# West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



November 2018

#### **Principal's Corner**

- Cooler temperatures are just around the corner. Please make sure your children come equipped with coats, gloves, hats, etc. to stay warm at recess.
- Regular attendance at school is so important! Please make every effort to get your student here and on-time each day. We are in contact with families if attendance is becoming a concern.

#### **CELEBRATION TIME!**

Please join us on Wednesday November 7th at 2:45 pm to celebrate the good character, hard work and responsibility of our students. We love having so many families at our Student Recognition Assemblies. Hope to see you there!

#### 24th Annual Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 22, 2018 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Burlington High School Cafeteria Come and enjoy a free Thanksgiving meal!

Food donations of fruit pies and jello salads should be taken to the High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, November 21st between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Donations of canned cranberry sauce, apple juice, #10 cans of corn and green beans can be taken to the Burlington Public Library before November 20th. Turkeys must be purchased at the Hy-Vee on Agency by the 20th where they will be prepared. Cash/Check donations can be mailed to Community Action, 2850 Mt. Pleasant St., Ste. 108, Burlington, IA. To volunteer, please call the Burlington Public Library at 753-1647 or use link on web page to sign up.

PLACEMATS are needed. Please use 8 ½ x14 (legal size) paper or larger and create placemats for the dinner. Bring to library by Tuesday November 20th..

November 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				Parent/Teacher conferences 4-8 pm	2 Early Out 2:15 pm	3	
4	5 Grandparents Day	6	7 Celebration Assembly 2:45	8	9 Early Out 2:15 pm	10	
11	Veterans Day Celebration	13	14	15 Braided Bread pickup 3:30-5:30 pm	16 Early Out 2:15 pm	17	
18	19 PTO meeting 5:30pm School Board 6:00pm	20	21 AUTUMN BREAK- No School	22 AUTUMN BREAK-No School	23 AUTUMN BREAK-No School	24	
25	26	27	28	29 Vision Screening Kindergarten - 5th gr.	30 Early Out 2:15 pm	December 1	

## <u>Lion's Club Vision Screening for</u> Pre-School

There will be vision screening for Pre-school students on Wednesday, November 14th. AM Pre-school will be at 9:00 am and PM Pre-school will be at 1:30 pm. If there is a concern identified with your child's vision, a note will be sent home. If you do not want your child screened, please let the office know.

## **Veteran's Day Celebration**

Plans are in the making for celebrating Veteran's Day at West Burlington Elementary. We ask that all students and staff come dressed in red, white and blue on Monday, November 12th to show our patriotism and appreciation for our Veterans.

#### Nurse's Notes

**Head Lice** - It is that time of year when we start wearing hats and scarves. Is your child at risk for Head Lice? Yes. Head lice will spread as long as children play together. They spread almost completely through human hair to hair contact and pets do not spread lice. What does head lice look like? Adult lice are the size of a sesame seed and can be seen by the human eye. They lay nits (eggs) on the hair shaft. Live nits are found less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the scalp and most often on the hair at the back of the head in the neck region. Some children will complain of itchiness but many have no symptoms.



What can you do? Parents, grandparents and guardians are key to looking for and treating head lice! The Iowa Department of Public Health <u>advises parents to spend 15 minutes each week on each child carefully looking for head lice or nits.</u> Persons with nits within  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of the scalp OR live lice should be treated. Careful use of a nit comb can potentially remove all lice. Each child should have his or her own comb or brush. Teach your child NOT to share hats, scarves, brushes, combs, and hair fasteners. We have a brochure in the office if you need more information.

**Medications**: If your child has to take medication at school we have a form that needs to be filled out. If you are sending medication to school, even if it is short term prescription or over the counter, we must have a note with the following: Name of student, Original box with directions, Last dose given, Next dose needed, and whether to send home or keep at school. There are very strict regulations from the state for the dispensing of medications to our students. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Fall/Winter Clothing:** The weather has changed and fall is here. Please send your student with appropriate coats, hats and mittens if needed. Students go out for recess unless it is raining or the temperature is 9 degrees or below. (Hopefully we won't be seeing these temps soon!) Please have students check the Lost and Found for any missing sweatshirts, coats or other misc. lost items.

#### **Counselor News**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to thank all parents, students, staff, and community members for their support in our Red Ribbon Week Celebration. The students showed their school spirit by participating in the daily events and making a pledge to live a drug free life.

During our Red Ribbon Week kick-off assembly, we spoke of the importance of talking to parents about drug and other substance use. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, kids of parents who talk to them regularly about drugs are 42 percent less likely to use drugs than those who don't. It's fascinating to think that something so simple can have such a profound impact.

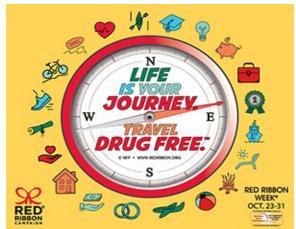
If you're unsure about how to start the conversation, ask your child to start it. Ask them what they learned about drug use during Red Ribbon Week. Ask them about the differences between medicine and drugs. Ask them if they know anyone who's been affected by substance use. Ask them the difference between use and abuse.

