

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



March 2018

Principal's Corner

- Iowa Tests are officially complete! Thank you for partnering with us to motivate and encourage our kiddos!
- We are at the time of year where the weather is constantly changing. Please make sure students have appropriate clothing/coats for recess. We require students to have coats/jackets and keep those on if it is chilly.
- We strive to keep the building safe and secure. Between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., we require all visitors and parents to check in and out at the elementary office. Once students are in the building, we do limit the amount of activity in and around the building to help achieve this safe and secure environment. If you wish to visit or meet with a teacher before or after school, it's best to schedule those ahead of time. If there is an immediate need, we will strive to make those happen if there isn't a previously scheduled meeting.
- Several parents have also inquired about our procedures and practices in responding to school violence and intruders. Please know we do have response procedures in place and follow the ALICE procedures at WB Elementary. Feel free to visit <https://www.alicetraining.com/> for additional information.

Celebration Time

We will be holding our February Celebration Assembly on Wednesday, March 7th at 2:45 p.m. We will be recognizing perfect attendance, math awards, class recognitions and the BUG Award.

FUN FEST RAFFLE TICKETS

Students will be selling raffle tickets for the Fun Fest March 5th – March 23rd. Please make sure the selling student's name, buyer's name and phone number are on the ticket when turned in. Drawing will be April 5th and prizes will be available for pickup at the Fun Fest Friday April 6th.

Pre-registration for 4-Year Old Preschool and Kindergarten for 2018- 2019

Preschool: If your child will be 4 by September 15, 2018, please stop in to pre-register your child for preschool. Preregistration for preschool will end March 15th. This is when lists will be made so families can begin planning for next year.

Kindergarten: If your child will be 5 by September 15, 2018, please pre-register your child for kindergarten by calling 754-5726. Please make certain you talk directly to the office staff and don't leave the information on a voice mail.

See next page for roundup information.

PTO Needs Volunteers for Fun Fest April 6th

We are in need of volunteers for the PTO Fun Fest to be held on Friday April 6th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.. There will be: silent auction, games, supper, crafts, face painting, games, raffles, photo booth, and many more fun activities. Please consider helping out on April 6th for the Fun Fest by contacting: Janelle Kramer at janelle.kramer@cir2.com

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			28 Dr. Seuss's Birthday Family Event at 2:45 pm	1	2 Early Out 2:15pm	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Early Out 2:15pm	10
11	12 Career Fair 5 th Grade 9 -11:30 am	13	14	15 Preschool Pre- registration due	16 Early Out 2:15pm	17
18	19 School Board meeting 6:30 pm PTO Meets 5:30 PM	20 Spring Pics AM QTR 3 Ends	21 In-service Day – No school	22 QTR 4 Begins	23 Early Out 2:15 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 No School – Spring Break -	31

Day of the Child at Westland Mall

Day of the Child at Westland Mall is Sunday April 15th, 2018 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Day of the Child is an annual event for children and families. Over 30 organizations and agencies will be set up to provide information, games, arts, crafts, activities, giveaways and entertainment.

Attention Parents for Grades 3-5: We need your input!

We are partnering with BrightBytes, an educational software company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use. The goal is to gather data on technology access and skills in order to understand the connection between technology use and student achievement. For that reason, we are reaching out to ask you to take part in a Clarity Parent survey. Your participation is essential in helping us form a more complete picture of technology use for learning in your child's life.

To participate in our Clarity Parent survey, please visit:

<https://bbyt.es/start/4M7JC>

Click on the parent box. We ask that responses be complete by March 31, 2018. Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy.

Thanks so much!

WEST BURLINGTON KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP PARENT MEETING for 2018-2019 School Year

Round Up is an informational meeting for **PARENTS** of children who will be 5 years old by **September 15, 2018** **AND** will be attending West Burlington Elementary School.

WHEN: April 23, 2018

TIME: 5:00 TO 5:30 P.M. Drop off completed forms.

TIME: 5:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. Parent Meeting

WHERE: West Burlington Elementary

ITEMS TO BRING: Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Completed forms.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR STUDENT BY CALLING THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE at 754-5726. (Please do not leave any information on voicemail.)

Paperwork / Forms are currently available in the office.

In the past, we have invited all students in for an afternoon or morning session. This year, we will only be inviting students who do not currently attend our WB Elementary Falcon Preschool to an afternoon/morning of assessments.

Share this info with families you know with Kindergartners starting at WB Elementary next year!

Don't forget this awesome donation opportunity!! Recycle your cans and plastic bottles in the WB PTO bin next to the school! Our school receives .04 per can/bottle and Hope Haven receives .01 per can/bottle. That can sure add up to a generous donation to both AMAZING organizations!!



PTO HAPPENINGS - MARCH AND APRIL

West Burlington Students & Families:

This year, our **FUN FEST** will be held on April 6th, 2018 from 5-8pm. Students will be selling raffle tickets from March 5th-March 23rd. Raffle tickets are \$1 a piece or 20 tickets for \$10. Each student will be sent home with 2 sheets of tickets to start. Please have the buyer's name and phone number listed on each ticket. The selling student's full name should be on the ticket too. You can request more tickets from homeroom teachers and/or the office. Please send cash or check (made out to West Burlington PTO) and full sheets of tickets (if possible) to students home room teacher. You can send tickets and money back daily. We are encouraging students to sell their 20 tickets. You do not need to cut the tickets. Drawing will be held April 5th and winning names and prizes will be available for pickup during the Fun Fest. You do not need to be present to win!! All winning prizes not picked up @ Fun Fest will be called and available to pickup at the Elementary School on Monday. Top seller in each grade will win a Fun Fest Game Pass for free! So students, your challenge is on! Sell those tickets!! All proceeds go right back into WB Elementary!!

