

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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Superintendent's Remarks

By David Schmitt



if there is a concern with your student's education. We want the WB experience to be a positive one for all of our students and families.

Student safety continues to be an ever-increasing question for students, parents, and school officials. The Iowa Department of Education is working with local school districts in improving school safety plans. This is a response to legislation passed by the State of Iowa last spring. West Burlington is in the process of developing a procedure to review and improve our current safety plan. We are enlisting all of the involved stakeholders such as law enforcement, fire department personnel, school leaders, and parents. This is not the complete list of involved stakeholders. West Burlington Independent School District is planning to utilize one of our early dismissal professional development afternoons to review safety protocols with staff members. As we rework our safety plan, those changes will be shared and reviewed with staff. The district leadership team has frequent internal discussions as to how much of the safety plan detail should be shared with parents and the community. We also have discussions as to the extent of active shooter drills we should practice. As we rework our safety plan, we will make those determinations at that time.

As the weather gets colder, inclement weather becomes more of a possibility. If you haven't registered for email or text message alerts, please do so soon. Text messages and emails are prompt communication channels when conditions are not conducive to holding school. The media outlets that announce school closings or delays are listed on page 5 of this publication. We try to strike a balance between not delaying or cancelling with the first snow flake versus keeping everyone safe. We will continue considering all stakeholders in making the school delay/cancellation decision.

Since November is the month of Thanksgiving, I thought would take the liberty and list some of the things I am thankful for. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful school. We are not perfect, but we work each and every day to get better. We have instances where bullying and harassment might apply. We do


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not, however, ignore the problem. We work hard to get a positive result for everyone involved. I am thankful for being part of such a caring, dedicated, and professional staff. Each staff member works hard to do her/his job to the best of her/his ability. Our staff places students first. Another thing I am thankful for is the school district's innovation and drive to get better. Our core instruction is great and through research, professional development, and implementation, we continue to hone and polish our instructional craft. I believe we have a good balance between academics, athletics and the fine arts. We believe all three programs can thrive together. The final aspect of our school is THE most important one. I am very thankful for our students. We have the best student body around. Our students are respectful, fun, and do what they are supposed to do. We have supportive parents and a staff that helps our students flourish. Our students are the best!


First quarter is now over and we are moving into the second quarter. Please let us know if you have questions, comments, or concerns. Contact me at david.schmitt@wbschools.us or (319) 752-8747, option #3.

Kids First! 

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>.” 

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

The 7th and 8th grade band had their fall concert on Thursday, October 25th. This concert was shared with the 7th-8th grade choir as well as the HS choir.

7th and 8th grade band lessons take place during the day and students come out of another class to receive their lesson. Every student chose the time and day for their lessons. 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 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.

The e-hall pass is being used this semester on a trial basis. The students lesson is scheduled into the system with their name, time and classroom teacher. When their lesson time is approved, it pops up on the student and teacher Chromebook. Hopefully this will aid the students in remembering to attend.

I am still sending out daily reminders of lesson times to the students and the teachers so we should not have any issue with lesson attendance. 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. I update the band grades daily.

High School Band

Marching Band

The marching band season came and went with hot, cold, and/or rainy weather! We missed the Wilton Festival due to rainy, muddy conditions. State went well and the students were only 2.7 points away from a "I" rating! They were very impressive! This young band is starting to mature and with their level of performance is improving!! This is very encouraging.

The future looks bright for the Marching Falcons as long as our parents encourage their sons/daughters to practice at home and stay in band! We lose the most students in the 8th grade to high school transition.

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High School Jazz Band

The high school jazz band started Monday, October 29th. The jazz band will rehearse every Day "B" from 7:30AM to 8:13AM. Those students who have Zero Hour PE on a daily basis will need to make arrangements with their teacher until jazz band ends in March.

The band will perform for service organizations in December and at the Falcon Follies Friday, March 1st. We will also plan on competing in the SEIBA Jazz Band Festival on Saturday, March 2nd at Iowa City West High School.

