

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



October 2016

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 attempting to compile 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 19th. 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. Displays of good character
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 12th 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.
- Five tardies will result in a half-day unexcused absence.
- Excessive absences and tardies may be referred for truancy.

October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Book Fair Starts	4 Conferences 4-8 pm	5 Field Trip – KG	6 Conferences 4-8 pm	7 Book Fair Ends Early Out 2:15pm	8
9	10 Grandparent's Day Fire Prevention Week	11	12	13	14 Early Out 2:15 pm PTO Tailgate 6:00 pm	15
16	17	18 Fall Concert – 5 th /6 th grade	19 Field Trip – Pre- School	20	21 Early Out 2:15 pm	22
23	24	25 Quarter 1 Ends	26 Staff Work Day – No School	27 Quarter 2 Begins	28 Early Out 2:15 pm	29
30	31 Red Ribbon Week	1	2	3	4	5

Watch for a flier coming home about Red Ribbon Week!

"Walking School Bus"

From Patty McPherson

We are starting a "walking school bus" to begin at 7:50 at 701 Pennington (middle apartment building on Pennington that has the Caspian sign on it). We need parent/adult volunteers to walk with children to school. The first two blocks on Pennington have no sidewalk so kids have to walk in the street then cross West Burlington Ave. This is before school but NOT after school so you will have to make other arrangements for then. Adults will wear bright colored safety vests and walk with at least one adult in front of and behind the kids. Parents, kids and families are welcome to "fall in" and join the group anywhere along the route. We would like to get this started as soon as possible so your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer please call Patty McPherson at 754-6567 X 1558.

Grandparent's Day

Monday, October 10, 2016 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>
Third	8:20-8:30	8:30-8:50	8:50-9:10
Kindergarten	8:30-8:40	8:40-9:00	9:00-9:20
First	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
Fifth	9:30-9:40	9:40-10:00	10:00-10:20
Fourth	9:50-10:00	10:00-10:20	10:20-10:40

We hope to see you then! West Burlington Elementary Staff

Counselor News

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The school year is off to a great start for our students and staff. I would like to say THANK YOU for the support you show us by talking to your students about the importance of attending school and giving their personal best every day. Don't forget to check out the Home to School Connection link on our school website under publications. Each month I post new information about ways to help your child be successful in school. I would also like to take a moment to express how much we value our volunteers and community businesses that partner with us through the school year to support our students. If you would like more information on volunteering please contact the school at 319-754-5726.

We will celebrate Red Ribbon week this month at school. 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.

Thank You,

Mrs. Levinson



Pumpkin Party



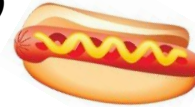
Tailgate



Join us before cheering on our Falcons
Friday, October 14th from 6-7 pm
for a free will donation supper
@ WB Elementary Parking Lot

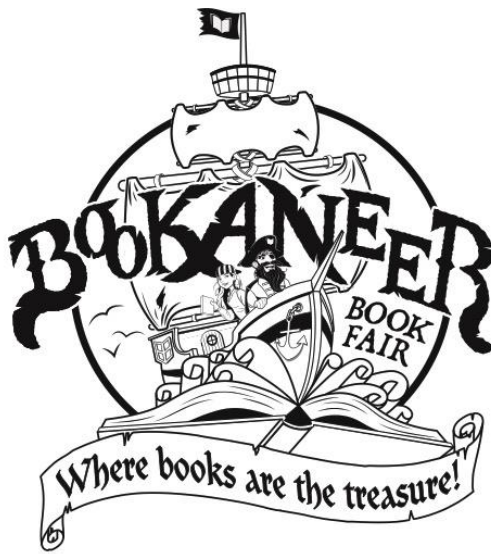


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**Classroom pumpkins will be on display for
voting and up for silent auction!**

*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 pace 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.

Students will be shopping the Book Fair during their Media Skills class.

Monday, October 3rd- Schmidt, Nehring, Gunn, Springsteen, Marlow, and Bush

Tuesday, October 4th- Shipp, Hoskins, Mickey, Bernhart, Morey, and Lamb

Wednesday, October 5th- Henry, Mineart, Watkins, Laffoon, Claypool, and Sleister

Thursday, October 6th- Leopard, Elliott, Dotson, Williams

We will also be open during Parent Teacher Conferences from 4-8 on October 4th and 6th.

Grandparents Day is October 10th. The Book Fair will be set up in the Gym for students to purchase books.

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wbelementary>

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the Book Fair. All purchases benefit our school.

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