

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



October 2017

Principal's Corner

The year is off to a great start! Thank you for your help in getting good routines established with your students in terms of reading, homework and attendance. Looking forward to seeing you all at conferences! Feel free to stop in and say hello!

Calling All Veterans

We are compiling a list of veterans among our school community. (parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, friends, etc.) Plans to celebrate Veteran's Day are in the works and we would like to extend an invitation to our veterans that have a connection to our kiddos to join us. If you know of a veteran within our school community, please share it with us. Please email me at theresa.ritters@wbschools.us or call the Elementary Office. We need name, address, phone number and branch of service of those veterans. We would like this information by Monday, October 16th. Thanks so much!

Let's Celebrate

West Burlington Elementary celebrates good character, hard work and responsibility! Each month, our school is going to join together to recognize students for some of the following:

1. Perfect Attendance
2. PBIS Awards/Character Awards
3. Meeting reading/math goals
4. Other special recognitions

Parents are always welcome to join us in the celebration assembly. Our first one is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th at 2:45! Join us if you are able!

Attendance Reminders

We want families to establish good habits in regards to attending school regularly and on-time. Good attendance is a key piece to student success in school. Keep in mind, the school has the final say if an absence is excused or unexcused. Letters will be mailed out when attendance rises to the level of concern.

- Call in and report absences by 9:00 a.m.
- Family emergencies require parents/guardians to notify the principal in order for it to be excused.
- Family vacations and non-school competitions/extracurricular activities must be cleared with the office a minimum of 4 days in advance.
- If your child has a lot of illnesses, a doctor's note or trip to the school nurse may be required.
- AM Tardies will result in a ¼ day unexcused absence.
- Excessive absences and tardies may be referred for truancy.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Book Fair Starts	3 Conferences 4-8 pm	4 KDG Field Trip 8:30am -1pm Recognition Assembly 2:45 pm	5 Conferences 4-8 pm	6 Early Out 2:15 pm	7
8	9 Grandparent's Day	10	11	12 TK Field Trip 9:15am – 12:30pm	13 Early Out 2:15pm	14
15	16 PTO meeting 5:30pm	17 5 th Grade Band – 7:00 pm at HS Aud.	18		20 Early Out 2:15 pm PTO Pumpkin Contest	21
22	23 RED RIBBON WEEK	24 Quarter 1 Ends	25 Staff Work Day – No School	26 Red Ribbon Week Parade 2:30 pm Quarter 2 Begins	27 Early Out 2:15pm	28
29	30 Preschool Dental Screens	31	November 1	2	3 Early Out 2:15pm	4

Watch for a flier coming home about Red Ribbon Week!

Nurse's Notes

Head Lice - We have had several cases of Head Lice at school. What can you do? Parents, grandparents and guardians are key to looking for and treating head lice! The Iowa Department of Public Health advises parents to spend 15 minutes each week on each child carefully looking for head lice or nits. Persons with nits within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the scalp OR live lice should be treated. Careful use of a nit comb can potentially remove all lice. Each child should have his or her own comb or brush. Teach your child NOT to share hats, scarves, brushes, combs, and hair fasteners. We have a brochure in the office if you need more information.



Illness - We have seen several types of illness already these past few weeks. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently and cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing. Symptoms to keep your child home include: fever, vomiting and diarrhea. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours (without medication) and should not come to school if they have vomited in the morning. Please call the school and leave a message if your child will be missing school.

Influenza (Flu): There have been confirmed cases of Influenza already in Iowa. The CDC projects it to be a severe flu season. Please call your doctor to schedule a flu shot.

Medications: If your child has to take medication at school we have a form that needs to be filled out. If you are sending medication to school, even if it is short term prescription or over the counter, we must have a note with the following: Name of student, Original box with directions, Last dose given, Next dose needed, and whether to send home or keep at school. There are very strict regulations from the state for the dispensing of medications to our students. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Stephanie King, WB Elementary School Nurse

Grandparent's Day

Monday, October 9, 2017 grandparents of our elementary students are invited to our school to eat brunch. This is a very special day at school for our students. Students are proud to have a grandparent come to school and be a part of their day. Grandparents are welcome to visit the classroom for ten minutes prior to the brunch. This will be a time for each student to share his/her classroom. Immediately following the classroom visit, each class will have brunch in the gymnasium.

