

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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Superintendent's Remarks

By David Schmitt



West Burlington Independent School District staff, board, and administration would like to wish you and your family a very joyous and peaceful holiday. We appreciate your involvement in your student's education. WBISD also appreciates your son and/or daughter attending our school.

As 2017 quickly approaches, WBISD is starting to make preparations for the 2017-2018 school year. The school calendar is always an item of interest to students, parents, and staff. I will ask for your input a couple times as we put together a draft of next school year's calendar. Presently, I'm inquiring about one key aspect of our school calendar. I am asking for your input on the Friday early dismissal. The input that I've received so far has been favorable, but I will continue asking. Please send your thoughts, questions, or concerns about our Friday early dismissals to me davidschmitt@wbschools.us.

West Burlington Independent School District is very proud of the community leadership we have been asserting in regard to the Bridges Out of Poverty movement. The school district has provided training opportunities for many community groups and individuals. WBISD has been instrumental in assisting community leaders implement this worthwhile program. If you have ideas or would like to become involved in our Bridges program, please contact Vern Reed at vern.reed@wbschools.us. The West Burlington Independent School District Board of Education strongly supports the efforts of our community-based Bridges team in their efforts to combat generational poverty and help those smitten by poverty. We believe, wholeheartedly, that overcoming the barriers of poverty is a crucial element in providing a great education for all of our students. West Burlington ISD did a presentation at the Iowa Association of School Board convention in Des Moines in mid-November. The presentation was well received and some schools in different parts of the state have reached out to us for more information.

West Burlington ISD is proud of our attempts to help all students every day. We try to provide daily interventions to meet your child's learning needs. If your student isn't progressing as well as you hope or think he/she should be doing, please contact your student's teacher, guidance counselor, or principal. We are all here to help. We believe that providing individualized direct instruction is the best way to intervene and help your student be successful in school.

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The WBISD Board of Education is pleased to announce they will be receiving a cash settlement from Curriculum Loft in the KUNO litigation case. We are not recovering all our money invested in the KUNO devices, but are pleased to tell you we will be getting a check in the neighborhood of \$160,000 after lawyer fees have been paid. The best news in all of this is our Chromebooks are working great and performing well as an instructional tool.

We are very lucky to have great kids, supportive parents, a nice community, and dedicated staff. Falcon Pride abounds! Kids First!! Happy Holidays! ❄️



8th Grade Language Arts Blog By Eric Field

Eric Field's 8th Grade Language Arts classes now have the ability to publish and share their works online through blogging. Billed as "Iowa's Strongest Community of 8th Grade Writers", *Middle of the Ride* features original poetry and stories as well as unique writing ideas, including surveys and discussion forums. Their work can be found at efield.edublogs.org. The name came from a 2000

song from pop-punk artists Jimmy Eat World. The lyrics talk about navigating the stress of early adolescence. I hope the 8th graders can feel like empowered writers who have something important to say. All seventy-five eighth graders are encouraged to add their own work to the blog. ❄️

Kayla's Cupboard Donations By Tammy Schmidt

Mrs. Schmidt's fifth grade class is asking your help in making someone else's holiday season a little better! We are collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items for Kayla's Cupboard. Students need to bring the canned goods to their classroom teachers. We will collect items from now until December 20th. Below you will find a list of items needed at Kayla's Cupboard. Every little donation helps!

Suggested donation items include: baby food, baby diapers, canned dinners (ravioli, chili, spaghetti-O's), instant mixes (potatoes, pancakes, bread, cakes), canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), peanut butter jelly/jam, uncooked pasta noodles, canned/jarred pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, boxed or bagged cereals, pop tarts, instant coffee, canned/boxed soup, crackers, juice boxes, pop corn, chips, paper products, hand soap and sanitizer, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. ❄️



Club Happenings

By Shannon Bates



The Art, Science and Spanish Clubs at the High School do a few combined activities each year. The first of these is the annual Toys for Tots Drive. Mrs. Bates

and Mr. Robinson have boxes in their High School Classrooms. Students, Parents, and Staff members are invited to drop off their new, unwrapped toys by Wednesday, December 14th.



