

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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Superintendent's Remarks

By David Schmitt

The fourth quarter has begun and the end of the school year is starting to look like a reality. We probably all agree the older we get, the faster the school year goes. I suspect some of our students are thinking the school year simply plods slowly along. It might be safe to say we have avoided the inconvenience of having to make up any school days due to inclement weather. Sorry seniors. I realize I am challenging Mother Nature by writing and publishing these definitive words.

This time of year can be challenging for students, parents, support staff, and certified staff. I would like to take this opportunity to share and affirm some fundamental beliefs that govern our school district and our interactions with our students and families. West Burlington Independent School District believes first and foremost all of our students are capable of being successful. It is both the school districts' and the students' responsibility to work hard together in pursuit of success. In my service to you, as the West Burlington Independent School District superintendent, I try to follow the following guiding principles so fundamental to all of our students' success here at good ole' WB.

You may have noticed the major emphasis WBISD places on literacy. All of our subjects and course offerings are of great importance in our eyes. I think we all agree that literacy is especially crucial to the success of our students and our educational program. We will continue working vehemently on the teaching and learning of fundamental literacy skills. An old saying is pertinent here, "In the early stages of elementary education our students learn to read. At some point around third and fourth grade, our students read to learn." We see helping students make this transition as crucial in our students' academic development.

We believe that helping develop well-rounded students is an important aspect of our work as an educational institution. We see math, social studies, science, vocational education, music and the arts, as well as PE as all integral parts of our intentional efforts to educating and developing the total student. Simply stated, our entire academic program is important. Our co-curricular and extra-curricular programs serve the purpose of educating and developing a well-rounded person. We encourage all of our students to be engaged in our academic program and our extra-curricular programs. The key word here is engagement. As a school district we embrace and understand the need to address various barriers a student might have in becoming a well-rounded person who is ready to be a positive contributor to our community and society. The barriers could include being a special needs student, or a student with

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a 504 plan. Barriers could involve generational poverty or difficult personal circumstances. Whatever the barrier might be, WBISD is here to help all students be successful. WBISD does not make excuses, nor do we lower our expectation of our students. We believe all of our students can and will be successful.

We hope we live by our mantra, 'Kids First' each and every day. We have wonderful students, parents, families, staff, community support and board of education at West Burlington ISD. A fundamental belief of the Bridges Out of Poverty work is that relationships are instrumental in developing and maintaining a school culture of collaboration. If we are failing in our efforts to help your student, please contact me at (319) 752-8747, option #3 or email david.schmitt@wbschools.us. Thank you, and as always.....Kids First! ✠



Band News

By Mark Eveleth

7th and 8th Grade Band

We are now working toward the Super-Conference Massed Band Festival. Notre Dame will host this event on Tuesday, April 25th. The concert will start at 6:30PM and the cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Each band represented will perform one selection and then we will combine all the student musicians into one massed band. This is always a great concert.

We will be performing our final concert of the year on Tuesday, May 23rd. This concert will also include the 7th & 8th grade choir. This concert starts at 7:30PM.

High School Band

We have 14 band students who will be participating in State Solo and Small Ensemble Contest. This event will take place on Saturday, April 1st. We will travel to Mediapolis High School for this event. It would be wonderful to have parents attend if possible.

The concert band is now preparing for Large Group Contest. Contest this year will take place on Saturday, May 6th at Mid-Prairie High School. The more parents we have to support us the better we will perform, so please attend if you can.

The concert band will also be performing in our spring concert along with the choir on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00PM. We will be performing the music that we will take to Large Group Contest on May 6th. This is also the concert in which we will be recognizing all letter winners, awards recipients, and our seniors. ✠

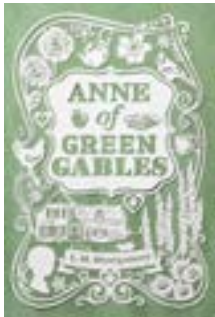
EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

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. ✠

Speech and Drama Updates

By Eric Field

Congratulations to Athena Moad and Meghan Ryan, who have been selected to perform at the Individual Speech All-State Festival at University of Northern Iowa. Both students will be representing the best talent among high school speech students in the state of Iowa. Athena will be presenting a Radio News Announcing broadcast while Meghan will be doing her Public Address, a declamation of Elie Wiesel's Nobel Prize acceptance speech. West Burlington has not been represented at a Speech All-State Festival since 2014 and has not been represented in an Individual Speech All-State Festival since 2003. The high school is extremely proud of Meghan and Athena's accomplishments!



Don't miss the 2017 Spring Junior High Play Anne of Green Gables. Based on Lucy Maud Montgomery's children's novel, the story follows Anne, a bright orphan who is mistakenly sent to two elderly siblings looking for a boy to help them run the farm. Through a series of mishaps, Anne eventually grows into a mature young lady who enchants the lives of everyone around her. Tickets are \$5, with the show presenting at the West Burlington High School Auditorium on Friday, April 7 at 7:00PM, and Sunday, April 9 at 3:00PM.