If a student's grandparent is unable to come, he/she may invite ONE special adult guest. RSVP's are required to attend. Due to our limited space, we are not able to accommodate younger children during this event. It is important for us to stick to the schedule due to the lunch schedule. Please arrive only a couple of minutes before the scheduled classroom visit. Parking is very limited, and we ask that you follow the schedule so others have parking places to attend this event with their grandchildren.

A Book Fair is being held in the library during Grandparents' Day. Students have wish lists, and you are welcome to purchase books from their list or visit the library with them while you are here. The following is the schedule for the day. Please keep this information on hand.

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>CLASSROOM VISIT</u>	<u>EAT BRUNCH</u>	<u>TOUR/RECESS</u>
Fifth	8:20-8:30	8:30-8:50	8:50-9:10
Third	8:30-8:40	8:40-9:00	9:00-9:20
Fourth	8:50-9:00	9:00-9:20	9:20-9:40
Second	9:10-9:20	9:20-9:40	9:40-10:00
Kindergarten	9:30-9:40	9:40-10:00	10:00-10:20
First	9:50-10:00	10:00-10:20	10:20-10:40



Counselor News

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Hopefully, you are hearing from your child about some of the new and exciting things going on at West Burlington Elementary as it relates to behavioral expectations. This school year we are proudly implementing P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support) which is a framework supported by the Iowa Department of Education and the West Burlington Independent School District to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. As part of the P.B.I.S. framework, the expectations for all student behaviors will be clear throughout our classrooms, playground, lunchroom, gym, bathrooms, and hallways.

Our staff will verbally acknowledge students' appropriate behaviors and reinforce them by giving out PBIS tickets. These tickets then allow for students to possibly earn rewards for their good behavior. What does PBIS look like at West Burlington Elementary? We will be using three consistent school expectations: Be Respectful; Be Responsible; Be Safe. You will see these expectations posted throughout the building. Please show support for our P.B.I.S. program by taking time to discuss the expectations at school with your students and encourage them to think about how they can practice Respect, Responsibility, and Safety at home.

We will celebrate Red Ribbon week this month at school. Our school theme this year will be "Roll with me I'm Staying Drug Free" Please take advantage of this time to discuss the dangers of drugs and alcohol with your students. We will be focusing on the benefits of living a drug free life! A Red Ribbon week calendar will be sent home at a later time with the students detailing the weekly activities.

I would like to remind you of the importance of getting your students to school on time. When students are tardy they may feel anxious as they start out their day. If you find your family is always in a rush to get out the door in the morning try waking up just 15 minutes early. It also helps to create and maintain routines such as; having book bags packed and waiting by the door, picking out clothes before going to bed, and having breakfast meals preplanned.

Thank You,

Mrs. Levinson



Pumpkin Party



Tailgate



Join us before cheering on our Falcons
Friday, October 20th from 6-7 pm
for a free will donation supper and bake sale
@ WB Elementary Parking Lot

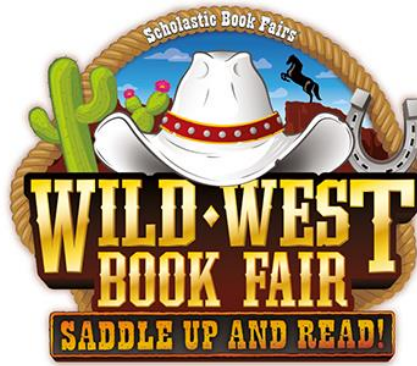


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**Classroom pumpkins will be on display for
voting and up for silent auction!**

*Prizes will be awarded to the classrooms with
the most votes and highest bid*



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 up 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.

Our Book Fair will be **October 2nd-October 9th**. We will also be open from 4-8 during Parent Teacher Conferences **October 3rd and 5th**. Students will be shopping on the days listed below.

Monday October 2nd- 5-Shipp, 3-Elliott, 4-Leopard, 1-Marlow, K- Garrells, 2-Williams

Tuesday October 3rd- 5-Schmidt, 3-Gunn, 4-Morey, 1-Claypool, K-Springsteen, 2-Bush

Wednesday October 4th- 5-Henry, 3-Mickey, 4-Hoskins, 1-Dotson, K-Hillyard, 2-Lamb

Thursday October 5th- 5-Nehring, 3-Watkins, 4-Mineart, K-Laffoon, 2-Sleister

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/westburlingtonelemschool>

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

