have three sections of kindergarten. As a point of reference, we did not hire a teacher to take Mrs. Sherwood's spot when she moved to the instructional coach position. West Burlington ISD continues to carefully monitor enrollment and class sizes. The board will have discussions on our current grade cap limits in the elementary building and will also discuss the implications of setting grade caps in the junior high as well as Arnold High School. The WBISD Board of Education will be seeking public input on grade caps after the data has been collected.

Thanks for your continued support of our school and students. I am proud of West Burlington Independent School District. I hope our actions match our rhetoric when we say, Kids First! ✂



We are all in this together!

Corners Programs

By Vern Reed

We want to do our best to stay in contact with all our parents and students at good ole WB! Here are a number of programs that parents are invited to learn more about and make use of as they fit each family's need. As you have questions, or would like to learn more, please contact me in The Corners. Our school's goal is to do all we can "always" for all our kids!

Corners Cares - a program set up in partnership with Young House Family Services. If a family finds themselves in a situation where they need help with "life" essentials (food, healthcare, housing etc.) please contact us. We will work with Young House to put that family in contact with the right resources. Our goal is to eliminate some of the hurdles families face in not knowing where to go for help, or having to go to multiple sites to get that help.

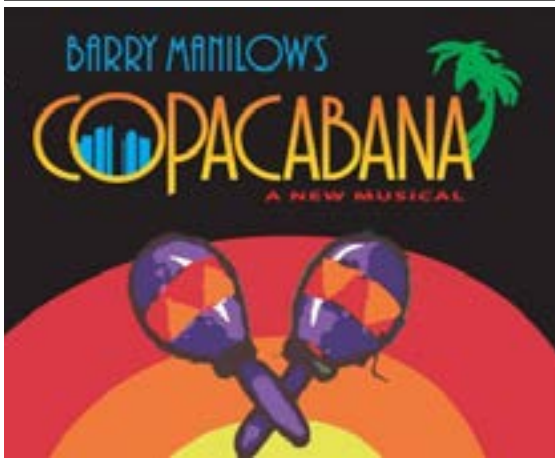
Before School Program - The Corners is open for any student grades 6-12 to get help before school. We open our room at 7:00AM and would love to help with make-up work, studying for tests, projects or online learning. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program just call the high school and ask to speak to The Corners.

Counseling Service - As we sent out a week or so ago, we have partnered with Young House to offer an on-site counselor once a week for our grade 6-12 students. It is our understanding the Young House works with a parents insurance and other avenues to make this affordable to families. If you are interested in having your child see a counselor, but are not sure about the cost, please contact us. We will work with Young House to do all we can to make this affordable for all.

Our goal at West Burlington is to partner with all parents to make their students experience at our school the absolute best experience it can be. We are all in this together! ✂

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>." ✂



High School Musical By Eric Field

West Burlington is about to become the hottest spot north of Havana! The 2016 High School Musical will be Barry Manilow's Copacabana. Based on the popular 1978 disco song, the musical features the love triangle between Tony Forte, the struggling songwriter who makes ends meet as a nightclub; Lola La Mar, the naive Oklahoma girl who wants to be a star; and Rico Castelli, the menacing gangster who wants to take Lola away to Havana. Featuring a myriad of talented high school singers and dancers, the show provides enough laughs and surprises for the audience to make this the hottest event to hit West Burlington. The show is directed by 8th and 9th English/Language

Arts teacher Eric Field with music direction by choir director Annette Siebers; both of them will be lending their talent to create the show's choreography. Copacabana will perform in the high school auditorium on Friday, November 18 at 7:30PM, and Saturday, November 19 at 2PM and 7:30PM. Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale in early November. ☒

Walking School Bus By Patty McPherson

We are starting a "walking school bus" to begin at 701 Pennington (apartments). We need parent/adult volunteers to walk with children to school. The first two blocks on Pennnington have no sidewalk so kids have to walk in the street then cross West Burlington Ave. Adults will wear bright colored safety vests and walk with at least one adult in front of and behind the kids. Parents, kids and families are welcome to "fall in" and join the group anywhere along the route. We would like to get this started as soon as possible so your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer please call Patty McPherson at 754-6567 X 1558 or 759-4656. ☒



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. ☒

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 NI (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.

