

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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Superintendent's Remarks By David Schmitt



West Burlington Independent School District hopes this newsletter article finds you and your family in sound health and good spirits. 2017 is upon us. As the new year quickly approaches, I can't help but think about the incoming millennium and the Y2K scare. I guess I'm showing my age. It is WBISD's sincere intentions to provide your student(s) with quality instruction, positive experiences, and a safe and secure learning environment each and every day we have your student(s) in our charge. Please

communicate with the school district if we are falling short of these expectations.

As we have previously reported the WBISD Board of Education has received a settlement for our KUNO devices. The district is in receipt of a \$170,000 check. We haven't fully recovered our costs, but are pleased to be able to get paid part of our capital outlay. The best news in all of this is the Chromebooks are performing well and doing what we were promised they would do. As they used to say on the old TV show, *The A Team*, "I love it when a plan comes together." I know, showing my age again. WBISD is happy the Chromebooks are the instructional tool we signed up for.

Our school district continues to study our technology needs. We are examining ways to more efficiently utilize instructional technology in all of our programs. We certainly recognize technology is an instructional aid and cannot replace teacher to student interactions. WB continues having discussions about the viability of computer labs, interactive classroom technology, and moving toward a reduced-paper environment. Our junior/senior high school Industrial Technology department is looking at purchasing a CNC plasma cutting tool to train students in engineering basics, product design and development, as well as manufacturing. A pair of local businesses are providing resources to help us purchase this machine. If you want to know more, please contact Mr. Fountain at the JH/HS building.

The West Burlington ISD Board of Education is studying our current grade cap limits. Grades K-5 presently has a 72 student per grade cap. The intent is to ensure grades K-3 have a student range of 18 to 21 students per classroom. The Board appears to be comfortable with a few more students in grades four and five classrooms. There is currently no cap limits in the Junior High School or Arnold High School. We are in the process of studying the impact of potentially implementing caps in these two attendance centers. It is fair to project IF the board decides to set caps in grades 6-12,

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the caps would be higher than the current K-5 caps. Feel free to contact me david.schmitt@wbschools.us or call (319) 752-8747, option #3 or contact your building principals to share your thoughts on grade caps. The board would like to make a decision on grade caps well in advance of the March 1st open enrollment deadline.

Patty McPherson, our nutrition program supervisor is reconvening the Wellness Committee. The purpose of the Wellness Committee is to ensure adherence to our nutritional and health guidelines set up by the Federal government, the State of Iowa, and local board policy. If you have interest in serving on this committee, please contact Mrs. McPherson, patty.mcpherson@wbschools.us or call the high school office. The Wellness Committee is a cross section of district stakeholders, hot lunch personnel, certified and non-certified staff, and administrators. Please join us if you would like to participate. The School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) will also be meeting in late January or early February. If you have interest in serving on this committee, please contact superintendent Schmitt at the email address provided above. We are truly interested in what you have to say about what WBISD does well and what we can do to improve.

I hope your New Year is filled with joy as we work together to serve your student(s). WBISD will continue to direct all of our actions to our mantra, Kids First! ❖

Kayla's Cupboard Donation By Tammy Schmidt

A huge thank you for all of the donations for Kayla's Cupboard! 772 items were donated and \$230.00. The ladies said that their pantry was bare! The love growing in West Burlington Schools is amazing! ❖

CNH Grant By Taylor Fountain

Case has granted WBAHS \$5000 to expand & improve our high school Project Lead the Way program. The dollars will be used to upgrade equipment and technology for Intro. To Engineering & Design classes along with Civil Engineering & Architecture classes. Both of these courses are high school PLTW courses that have never been taught at WBHS before this school year. ❖



Band News

By Mark Eveleth

7th and 8th Grade Band

The 7th and 8th grade band is now preparing music for Solo and Small Ensemble Contest. They signed up in band class the last weeks of December and are now working individually and in small groups on their music. Contest will be held here at the school on Tuesday, March 7th. More details will come later.



7th and 8th grade band lessons take place during the day and students come out of another class to receive their lesson. All lessons last 15 minutes. There are times when a student must miss a lesson because of a class activity. A missed lesson counts as a zero (or “F”) in the grade book until it is made up. It is best to get lessons rescheduled as soon as possible. I send an email out daily to those students who have a lesson to help them remember. I also send the same email out to all the teachers as well.

I am asking that you help your son/daughter continue to practice daily on their instruments along with their other homework. It is important to keep their music skills sharp or they will lose interest in playing. If parents don't take an active role the student's at home practice, the student will interpret that as it being unimportant. Please check and make sure your son/daughter is bringing home their instrument and have them play something for you when they are practicing. They will appreciate the attention and the fact that you are interested in what they are doing.

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 and their lessons. If you don't have home email, remember that you can check things on your son/daughter's Chromebook too.

High School Band

The High School Concert Band is now working on their sight-reading skills (playing music they have not played before). I will choose their Large Group Contest music from this activity. This March the band and choir travel to San Antonio, Texas. We will put together a concert program appropriate for that setting and will also perform it for you in March before we leave. There are a few students who will represent the band and school this January through March in the various honor bands.

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. I send an email out daily to those students who have a lesson to help them remember. I also send the same email out to all the teachers as well. 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. You can also check on your son/daughter's Chromebook.

