

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



March 2017

Principal's Corner: Requests and Tests

- Iowa Tests are officially complete! Thank you for partnering with us to motivate and encourage our kiddos!
- We are getting a lot of questions about teacher requests for next year. Hang tight. The process is changing for next year so we can better balance out the needs in each classroom in terms of academics and behavior. More information will be included in upcoming newsletters.
- Please recommit to the expectations for pick up and drop off procedures. We are starting to see parents picking up and dropping off on the red curbs and at the stop signs. This is not safe! Please use the parking lot procedure or find a spot that is not designated as red.

PTO Needs Volunteers for Fiesta Fun Day May 5th

We are in need of volunteers for the PTO Fiesta Fun Fest to be held on May 5th. There will be: an auction, photo booth, supper, face painting, games, and many more fun activities. Please consider helping out on May 5th for the Fun Fest by contacting: Janelle Kramer at Janelle.krmer@cir2.com

Celebration Time

We will be holding our February Celebration Assembly on Wednesday, March 8th at 2:45 p.m. We will be recognizing perfect attendance, math awards, class recognitions and the BUG Award.

Dr. Suess' Birthday Celebration

Thursday, March 2nd is pajama day to celebrate Dr. Suess' Birthday and Read Across America. At 2:45, the entire school will line the halls with a book and participate in a school-wide reading activity. Parents, you are welcome to join us for this. You just need to bring a book! (jammies are not required)

No School for K Thursday April 13th.

Due to screening activities for our 2017-2018 Kindergartners, there will be no school for Kindergarten on Thursday April 13th. All other grades will have school. Thank you for your understanding.

Pre-registration for 4-Year Old Preschool and Kindergarten for 2017-2018

Preschool: If your child will be 4 by September 15, 2017, 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, 2017, 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.

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

Day of the Child at Westland Mall

Day of the Child at Westland Mall is Sunday March 26, 2017 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/4M7JC>

We ask that responses be complete by March 31, 2017. Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy.

Thanks so much!

WEST BURLINGTON KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP for 2017-2018 School Year

Round Up is an informational meeting for **PARENTS** of children who will be 5 years old by **September 15, 2017** **AND** will be attending West Burlington Elementary School.

WHEN: April 10, 2017

TIME: 5:00 TO 5:30 P.M. Pick up and fill out/drop off forms

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

WHERE: West Burlington Elementary

ITEMS TO BRING: Birth Certificate, Immunization Card

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR STUDENT BY CALLING THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE BY.

(Please do not leave any information on voicemail.)

754-5726

Mark your calendars: Next year's 17-18 Kindergartners will be screened on APRIL 13th in two sessions: AM – 9:15 am – 11:15 am and PM – 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm. More details will be shared at the parent meeting.

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!!



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.



Counselor News

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Our fifth grade students will be attending the Career Day at S.C.C. on Monday March 14th. 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.

Don't forget to check out the March issue of Home & School on our school website. It is posted monthly under Elementary publications. This edition discusses the importance of showing your child how the world can be a better place when they pitch in to help others at home, school and the community.

Thank You,
Tamara Levinson

Library News

Thursday, March 2nd is the birthday of Dr. Seuss and National Read Across America Day. To celebrate we will have dress up days that are related to some of his books! Students have been reading Dr. Seuss books during Media Skills and completing activities related to the stories. For additional fun, they have also visited the website <http://www.seussville.com/>. Here students can play games related to his books and watch videos. The website also gives suggestions for other activities you can do at home!

Seuss Week!

To celebrate Read Across America Week
February 27th- March 3rd

Monday- "Fox in Socks"

Wear crazy socks

Tuesday- "The Lorax"

Wear a Mustache

Wednesday- "Cat in the Hat"

Wear your favorite hat or dress like your favorite character from the book

Thursday (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)- "Sleep Book"

Wear pajamas and get ready to read in the halls with friends and family!

Friday- "Green Eggs and Ham"

Wear the color green

Thank you!

A huge shout out to our West Burlington students and families. We had another very successful Scholastic Book Fair! Because of all of your support we were able to add several new books into our Elementary Library. Thank you for continuing to support our Book Fairs!