Some awesome raffle items you can win:

- *Family Pass to Iowa City Children's Museum
- *Shottenkirk-2 free oil changes
- *Casey's Gift Cards
- *Fun City game bucks cards
- *Stampin Up Gift Basket
- *A&W Mugs & Root Beer Float Coupon
- *Norwex, Damsel In Defense, Scentsy, LulaRoe gifts
- *\$20.00 GourmetGiftBasket.com gift certificate
- *DQ Gift Certificates
- *One night stay at any Drury Hotel
- *4 Shedd's Aquarium Tickets
- *More items coming in daily!!!!
- *Autographed photo Cubs player Tommy LaStella
- *Free pizza coupons
- *Family Museum tickets
- *AirFX Family Fun Pass
- *Becker's Pearl Bracelet
- *Bickel's \$25 Gift Certificate, Water Bottle, Discs
- *4 Tickets to Play Station
- *Pancheros Gift Basket
- *Family Pass- Iowa City Children's Museum
- *YMCA 6 month youth membership
- *Iowa Cubs & Burlington Bees tickets

SILENT AUCTION GIFT BASKETS

Our annual Fun Fest carnival will be held Friday, April 6th, 2018. Each year classes donate items to help make a gift basket used for the silent auction during the Fun Fest. This year, each grade level is given a "theme" to make 1 or 2 large baskets for the silent auction. We are asking for your help. There are 2 ways you can donate. We will be accepting cash/check donations. Monetary donations will be used to purchase "larger" items for the baskets. We will also be collecting any new items that go with the "theme" basket. PTO has included a list of ideas for our themed basket. Your child can bring any donations to their home room teacher. We can't thank you enough for your continued support! All donations need to be turned in by March 28th, 2018.

Thank you for supporting West Burlington Elementary PTO!

Nurse's Notes

We have seen several types of illness this past month. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently and cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing.

Influenza A and B symptoms are fever, body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, coughing and fatigue. Stomach Flu symptoms are vomiting and diarrhea. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours (without medication) and 24 hours from last active flu symptoms to return to school.

It is important to take your children for yearly well child checks, 6 month checkups with dentist and keep immunizations up to date. Remember that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and the Elementary serves breakfast from 7:35 am – 7:55 am every day.



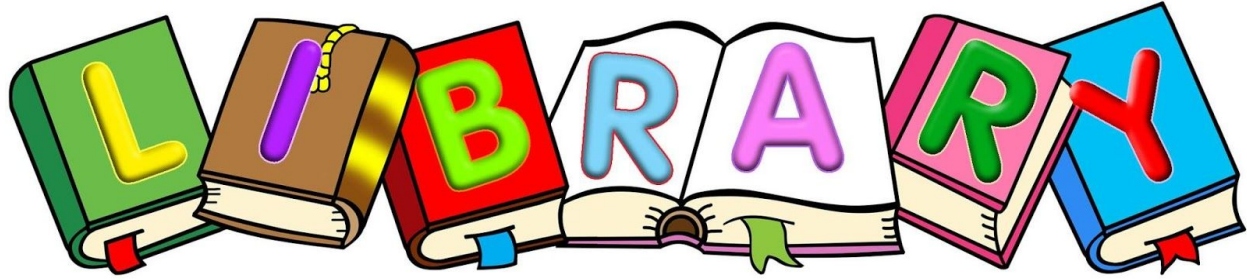
Counselor News

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Our fifth grade students will be attending the Career Day at S.C.C. on Monday March 12th. Please take time to discuss this experience with your students and ask them about presentations they enjoyed.

Please remember to read with your students every day for at least 10 – 15 minutes. If you are struggling with your student to read try letting them choose every other book that you read, go slowly and talk about the illustrations, and be playful by using different voices for different characters. Your student will love spending time with you and having fun.

Thank You,
Tamara Levinson



Thank You from the Library!

Thank you for all of your purchases from the Book Fair! Through each sale we are able to earn new books for our library! The students get so excited when we get new books! We were able to buy most of the books offered from the Book Fair plus more online! Thank you again for supporting our Book Fair!

Book Swap

Our Book Swap was very successful!! Thank you so much for all of the book donations. We have several classes where the whole class was able to pick out a new book! The students seemed very excited to do this as well!

Read Across America

We read several Dr. Seuss books during Media Skills during Read Across America week! Students did several writing activities on Google Docs and Slides based off of the Dr. Seuss books that were read. 1st Grade did a writing activity on what they would do if the Cat in the Hat came to our school, Kindergarten read Green Eggs and Ham and wrote a sentence in Google Docs about a food they like and did not like and then added pictures. Third grade students heard the book, Bartholomew and the Oobleck. Fourth grade read, If I Ran the Zoo, and wrote a story titled, If I Ran the School. The students did a great job using their imagination on these papers! Fifth grade played Kahoot.it. This game asked questions based on books he wrote. The students seemed to really enjoy their activities this week!

