

# West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



February 2017

## Principal's Corner: Iowa Tests Matter

Iowa Tests are just around the corner! Testing will take place February 13-28<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to your student about the importance of trying their best on these tests. They are one piece our teachers use to determine what your child needs instructionally. These tests are also used by the state to determine if our school district is performing at an acceptable level and to compare us to other school districts in our area. Let's show that West Burlington Elementary is the BEST!

Encourage your student to get a good night's sleep and to eat a hearty breakfast. Specific test dates for grades/classes will be shared by your child's teacher. Look for that info to be coming home soon! We are planning a kick-off assembly on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am for grades 3-5. All parents are invited, too! We will talk about the importance of the tests, share incentives and provide a little humor!

## Celebration Time

We will be holding our February Celebration Assembly on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 p.m. We will be recognizing perfect attendance and presenting class awards and the BUG Award.

## Preregistration for Kindergarten

If your child will be 5 by September 15, 2017, please call 754-5726 to pre-register your child. Please make certain you talk directly to the office staff and don't leave the information on a voicemail.

## Preregistration for 4-Year Old Preschool

Registration for Preschool will begin Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Your child must be 4 years old by Sept. 15, 2017. Please come to the Elementary Office to pick up a preschool packet. Pre-registration and a place reserved for your child is not complete until all the required paperwork and birth certificate is turned into the office. When returned to office, your child's name will then be placed on list according to completion date.

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Coupons still available for Hy-Vee Fundraiser	2 Coupons still available for Hy-Vee Fundraiser	3 Early Out 2:15 pm Coupons still available for Hy-Vee Fundraiser	4 HY-VEE FUNDRAISER for PTO
5 HY-VEE FUNDRAISER for PTO	6 Preschool registration forms pickup	7	8	9	10 Early Out 2:15 pm	11
12	13	14 Parent /Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 PM	15	16 Parent /Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 PM PTO meets 5:30 pm	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL	21	22	23	24 Early Out 2:15 pm	25
26	27	28	March 1	2	3 Early Out 2:15 pm	

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Teachers will meet with  
parents at scheduled times  
between 4 & 8pm on  
Tuesday February 14 &  
Thursday February 16.  
Conference times will be  
sent home with students.**

## **PTO FUNDRAISER**

*Shop at Hy-Vee Saturday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> &  
Sunday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & donate to PTO.  
Please be sure you have a "green flier."  
Please let your child's teacher know that  
you need a flier or stop by the elementary  
office & pick one up! This is an easy  
fundraiser - you shop, provide the green  
flier, and PTO gets a percentage back.  
Thanks for supporting our PTO!*

## **Library News!**

This quarter we are starting a new Genre Reading Challenge with 3rd through 5th grade. Students will be completing the 40 Book Genre Reading Challenge as a class. The first class in each grade level to read all 40 books will win a Popcorn Party in the library at the end of the day!

Congratulations to Savannah Payne, Sayge Zang, Ruby Orr, and Paige Kramer for completing the Genre Reading Challenge 2nd Quarter! They had to read and test over ten different genres.

## **Website of the Month!**



<http://www.timeforkids.com/>

Time for Kids is a great website that offers a variety of new articles to keep students up to date on current events. Students can read full articles, print articles off, and browse a variety of news topics. Students can also participate in polls, watch news related videos, and look up places around the world.

## **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.

We have had several confirmed cases of Lice. Please be diligent in checking your child's hair. Discourage the trading of hats and hair brushes. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email the school nurse, Stephanie King at 754-5726 or [stephanie.king@wbschools.us](mailto:stephanie.king@wbschools.us)



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 during their Media Skills Class. These dates are listed below.

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**- Mrs. Henry, Mr. Nehring, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Springsteen, Mrs. Marlow, and Mrs.'s Bush

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**- Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Hoskins, Ms. Mickey, Ms. Bernhart, Mrs. Morey, Mrs. Lamb

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**- Mrs. Shipp, Mrs. Mineart, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Laffoon, Mrs. Claypool, Mrs. Sleister

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**- Mrs. Leopard, Ms. Elliott, Mrs. Dotson, Mrs. Williams

We will also be open from 4-8 during Parent Teacher Conferences on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

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!

## Counselor News!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 trying to wake up just 15 minutes early. Being on time is a great Life Lesson for children to learn. I also would like to encourage you to check out the February edition of our Home to School Link that is posted under publications on our district website. These newsletters provide helpful information explaining ways you can be involved in your student's academic accomplishments. This month's addition addresses how you can help your students organize information in creative ways to make studying more interesting and productive.

In guidance classes this month we are discussing the importance of being respectful at home, in school and in the community. Please follow up with your child at home sharing the way you show respect to your friends, family and co-workers.

Thank You,

Tamara Levinson

School Counselor

319-754-5726

[Tamara.levinson@wbschools.us](mailto:Tamara.levinson@wbschools.us)



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!!