2021 High School Music Department Performance Trip

Students in HS band and/or choir will be taking their trip to Florida the Spring of 2021. Each ensemble will perform when we are there. The students in grades 7th-10th started raising funds for this trip by selling Red Wheel frozen food products. We will continue to do this in the fall and in the spring every year. Students receive 40% of the profit and that money goes into an account held by the Fine Arts Boosters. This fall's fundraiser started October 12th and the items will be delivered to the school on Monday, November 19th and should be picked up for delivery at 3:30PM. ☒



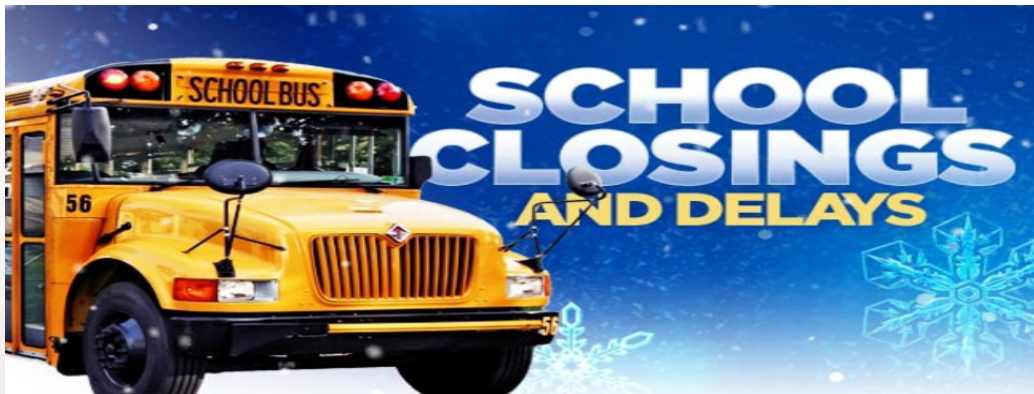
School Breakfast Facts

A great breakfast program is offered at school every day!

Here are some fun facts about school breakfast:



- *It's easy!* Instead of running around in the morning trying to make sure your children eat a healthy meal, let us do the work. They can get a great breakfast at school, and there will be no dishes for you to wash!
- *It's affordable!* If qualified, your child may be able to get breakfast at a reduced price or for free. If your child already eats a free or reduced price lunch, they automatically qualify for a free or reduced price breakfast.
- *It's tasty!* Schools now have more variety to choose from when deciding what to offer your children for breakfast. Request a menu so you can view what your child may be eating at school.
- *It's good for the brain!* Research suggests that not having breakfast can affect children's intellectual performance (CDC). ❏



Social Media



West Burlington Independent School District



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TV

WHBF - Channel 4
KWQC - Channel 6
WQAD - Channel 8
KTVO - Channel 4



Radio

KBUR-AM 1490 KKMI-FM 93.5
KBKB-AM 1360 KDMG-FM 103.1
KGRS -FM107.3
KBKB-FM 101.7

November, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>4:00pm-8:00pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ West Burlington Elementary</p> <p>5:00pm Basketball- G/JH Notre Dame @ Notre Dame High School</p>	<p>2:15pm Early Out</p>	
	<p>8:00am-11:00am Grandparents Day @ West Burlington Elementary</p> <p>4:30pm Wrestling-JH ND / WB / Dan vs. Multiple Schools @ Notre Dame High School</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball-G/JH Van Buren @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p> <p>6:00pm-8:00pm School Board Work Session @ Board Room</p>			<p>4:30pm Wrestling- JH Wapello vs. Multiple Schools @ Wapello High School</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball- G/JH WACO @ Waco High School</p>	<p>7:45am-11:45am Blood Drive @ JH Gym</p> <p>2:15pm Early Out</p>	
<p>12:00pm-4:00pm Great River Hospice @ HS Auditorium</p>	<p>4:30pm Wrestling- JH Lone Tree vs. Multiple Schools @ Lone Tree High School</p> <p>7:10pm Basketball- G/Varsity Keokuk @ Iowa Wesleyan College</p>		<p>8:00am-4:00pm School Board Convention</p>	<p>8:00am-4:00pm School Board Convention</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball- G/JH Cardinal @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p>	<p>8:00am-4:00pm School Board Convention</p> <p>2:15pm Early Out</p>	<p>2:00pm Basketball- G/JV Fort Madison @ Fort Madison High School</p> <p>3:30pm Basketball- B/JV Fort Madison @ Fort Madison High School</p> <p>5:00pm Basketball- G/Varsity Fort Madison @ Fort Madison High School</p> <p>6:30pm Basketball- B/Varsity Fort Madison @ Fort Madison High School</p>
	<p>TBD Basketball- B/Varsity Keokuk @ Holy Trinity Catholic High School</p> <p>4:30pm Wrestling- JH Louisa-Muscatine vs. Multiple Schools @ Louisa-Muscatine High School</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball- G/JH Central Lee @ Central Lee High School</p> <p>6:00pm-8:00pm School Board Meeting @ Board Room</p>		<p>Autumn Vacation</p>	<p>Autumn Vacation</p>	<p>Autumn Vacation</p>	<p>Autumn Vacation</p>