Take advantage of "teachable moments" now. If you see characters in a movie or on TV with a cigarette, talk about smoking, nicotine addiction and what smoking does to a person's body. This can lead to further discussion about drug use

and addiction.

Thank you-

**Aaron Wagner, School Counselor** 



## Grandparent's Day - Reminder Notice

Monday, November 5, 2018 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.

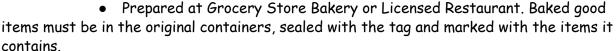
RSVP's were required to attend and due by October 22 to prepare for brunch. Due to our limited space, we are not able to accommodate younger children during this event. It is important for us to stick to the schedule due to the lunch schedule. Please arrive only a couple of minutes before the scheduled 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.

GRADE	CLASSROOM VISIT	EAT BRUNCH	TOUR/RECESS
Fourth	8:20-8:30	8:30-8:50	8:50-9:10
Second	8:30-8:40	8:40-9:00	9:00-9:20
Third	8:50-9:00	9:00-9:20	9:20-9:40
Fifth	9:10-9:20	9:20-9:40	9:40-10:00
Kindergarten	9:30-9:40	9:40-10:00	10:00-10:20
First	9:50-10:00	10:00-10:20	10:20-10:40

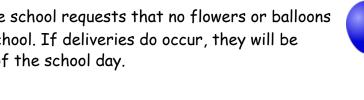
## Reminder for Parents, Grandparents, and Family Members

Treats for Classrooms - Please have all treats / snacks come to the office. They will be taken to the classroom at teachers requested time for snacks. Please have the label from the store, ingredients listed and carbohydrate count attached to treats. Classroom treats must meet one of the following:



- Prepacked and store bought (Ex. Goldfish Crackers, String Cheese, etc...)
- In Home / Independent Bakeries will require a certificate stating that the bakery has been inspected by the County Health Department.
- No Exceptions will be made. Treats that do not meet one of the above requirements will not be served to the students. If you have a question about a particular bakery, please call the office to see if we have a certificate on file.

Flowers and Balloons - the school requests that no flowers or balloons be delivered to students at school. If deliveries do occur, they will be given to students at the end of the school day.







## **Library News!**



#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Grandparent's Day** in the Gym from 8:15-10:30! We look forward to seeing the excitement of student's faces when they get to shop the latest book titles! All purchases made at the Book Fair help us purchase new titles for our school library! Thank you for supporting our library and helping students develop a love for reading!

#### **Great Prairie AEA**

Great Prairie AEA provides a variety of reliable websites free to our students. These websites are great for research and for learning about new and interesting topics. To access AEA go to <a href="https://www.gpaea.org/services/media-library/">https://www.gpaea.org/services/media-library/</a>. Your child will be able to give you the username and password, or email me for this information. Below are a few of the student's favorite resources available from AEA!











# West Burlington Elementary PTO Newsletter

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#### Dates to Remember

#### November 2018

- 5- Last day of Penny Wars (grandparents day)
- 5- Wendy's Night 5-7pm (inside or drive thru)
- 15- Braided Bread Pickup (3:30-5:30)
- 19- PTO meeting 5:30 in the workroom

Join us @ our next meeting! We even offer babysitting for the kids!

#### Penny Wars!!!!



Our Penny War has started in the library and will end on November 5th. (Grandparents day) The kids have been super excited watching each jug fill up! The grade with the highest points and the grade with the most money will win an extra recess!

#### Join us for a Wendy's Night

From 5-7pm November 5th you can either drive thru or stop in and eat and 10% of all sales goes back to WB Elementary PTO!! Last month our PTO collected \$132 in just 2 hours!

## ---->Check out our new website!!<---wbpto.3dcartstores.com

We are working our hardest at working out all the kinks on our new website. We will make adding the student's name and classroom teacher easier to find at checkout. We appreciate your patience and hope that by accepting debit/credit it makes it more convienent for our families.

#### Thank-You Falcon Families

Our pumpkin tailgate had the largest attendance to date!! Each class did an amazing job on their pumpkins. This was a fantastic fundraiser for our PTO! We appreciate your support!

#### SANTA'S WORKSHOP 2018

Next month we will be hosting our annual Santa's Workshop! This is one of PTO's favorite events. This is a great opportunity for students and families to enjoy an evening taking photos with Santa, decorating cookies, and making crafts. We also have tables set up for kids to buy gifts for teachers, siblings, parents, grandparents, pets, and friends for just \$1.00. More information will be coming home!

#### Keep on clippin'

Your child can turn in Box Tops any time during the school year! You may see collection sheets come home each month and feel free to fill them up and send them back! Each month, Box Tops are collected and counted. The winning class will spin the prize wheel at our awards assembly for a chance to win a variety of prizes! We collected Box Tops at the end of September and announced the winner during our October assembly.

-----> Ms. Mickey's 3rd grade class won!!

#### **Braided Bread Pickup**

Braided bread orders will be available for pickup on November 15th from 3:30-5:30pm in the elementary gym. The braided bread needs to stay frozen and will need to be picked up by 5:30. The school does not have enough freezer space to store any extra.