

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flier



September 2016

Principal's Corner

Welcome back to the 2016 – 2017 school year! The year has started off great! I think we would all agree that the new playground is a huge hit! Thank you for working with us on the pick up/drop off procedures. Things are going smoothly and quickly. And, our students are so much safer! We couldn't be more pleased with this process. The lines of communication are always open. Feel free to share positives or concerns with me at any time. This is going to be a fabulous year!

Please "like" the West Burlington Elementary Principal's page on Facebook. (Titled: Elem Principal West Burlington) This will be used to communicate and highlight activities, events and information for West Burlington Elementary. <https://www.facebook.com/elem.westburlington>

Parent Teacher Conferences

Teachers will meet with parents at scheduled times between 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Those times will be sent home with students mid to end of September.

Pick Up/Drop Off Reminders

For the most part things are going great! Thanks for doing your part in making it go so well and helping us keep our students safe. We continue to evaluate our procedures and welcome any suggestions.

A few reminders:

1. Please do not drop off on the red painted curb area in the front of the school building.
2. If you choose to drop off on a **non painted** curb, please pull all the way over to the curb.
3. Use the cross walk to cross the street.
4. Drop off and pick up at the cross walk is not allowed.
5. Pull ALL the way up in the pick up/drop off lane to keep traffic moving. This is important in the morning and afternoon.

Pick up/Drop off can take place in the following areas:

- NON painted curbs only. Please pull over to the curb BEFORE letting kids out. (if the curb is yellow or red, this isn't an approved area) Note: Directly in front of the school is a "Red Curb Zone."
- Pick Up/Drop off lane in the north parking lot (Trust me...this is working very well! Quick and fast! And the safest!)
- An area down the street that you have designated with your child.

Thanks again for helping us achieve our motto of Kids First!

September/October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Early Out 2:15	3
4	5 No School Labor Day	6 Preschool Begins	7	8	9 Early Out 2:15	10
11	12	13	14	15 Picture Day	16 Early Out 2:15	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Early Out 2:15	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Early Out 2:15	October 1
2	3	4 Conf. 4-8pm	5	6 Conf. 4-8pm	7	8

Home Football Games

- ❖ Students are expected to sit with their parents at all times
- ❖ No balls or other toys will be allowed.
- ❖ Anyone attending WB sporting events must present their sport's pass for entry. No exceptions. If you leave the game, you will be expected to pay to re-enter.
 - Without your pass, you will be required to pay to enter the game.
 - If you lose your pass, it can be replaced by contacting Shawna at the Superintendent's Office.

Mark your calendars: Grandparent's Day is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 10th!

Elementary School Counselor News

Welcome Back Students!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am looking forward to an exciting new year. As the School Counselor, I am committed to providing a comprehensive, developmental counseling program addressing the personal/social, academic and career development of all students.

As the year progresses I will be visiting classrooms to engage the students in guidance lessons and meeting with students in small groups to work on social skills. If you feel your child would benefit from some small group counseling sessions please let me know.

Please check out my monthly Home & School Connection Newsletter that is on the School Website listed under Elementary School. This newsletter is filled with great information and tips to help keep you involved in your child's education.

You can reach me with any questions or concerns by my school e-mail or phone. Please let me know if you would prefer to set up a time to meet in my office.

Thank You,

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West Burlington Elementary PTO Wants YOU!

*Our organization has been very lucky to have some amazing volunteers over the past several years. Unfortunately, we have gradually lost members due to children growing older, families moving out of the area, etc. **We are in need of more members and volunteers** in order to make these events possible. Our goal is to have enough members and volunteers so that nobody has to do them all. There are some very exciting things happening at West Burlington Elementary and we would love for you to be a part of it!*

Here are some ways that you can help:

- Join your PTO – attend monthly meetings when you can to discuss and organize fundraisers and events. We welcome new ideas and encourage participation. If you're concerned about child care we have high school students who will volunteer to help entertain your children during the meetings. Our meetings are normally going to be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Meeting times and dates are subject to change.*
- Volunteer your time at any of our events. We are always looking for parents to help set up, prepare, work during events and clean up after events. Your time commitment can be big or small. We understand that everyone is busy and your time may be limited. Every little bit helps!*
- Be involved with your child's classroom and help the teachers communicate classroom activities and PTO activities to other parents*
- Participate in our fundraisers*
- Follow our Facebook page (West Burlington Elementary PTO) to stay informed*
- Monetary donations of any size are appreciated*

We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have! Please contact any of the following PTO members:

<i>Karen Brobston, VP</i>	<i>319-759-6491</i>	<i>Amber Claypool, Teacher</i>	<i>319-754-5726</i>
<i>Lisa Bence, Treasurer</i>	<i>319-759-5149</i>	<i>Miranda Bernhart, Teacher</i>	<i>319-754-5726</i>
<i>Michelle Sperflage</i>	<i>319-931-6984</i>	<i>Theresa Ritters, Principal</i>	<i>319-754-5726</i>
<i>Janelle Kramer, Secretary</i>		<i>Pat Poggemiller, Box Tops</i>	

*The first PTO meeting of the school year will be on **Thursday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.** in the teacher's workroom. We hope to see you there!*

West Burlington Elementary PTO

What we do:

- *Organize fundraisers to help pay for*
 - *Field Trips*
 - *Special educational presentations at school (Character Counts Production)*
 - *Extra classroom needs & supplies*
 - *Help with bigger school projects (purchasing the electronic sign in front of the school, assisting with the purchase of playground equipment and resurfacing)*
 - *Meals for teachers during parent-teacher conferences*
 - *Snacks for kids taking ITBS*
 - *Rewards for kids meeting goals*
 - *Red Ribbon Week*
- *Coordinate Family Fun events such as*
 - *Elementary tailgating at Homecoming*
 - *Santa Shop*
 - *Fun Fest*
 - *Other special school events (family reading night, world geography night)*
- *How we raise money*
 - *Box tops – send them to school with your kids. Each quarter the classroom with the most box tops wins a class party!*
 - *Pop cans – drop off your redeemable cans and plastic bottles in the bin located on the south end of the elementary*
 - *Free will donations*
 - *Yearbook sales*
 - *T-shirt/Sweatshirt sales*
 - *Braided Bread fundraiser*
 - *Santa shop*
 - *Fun Fest with silent auction*