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<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:30pm Wrestling-JH ND / WB / Dan vs. Multiple Schools @ Notre Dame High School</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball-G/JH Danville @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Van Buren @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p> <p>6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Van Buren @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p> <p>6:00pm Basketball-B/JV Van Buren @ West Burlington High School, JH Gym</p> <p>7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Van Buren @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00pm-8:00pm 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ West Burlington Junior/Senior High School</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball-G/JH (Location Changed) New London @ West Burlington High School, HS Gym</p> <p>6:00pm Wrestling-Varsity ND / WB / Dan vs. Multiple Schools @ Notre Dame High School</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2:15pm Early Out</p> <p>4:00pm Wrestling-Varsity Independence vs. ND / WB / Dan @ Independence Jr/Sr High</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball-G/JV WACO @ Waco High School</p> <p>4:30pm Basketball-B/JV WACO @ Waco High School</p> <p>4:30pm Wrestling-JH Pekin vs. ND / WB / Dan @ Pekin High School</p> <p>5:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Wapello vs. Multiple Schools @ Wapello High School</p> <p>6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity WACO @ Waco High School</p> <p>7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity WACO @ Waco High School</p>
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November 2018

West Burlington Schools

LUNCH



School Information: Get more bang for your buck. School breakfast is only \$ 1.75 per student or .30 reduced price. "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 Orange chicken
Brown rice
Broccoli
Pineapple
Milk

- 4 Teriyaki chicken
Brown rice
Broccoli
Tropical fruit
Milk

- 1 Crispito w/salsa
Corn
Mixed fruit
Milk

- 3 Chicken patty sandwich
Cheesy broccoli
Peaches
Milk

Tuesday

- 4 Cheeseburger
Baked beans
Mixed fruit
Milk

- 1 Pipin hot Pizza
Buttered Corn
Pears
Milk

- 2 Chicken nuggets
Dinner roll-HS
Sweet potato fries
Mandarin oranges
Milk

- 4 Garlic french bread boat
Diced carrots
Apple slices
Milk

Wednesday



- 1 Tenderloin sandwich
Tater rounds
Fresh grapes
Milk

- 2 Turkey & gravy on
Mashed potatoes
Dinner roll
Fresh orange
Milk

- A U T

- 1 Cheeseburger
Tater rounds
Mandarin oranges
Milk

Thursday

- 1 Salisbury steak
Dinner roll
Green beans
Pears
Milk

- 2 Chicken nuggets
Cheese breadstick-HS
Green beans
Peaches
Milk

- 3 Tacos
Black beans
Peaches
Milk

- M N B R

- 2 Spaghetti
Garlic breadstick
Green beans
Pineapple
Milk

Friday

- 2 Turkey & cheese sandwich
Buttered corn
Applesauce
Milk

- 3 Garlic french bread boat
Baby carrots w/ranch
Apple slices
Milk

- 4 Popcorn chicken
Cheese breadsticks-HS
Sweet potato criscuits
Mixed fruit
Milk

- E A K

- 3 Chicken fajita
Black beans
Applesauce
Milk

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