In addition to the toy drive, club members are preparing for their upcoming Applebee's fundraiser. On January 9th students will begin selling tickets for the pancake

fundraiser that will be held at Applebee's on Saturday, January 21st. All money raised will help to pay for club events, and help reduce student admission costs for our end of the year trip to Des Moines on Friday, May 12th. If you would like more information, or would like to purchase pancake tickets, please contact Mrs. Bates at the High School. ☒

Welding Class Donation

By Taylor Fountain

The welding class would like to thank Modern Welding and CNH. Those businesses again donated 1/4 steel circles to the welding class for their winter snowman project. ☒



Hello West Burlington Parents!

By Mark Adams

As stated in our mission statement, West Burlington is committed to guiding our students to their fullest potential and providing varied instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students.

Many of you may have heard from your students that we have started using our 30-minute seminar time for providing reading and math interventions for students who demonstrate a need in one of those areas. We have found that small group instruction with a certified reading or math teacher is more effective than the structured study hall or "homework" time we have used in the past.

Students are eligible for this small group instruction based on their performance on STAR Reading and Math assessments and will be placed into an intervention group based on the best, most current data we have available.

The intervention groups meet for 30 minutes Monday-Wednesday for a period of 6-8 weeks, and students can attend social seminar on Thursdays if they are eligible. These interventions are for all general education students who demonstrate a need for extra help in reading or math.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me! ☒

Falcon Speech/ Drama News By Eric Fields



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Copacabana for doing an excellent job on November 18-19. The thirty high school students involved did an excellent job providing an entertaining show for the community. The show was also adjudicated by Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards; judges from the Des Moines-based organization came to see the two performances on Saturday and will be presenting professional feedback later this month to help the students grow as performers.

Large Group Speech has already started practices for the 2017 season. We have the following numbers of high school students involved:

- 6 students in 2 Musical Theatre teams
- 2 students in 1 Ensemble Acting team
- 8 students in 2 Group Improvisation teams
- 7 students in 1 TV Newscasting team
- 1 student in 1 Solo Mime
- 4 students in 1 Group Mime team
- 8 students in 1 Choral Reading team
- 2 students in 1 Radio Broadcasting team

The Large Group Speech team will be doing a FREE Community Showcase on Thursday, January 19 at 7PM. They will travel to Wapello High School on Saturday, January 21st for the Districts contest, with the chance to qualify for State on February 4th at Cedar Rapids Washington and All-State on February 18th at Iowa State University.

The 2017 junior high play will be Anne of Green Gables. Auditions are open to any interested 6th, 7th, or 8th graders and will consist of readings from the script. An information meeting will be held in Room 391 after school on January 28th until 4:30PM. Auditions will be held February 7th & 8th after school in the auditorium, with possible callbacks on February 9th. The performances will be held on April 7th & 8th, 2017, in the auditorium. ❄️

Europe Trip By Shannon Bates



Students currently in grades 8-12 have a wonderful opportunity to travel to Italy and Spain in June of 2018. The trip cost is currently at \$3,659 per person, but it is scheduled to increase on December 20th when the \$200 Early Bird Discount expires. The cost of the trip includes airfare, lodging, two meals a day, and transportation from one location to another. The only additional expenses would be lunch, activities students want to do during their free time, and souvenirs. If you would like more information on this exciting educational opportunity, please contact Mrs. Bates at the high school. ❄️

Dance Team Update! By Cindee Reed

Congratulations to the West Burlington Dance team for receiving a Division 1 rating at state!