The 7th and 8th grade band will be performing in concert along with the 7th and 8th grade chorus and the high school chorus on Thursday, October 20th. The concert will be in the high school auditorium and will begin at 7:00PM. This performance will go toward their 1st quarter performance grade.

High School Band

Marching band is in full swing! Our show this year is entitled; "Fall Out Boy" Our Field Commander this year is Athena Moad

We traveled to Fort Madison on Saturday, September 17th for our first, of three, 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 8th. State Marching Band Contest will be at Brady Street Stadium in Davenport on Saturday, October 15th. Please check your e-mail 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. Missed lessons must be rescheduled in order to receive credit.

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.

All-State Auditions

All-State honor band auditions take place Saturday, October 22nd at Fairfield High School. Kaleb Moore and Brandon Broeg will audition on trumpet for this very prestigious honor band. Please wish them the best when you see them ☒



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 pace 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.

Students will be shopping the Book Fair during their Media Skills class.

Monday, October 3rd- Schmidt, Nehring, Gunn, Springsteen, Marlow, and Bush

Tuesday, October 4th- Shipp, Hoskins, Mickey, Bernhart, Morey, and Lamb

Wednesday, October 5th- Henry, Mineart, Watkins, Laffoon, Claypool, and Sleister

Thursday, October 6th- Leopard, Elliott, Dotson, Williams

We will also be open during Parent Teacher Conferences from 4-8 on October 4th and 6th.

Grandparents Day is October 10th. The Book Fair will be set up in the Gym for students to purchase books.

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

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wbelementary>

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

October, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00pm-5:00pm SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	2 6:00pm-8:00pm Show Choir Practice @ HS Auditorium 6:00pm Football-JV Mount Pleasant vs. WB / ND @ Mapleleaf Athletic Complex 6:00pm School Board Work Session @ Board Room 7:00pm-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 vs. Mediapolis @ West Burlington High School, Bill Nelson Football Field 5:00pm-7:00pm DSM County Diamonds @ HS Softball Field 5:30pm Volleyball-G/Fresh/Soph WACO @ Waco High School 6:00pm Football-8th WB / ND vs. Mediapolis @ West Burlington High School 6:30pm Volleyball-G/JV WACO @ Waco High School 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity WACO @ Waco High School	4 6:30pm-8:30pm High School Softball @ HS Softball Field	5 3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scout's @ ES Classroom 4:00pm-8:00pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ West Burlington Elementary 4:30pm Cross Country-Varsity ND / WB vs. Multiple Schools @ TBA 4:30pm Activities-Conference ND / WB vs. Multiple Schools @ ND/WB Buren @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 5:00pm-7:00pm DSM County Diamonds @ HS Softball Field	6 2:15pm Early Out 5:00pm Football-(Washington IA) vs. WB / ND @ Case Field Washington IA - football field & track 7:30pm Football-Varsity Washington (Washington IA) vs. WB / ND @ Case Field Washington IA - football field & track	7 9:00am Volleyball-G/Varsity New London vs. Multiple Schools @ New London High School 7:00pm-11:00pm Homecoming Dance @ HS Cafeteria
8 1:00pm-5:00pm SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	9 4:30pm Volleyball-G/JH WACO @ Waco High School 6:00pm-8:00pm Show Choir Practice @ HS Auditorium 6:00pm Volleyball-G/Fresh/Soph Wapello vs. Multiple Schools @ Wapello High School 6:00pm Football-JV WB / ND vs. Washington (Washington IA) @ West Burlington High School, Bill Nelson Football Field 7:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout's @ ES Gym	10 5:00pm-7:00pm DSM County Diamonds @ HS Softball Field 5:30pm Volleyball-G/Fresh/Soph Cardinal @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 6:30pm Volleyball-G/JV Cardinal @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 7:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Cardinal @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym	11 6:30pm-8:30pm High School Softball @ HS Softball Field	12 5:00pm-7:00pm DSM County Diamonds @ HS Softball Field 6:00pm Football-7th Burlington Stadium @ Bracewell vs. WB / ND @ Bracewell Stadium 7:30pm Football-8th Burlington vs. WB / ND @ Bracewell Stadium	13 2:15pm Early Out 7:30pm Football-Varsity WB / ND vs. Solon @ West Burlington High School, Bill Nelson Football Field	14 State Marching Band Contest 9:00am Volleyball-G/JV Holy Trinity Catholic High School 9:00pm Activities-Multiple Schools @ New London High School
15 1:00pm-5:00pm SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	16 4:30pm Volleyball-G/JH Cardinal @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym 6:00pm-8:00pm Show Choir Practice @ HS Auditorium 6:00pm Football-JV Solon vs. WB / ND @ Solon High School 6:00pm School Board Meeting @ Board Room 7:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout's @ ES Gym	17 7:00pm 5th & 6th Grade Band/Vocal @ HS Auditorium 7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ TBA	18 6:30pm-8:30pm High School Softball @ HS Softball Field 7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ TBA	19 3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scout's @ ES Classroom 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Band/7th-12th Grade Vocal @ HS Auditorium	20 2:15pm Early Out 5:00pm Football-Fresh/Soph Oskaloosa vs. WB / ND @ Oskaloosa High School 7:30pm Football-Varsity Oskaloosa vs. WB / ND @ Oskaloosa High School	21 All-State Auditions
22 1:00pm-5:00pm SCC Fall Ball @ HS Baseball Field	23 6:00pm-8:00pm Show Choir Practice @ HS Auditorium 7:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scout's @ ES Gym	24 End Quarter 7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD @ TBA	25 No School 6:30pm-8:30pm High School Softball @ HS Softball Field	26 Begin Quarter	27 2:15pm Early Out	28 2:15pm Early Out
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Have a Happy Fall! Elem. breakfast is served 7:35 -8AM . Jr/Sr 7:45- 8:25. Menu is subject to change. 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