High School Jazz Band

We are now working on Jazz Band Contest music. We will travel to Burlington High School on Saturday, January 28th to participate in the State Jazz Band Contest. Monday, February 6th the band will travel to Culver-Stockton College and participate in a day long clinic. Professional jazz musicians will be on hand to rehearse the band and work with individual sections. We will travel to Iowa City's West High School on Saturday, March 4th to participate in SEIBA District Jazz Band Contest. The Jazz Band will also participate in Falcon Follies on Friday, March 3rd. ❖

Attention 8th Graders and Parents!

West Burlington High School Orientation



Tuesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m.
WBAHS Auditorium
For 8th Graders and Parents

Graduation Requirements and Course Selection will be discussed. Meeting should last around 45 minutes. Call Mrs. Amy Ryan at 752-9380 or e-mail her at amy.ryan@wbschools.us for any questions.

We hope you can be there!

SENIORS! NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Finding the money for college and the stress of applying for financial aid can seem overwhelming. Don't let the frustration keep you from getting a college education.

FREE help is available at a special event at Southeastern Community College (SCC) on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Building 100, Room 192. *No appointment necessary.*

Volunteers with FAFSA Ready Iowa will help college-bound seniors and their families file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that day. The FAFSA is the first step to qualify for federal and state government aid, as well as many types of aid from schools.

For more information, including what materials you need to take with you go to:
http://www.icansucceed.org/documents/filelibrary/materials_library/ICAN_ReadytoFile_Flier_ICAN_77BCB429C3187.pdf

or call Amy J. Ryan, West Burlington JH/HS School Counselor at 752-9380.

January, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Winter Break-	2 Winter Break-	3 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 5:30p Pep Band Performance- 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	4	5 6:00pm Wrestling-V @ Columbus Community High School	6 2:15p Early Out 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 5:30p Pep Band Performance- 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym	7 SEIBA Honor Band Auditions- 10:00am Wrestling-V @ Van Buren High School
8 6:00a-2:00p Youth Wrestling Club- @Multiple locations	9 4:30pm Basketball-B/JH @ Central Lee High School 5:30pm Wrestling-V @ New London High School	10 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 5:30p Pep Band Performance 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym	11	12 4:30pm Basketball-B/JH @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 6:00pm Wrestling-V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym	13 End Quarter 6:00pm Basketball-G/JV @ Danville High School 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ Danville High School 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ Danville High School 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ Danville High School	14 10:00am Wrestling-V @ Waco High School 12:00pm Basketball-G/JV @ Wapello High School 1:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ Wapello High School 3:00pm Basketball-G/V @ Wapello High School 4:30pm Basketball-B/V @ Wapello High School
15	16 No School 4:30pm Basketball-B/JH @ Holy Trinity Middle School 6:00p School Board Meeting- @ Board Room	17 Begin Quarter Begin Semester 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 5:30p Pep Band Performance- 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym	18	19 4:30pm Basketball-B/JH @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 6:00pm-7:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ New London High School 6:00pm Wrestling-V @ Highland High School 7:00p Large Group Speech Auditorium Community Showcase- @ HS 7:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ New London High School	20 2:15p Early Out 6:00pm-7:30pm Basketball-G/V @ New London High School 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ New London High School	21 SEIBA Honor Band Festival- 10:00am Wrestling-V @ Louisa-Muscatine High School 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
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29	30 State Show Choir 4:30pm-7:00pm Basketball-B/JH @ Waco High School	31 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 5:30p Pep Band Performance- 6:00pm Basketball-B/JV @ West Burlington High School JH Gym 6:00pm Basketball-G/V @ West Burlington High School HS Gym 7:30pm Basketball-B/V @ West Burlington High School				



School Information: Type your school information here. Remember: Breakfast is served 7:30-8 Elem. & 7:45-8:25 JSH \$1.70
 "This facility 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 NO SCHOOL

9 2 Orange chicken
Brown rice Broccoli
Mandarin oranges Milk

Tuesday

3 2 Lemon Chicken
Brown rice Broccoli
Mandarin oranges Milk

10 3 Meatball sub
Baked beans Peaches
Milk

Wednesday

4 3 Beef Teriyaki strips
Sweet potatoes Pears
Cheesy breadsticks Milk

11 4 Taco
Corn
Fresh apple Milk

Thursday

5 4 Crispito w/slasa
Black beans
Applesauce Milk

12 1 Popcorn chicken
Mashed potatoes Pears
Dinner roll (HS) Milk

Friday

6 1 Mini corn dogs
Oven potatoes
Raisins Milk

13 2 BBQ Pork
Baby carrots w/ranch
Strawberries Milk

16 NO SCHOOL

17 3 Teriyaki chicken
Brown rice Broccoli
Pineapple Milk

18 4 Cheeseburger
Baked beans
Mandarin oranges Milk

19 1 Chicken strips
Sweet potatoes Breadsticks
Banana Milk

20 2 Turkey & gravy
Mashed potatoes
Dinner roll Mixed fruit Milk

23 3 Chicken patty
Cheesy broccoli
Pears Milk

24 4 BBQ meatballs
Green beans cheesebreadstick
Applesauce Milk

25 1 Chili string cheese
Carrots & ranch
Pineapple Milk

26 2 Taco refried beans
Fresh orange
Milk

27 3 Turkey & cheese
Oven potato
Peaches Milk

30 4 Lemon chicken
Brown rice Peas
Applesauce Milk

31 1 Pizza
Sliced carrots
Mandarin oranges Milk

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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