Upcoming dance team events:

- December 16 - Holiday routine
- January 6 - Light routine
- January 17 - Future dance team members routine (elementary students are encouraged to dance)
- January 31 - Coed dance routine (Dance Team and Show Choir performance). ❄️



December, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4	5 4:30pm Basketball-G/JH @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 4:30pm Wrestling-JH @ Van Buren High School 6:00pm Basketball-G/JV @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School 6:00p School Board Work Session- @ Board Room 6:45pm Basketball-B/JV @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School	6 4:30pm Basketball-G/JH (Changed) @ Holy Trinity Middle School 6:00p 1st Grade Concert- @ HS Auditorium 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School 7:00p 3rd Grade Concert- @ HS Auditorium 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School	7	8 4:30pm Basketball-G/JH @ Central Lee High School 6:00pm Wrestling-V @ Cardinal High School	9 8:00a-4:00p Santa's Secret Shop- @ ES Gym 2:15p Early Out 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 5:30p Pep Band Performance 6:00p-7:00p 5th Grade Bball- @ ES Gym 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym	10 10:00am Wrestling-V @ Keokuk High School 10:00am Wrestling-V @ Mediapolis High School 12:00pm Basketball-G/JV @ Winfield-Mt. Union High School 1:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ Winfield-Mt. Union High School 3:00pm Basketball-G/V @ Winfield-Mt. Union High School 4:30pm Basketball-B/V @ Winfield-Mt. Union High School 7:00p-9:26a Booster Club Girls Basketball Tournament- @Multiple locations	3 10:00am Wrestling-V @ New London High School
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18	19 4:30pm Basketball-G/JH @ New London High School 6:00p School Board Meeting- @ Board Room 7:00p 9th - 12th Grade Band/Vocal-@ HS Auditorium	20 4:30pm-6:00pmBasketball-B/JV @ Waco High School 4:30pm-6:00pmBasketball-G/JV @ Waco High School 5:00pm Wrestling-V @ West Burlington High School JH Gym HS Gym 6:00pm-7:30pmBasketball-G/V @ Waco High School 7:30pm-9:00pmBasketball-B/V @ Waco High School	21 Winter Break-	22 Winter Break- 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break
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West Burlington Jr/Sr High

MEAL PRICING:

Breakfast Full Price	\$1.70
Reduced Breakfast Price	.40
Milk only	.50

BREAKFAST Menu

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Pizza Cereal & toast Cereal & yogurt	Cinnamon roll Pancake & sausage on stick Waffle or pancake Cereal & toast	Pizza Cereal & toast Cereal & yogurt	Biscuit & gravy Breakfast sandwich Cereal & toast	Cinnamon roll Pancake & sausage Waffle or pancake Cereal & toast
2	Pizza Cereal & toast Cereal & yogurt	Cinnamon roll Pancake & sausage on stick Waffle or pancake Cereal & toast	Pizza Cereal & toast Cereal & yogurt	Biscuit & gravy Breakfast sandwich Cereal & toast	Cinnamon roll Pancake & sausage Waffle or pancake Cereal & toast
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Drinks

100% Fruit juice

Apple
Grape
Orange

Milk

Chocolate
Skim
1 %

NUTRITION BITES:

- Dairy provides 74% of the vitamin D in young children's diets¹
- More than half of whole grains are eaten at breakfast²
- Kids who eat breakfast tend to perform better in school and have fewer disciplinary problems. Breakfast also tends to help kids stay alert^{3,4,5}



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



2 Mini corn dog
Baby carrots w/ranch
Peaches Milk

3 Pipin hot pizza
Sweet potato fries
Peaches Milk

4 Meatball sub
Corn
Mandarin oranges Milk

Tuesday

3 Hoagie sandwich
Baked beans
Pineapple Milk

4 BBQ burger
Country veg. mix
Applesauce Milk

1 Cheeseburger
Baked beans
Applesauce Milk

Wednesday



4 Savory Salisbury steak
Steamed peas
Dinner roll Banana Milk

1 Tasty tacos
Refried beans
Pineapple Milk

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Thursday

4 Cheesy chicken burrito
Black beans
Mandarin oranges
Milk

1 Chicken patty
Cheesy broccoli
Pears Milk

2 Seasoned chicken fajita
Steamed peas
Mixed fruit Milk

P P Y H O L I

Friday

1 Chicken drummies
Mashed potatoes
Breadstick Mixed fruit
Milk

2 Tenderloin
Cali. Mix
Mandarin oranges Milk

3 Turkey & cheese
Cheesy broccoli
Pears Milk

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