

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



November 2017

Principal's Corner

- **Cooler temperatures are just around the corner. Please make sure your children come equipped with coats, gloves, hats, etc. to stay warm at recess.**
- **Regular attendance at school is so important! Please make every effort to get your student here and on-time each day. We are in contact with families if attendance is becoming a concern.**

Celebration Time

We were excited to see so many parents, grandparents and special guests at our last reward's assembly. Join us again Wednesday, November 8th at 2:45 to celebrate the good character, hard work and responsibility of our students. Hope to see you there!

23rd Annual Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 23, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Burlington High School Cafeteria
Come and enjoy a free Thanksgiving meal!

Food donations of fruit pies and jello salads should be taken to the High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, November 22nd between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Donations of canned cranberry sauce, apple juice, #10 cans of corn and green beans can be taken to the Burlington Public Library before November 22nd. Turkeys can be purchased at the Hy-Vee on Agency where they will be prepared. Cash/Check donations can be mailed to Community Action, 2850 Mt. Pleasant St., Ste. 108, Burlington, IA. To volunteer, please call the Burlington Public Library at 753-1647 or use link on web page to sign up.

PLACEMATS are needed. Please use 8 ½ x14 (legal size) paper or larger and create placemats for the dinner. Bring to library by Wednesday November 22nd.

Upcoming PTO Events

- Monday, November 20: Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 20: Pick up for braided bread will be 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary Gym
- Friday, December 8: Santa's Secret Shop event from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Picture Retakes	3 Early Out 2:15 pm	4
5	6	7 Preschool Field Trip – Fire Station	8 Celebration Assembly 2:45	9	10 Veterans Day Celebration Early Out 2:15 pm	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Early Out 2:15 pm	18
19	20 Braided Bread pickup 3:30-5:30 pm PTO meeting 5:30pm School Board 6:00pm	21	22 AUTUMN BREAK- No School	23 AUTUMN BREAK- No School	24 AUTUMN BREAK-No School	25
26	27	28	29	30	December 1 Early Out 2:15 pm	2

Lion's Club Vision Screening for Pre-School

There will be vision screening for Pre-school students on Wednesday, November 15th. AM Pre-school will be at 9:00 am and PM Pre-school will be at 1:30 pm. If there is a concern identified with your child's vision, a note will be sent home. If you do not want your child screened, please let the office know.

Veteran's Day Celebration

Plans are in the making for celebrating Veteran's Day at West Burlington Elementary. We ask that all students and staff come dressed in red, white and blue on Friday, November 10th to show our patriotism and appreciation for our Veterans.

Nurse's Notes

Head Lice - We have had many cases of Head Lice at school. Is your child at risk? Yes. Head lice will spread as long as children play together. They spread almost completely through human hair to hair contact and pets do not spread lice. What does head lice look like? Adult lice are the size of a sesame seed and can be seen by the human eye. They lay nits (eggs) on the hair shaft. Live nits are found less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the scalp and most often on the hair at the back of the head in the neck region. Some children will complain of itchiness but many have no symptoms.



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.

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.

Fall/Winter Clothing: The weather has changed and fall is here. Please send your student with appropriate coats, hats and mittens if needed. Students go out for recess unless it is raining or the temperature is 9 degrees or below. (Hopefully we won't be seeing these temps soon!) Please have students check the Lost and Found for any missing sweatshirts, coats or other misc. lost items.

Counselor News



Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to thank all parents, students, staff, and community members for their support in our Red Ribbon Week Celebration. The students showed their school spirit by participating in the daily events and making a pledge to live a drug free life.

Sometimes it's difficult to get our students to open up and discuss their school day at home. Here are a few conversation starters that may be helpful if you're facing this challenge:

“Let's see what you brought home today.” This allows you to look over your student's daily work and see how well they are doing. This is a great time for positive praise.

“Show me what you have for homework today.” This shows your student that you expect homework to be done. You should also ask to look over their homework when it is finished to check that it was correctly done. This is a great time for you to express your support of their academics.

“Describe a book you enjoyed today.” This gives you an idea of what your student prefers to read. Encourage listening and reading skills by reading aloud to them and allowing them to read to you.

“Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about.” This allows insight into what your student is interested in. This can help guide future plans for outings.

Thank you –

Tamara Levinson, School Counselor

Library News

Thank you to all the families, students, grandparents, and friends that helped us have such a successful Scholastic Book Fair! We also would like to thank the parents and grandparents that volunteered their time helping us out on Grandparent's Day! This year was a highly successful fair! We sold 2077 books to our students. This broken down into minutes read would be 373,889 minutes! What a great way to get our students excited to read! All of the money we earn from the Book Fair is used to purchase new books for our library! The students are already asking when we'll be getting more new books! Thank you again to everyone!

Scholastic also offers a great website for teachers, parents, and kids. Children can look at new books, play games related to books, create their own comic, take polls, and more! Parents can use this website for suggestions for new books and activities that will enhance their child's learning. Parents can print off printables for their children based on different activities. To access this website go to www.scholastic.com and select parents or kids to explore all they have to offer!

Reminder for Parents, Grandparents, and Family Members

Treats for Classrooms - Please have all treats / snacks come to the office. They will be taken to the classroom at teachers requested time for snacks. Please have the label from the store, ingredients listed and carbohydrate count attached to treats. Classroom treats must meet one of the following:

- Prepared at Grocery Store Bakery or Licensed Restaurant. Baked good items must be in the original containers, sealed with the tag and marked with the items it contains.
- Prepacked and store bought (Ex. Goldfish Crackers, String Cheese, etc...)
- In - Home / Independent Bakeries will require a certificate stating that the bakery has been inspected by the County Health Department.



No Exceptions will be made. Treats that do not meet one of the above requirements will not be served to the students. If you have a question about a particular bakery, please call the office to see if we have a certificate on file.

Flowers and Balloons - the school requests that no flowers or balloons be delivered to students at school. If deliveries do occur, they will be given to students at the end of the school day.