West Burlington will be chartering a troupe (school chapter) of the International Thespians Society, which is sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association. Thespians honors the top leaders in the dramatic arts and is recognized by many colleges and universities. Fourteen students have been invited to be inducted in a ceremony in the auditorium on Friday, April 28 at 7:00PM. Selection was based on involvement in the Fall Musical, the Junior High Spring Play, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Falcon Follies variety acts, and Falcon Follies emceeing. Parents, teachers, administrators, and community members are welcome to attend. After a short chartering ceremony, the inductees will be sworn in a formal ceremony that includes student performances and presentations. ✦



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>.” ✦

April, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	8:00am Activities- Conference Central Lee vs. Multiple Schools @ Southeastern Community College 6:00pm School Board Work Session @ Board Room	9:00am Golf- G/Varsity (Date changed from 04-27-17) ND / WB vs. Multiple Schools @ Flint Hills Golf Course 9:00am Golf- G/Varsity ND / WB vs. Multiple Schools @ Flint Hills Golf Course 4:30pm Track-JH Danville vs. Multiple Schools @ Danville High School 4:30pm Track- B/Varsity Mediapolis vs. Multiple Schools @ Mediapolis High School 4:30pm Track- G/Varsity Mediapolis vs. Multiple Schools @ Mediapolis High School	9:00am Golf- B/Varsity ND / WB vs. Multiple Schools @ Burlington Golf Club 9:00am Activities- Conference Central Lee vs. Multiple Schools @ Southeastern Community College	4:00pm Golf- G/Varsity Holy Trinity vs. ND / WB @ Holy Trinity 4:00pm Tennis- B/JV/Var Maharishi School vs. ND / WB @ Maharishi High School 4:00pm Golf-B/Varsity Holy Trinity vs. ND / WB @ Holy Trinity 4:30pm Track- G/Varsity WB / ND vs. Multiple Schools @ West Burlington High School, Track 4:30pm Track- B/Varsity WB / ND vs. Multiple Schools @ West Burlington High School, Track 5:00pm Soccer- B/Varsity Wapello vs. ND / WB @ Wapello High School, HS Soccer Field	2:15pm Early Out 8:00pm-11:45pm Blood Drive @ JH Gym	7:00am- 3:00pm Emergency Management Training @ Multiple locations
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	4:00pm Golf- B/Varsity ND / WB vs. Central Lee @ ND/WB 4:00pm Golf- G/Varsity ND / WB vs. Central Lee @ ND/WB 4:30pm Tennis- B/JV/Var Mount Pleasant vs. ND / WB @ East Lake Park 4:30pm Track-JH Van Buren vs. Multiple Schools @ Van Buren High School 4:30pm Soccer-B/JH Aldo Leopold JH vs. ND / WB @ Leopold JH 7:00pm Soccer- B/Varsity (Time Changed) ND / WB vs. Col / W-MU @ Notre Dame High School	1:00pm Junior High Massed Choir 1:00pm Activities- Conference Holy Trinity vs. Multiple Schools @ Holy Trinity 4:30pm Track- B/Varsity Wapello vs. Multiple Schools @ Wapello High School 4:30pm Track- G/Varsity Fort Madison vs. Multiple Schools @ Fort Madison High School 5:00pm Soccer- B/Varsity Highland vs. ND / WB @ Highland High School 7:00pm Tennis- B/JV/Var ND / WB vs. Burlington @ Dankward Memorial Park	9:00am Golf- B/Varsity ND / WB vs. Multiple Schools @ Burlington Golf Club 9:00am Activities- Conference Central Lee vs. Multiple Schools @ Southeastern Community College	4:30am Tennis- B/JV/Var Keokuk vs. ND / WB @ Keokuk 4:30pm Track-JH WACO vs. Multiple Schools @ Waco High School 5:00pm Track- G/Varsity Winfield-Mount Union vs. Multiple Schools @ Winfield-Mt. Union High School 5:00pm Track- B/Varsity Mount Pleasant vs. Multiple Schools @ Napiesaf Athletic Complex	Spring Break 8:00am- 10:00pm Scrapbooking Retreat @ Multiple locations	8:00am- 10:00pm Scrapbooking Retreat @ Multiple locations 10:00am Soccer- G/Varsity ND / WB / Dan vs. Mount Vernon @ St. Vincent Athletic Complex Davenport, Iowa 12:15pm Soccer- G/Varsity ND / WB / Dan vs. Wahlert @ St. Vincent Athletic Complex Davenport, Iowa

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16	Spring Break 4:30pm Tennis- B/JV/Var ND / WB vs. Davis County @ Dankward Memorial Park 6:00pm School Board Meeting @ Board Room	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	



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

3
2 BBQ beef sandwich
Cheesy broccoli
Fruit mix
Milk

10
3 Chinese Orange Chix
Brown rice
Broccoli
Applesauce
Milk

17

NO SCHOOL

24
3 Chix nuggets
Cheese breadsticks
Mashed P. & gravy
Pineapple
Milk



Tuesday

4
3 Chicken tenders
Cheese breadsticks/HS
Tater tots
Pineapple
Milk

11
4 Cheeseburger
Baked beans
Mandarin oranges
Milk

18
3 BBQ burger
Country veggie mix
Peaches
Milk

25
4 Crisпитos
Baby carrots w/ranch
Mandarin oranges
Milk

Wednesday

5
4 Homestyle spaghetti
Mini garlic bread
Steamed corn
Banana
Milk

12
1 Turkey & gravy
Mashed potato
Dinner roll
Mix fruit
Milk

19
4 Hoagie sandwich
Baked beans
Banana
Milk

26
1 Tacos
Black beans
Apple slices
Milk



Thursday

6
1 Tenderloin sandwich
Baked beans
Kiwi
Milk

13
2 Chicken strips
Sweet potato fries
Dinner roll- only HS
Kiwi
Milk

20
1 Popcorn chicken
Baby carrots w/ranch
Fruit mix
Milk

27
2 Pizza
Corn
Peaches
Milk

Friday

7
2 Turkey cheese sand.
Baby carrots w/ ranch
Pears
Milk

14
NO SCHOOL

21
2 Teriyaki beef strips
Cheesy Broccoli
Dinner roll
Pears
Milk

28
3 Chix & cheese burrito
Broccoli
Kiwi
Milk



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