- 1 Crunchy crisposito w/salsa
Broccoli
Banana
Milk

- 2 Mini corn dogs
Steamed corn
Pears
Milk

- 3 Chicken fajita
Black beans
Peaches
Milk

- 4 Pipin hot pizza
Sliced carrots
Pineapple
Milk

- 4 Savory Salisbury steak
Dinner roll (HS -2)
Steamed corn
Applesauce
Milk

Tuesday

- 2 Cheeseburger
Baked beans
Applesauce
Milk

- 3 Tenderloin sandwich
Broccoli
Peaches
Milk

- 4 Divine teriyaki strips
Dinner roll
Sweet potato fries
Pineapple
Milk

- 1 Breakfast boat(egg tukey bac)
Oven potatoes
Banana
Milk



Wednesday

- 3 Savory Salisbury steak
Steamed peas & carrots
Dinner roll
Mandarin oranges
Milk

- 4 Tasty tacos
Refried beans
Fresh apple
Milk

- 1 Homestyle spaghetti
Mini garlic bread
Steamed corn
Applesauce
Milk

NO SCHOOL

Thursday

- 4 Hoagie sandwich
Green beans
Pineapple
Milk

- 1 Turkey sandwich
Sweet potatoes
Mixed fruit
Milk

- 2 BBQ burger
Cheesy broccoli
Kiwi
Milk

- 2 Crunchy crisposito w/ salsa
Steamed corn
Fresh orange
Milk



Friday

- 1 Chicken drummies
Sliced carrots
Breadstick
Peaches
Milk
EARLY OUT

- 2 Pipin hot pizza
Peas
Applesauce
Milk
EARLY OUT

- 3 Meatball sub
Steamed corn
Strawberry cup
Milk
EARLY OUT

- 3 Cheeseburger
Baked beans
Fruit mix
Milk
EARLY OUT

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