

West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



January 2019

Principal's Corner

- Welcome back and Happy New Year!
- We will welcome students back on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. This is different than other area schools.
- It is so important to set aside time each night to read, complete homework, practice math facts, etc. Help our students establish good work habits at an early age.

Parents and Families having lunch at WB Elementary

First off, we love that you come to spend some time with your child at lunch and/or recess during the school day. We know this is a special time for you and your child. We ask that you please be respectful of a few basic guidelines:

1. Food, drinks, treats and other items cannot be given to children other than your own.
2. Pictures cannot be taken of other children during the lunch/recess period. If your child has chosen to invite friends, ALL pictures must exclude other WB Elementary children.

We appreciate you following these simple guidelines.

Celebration Time

Join us on Wednesday, January 9th at 2:45 pm to celebrate the good character, hard work and responsibility of our students at the Student Recognition Assembly. Hope to see you there!

Cold Weather Information: Revisited

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for cold, wet and snowy weather.
- We use Accuweather's "Real Feel" to determine if we will go outside for recess. The "real feel" takes into consideration the temperature, wind chill and humidity. If the temperature is above 9 degrees, we will go outside. All students need to wear warm winter coats, hats and mittens. If your child wants to play off the cement out in the snow, they must have boots and snow pants. If school is cancelled, delayed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, it will be posted on the website and broadcast on various TV and radio stations. See page 33 in the handbook for a complete listing.

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 WINTER BREAK	31 WINTER BREAK	1 WINTER BREAK	2 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!	3	4 Early Out 2:15 pm	5
6	7	8	9 Recognition Assembly 2:45pm	10	11 Early Out 2:15 pm QTR. 2 & SEM. 1 END	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL (Teacher inservice day)	15 START QTR. 3	16	17	18 Early Out 2:15 pm	19
20	21 PTO Meeting 5:30 pm School Board 6:00	22	23	24	25 Early Out 2:15 pm	26
27	28	29	30	31	February 1 Early Out 2:15 pm	2

Lunch Account Reminder

Lunch Accounts can be paid in the office by cash, check, or credit card. They can also be paid online at www.wbisd.com. Go to Parent Links and click on PaySchools. Next, click on K-12 JMC in the box. The username is parents last name and password is the one assigned or chosen at registration. If you are a first time user, you will need to set up account.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION -- The end of second quarter will be January 11 and this is a good time to check contact information and update Parent phone numbers, addresses, and work numbers. You can do this by going into the Parent Links on WB Home Page; click on JMC Access; click on the Parent icon, enter User Name (last name), enter password, and log in. Click on Parent information on the left side of screen. On the right side of the screen is where you make sure the boxes are checked to get late start, snow days, and information that is being texted from the school. Make sure you click SAVE at the bottom of the page to save the changes. If nothing has changed and you received text messages from the school about the recent snow day, then everything is updated. If you need to add an emergency contact or someone new that may be picking up your child from school, please contact the office. If you have any questions or would like the secretaries to make changes for you, don't hesitate to call. Thank you for giving us current information so that we can better serve your child.

Nurse's Notes

Flu season is upon us! Please keep children home if they are running a fever, vomiting or diarrhea. Please remember kids can return to school if they are fever free (without medicine) for 24 hours. For example, if they leave at 1:30 pm on a Tuesday, they cannot return until Thursday. When medication needs to be given at school, the pharmacy needs to give medication in a separate, labeled bottle and the parent will need to fill out information form. If our child has any health conditions or if any develop, please contact Nurse King. We look forward to serving your children's health needs as best as we can.



10 Healthy New Year's Resolutions for Kids

The following tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

1. I will clean up my toys, and keep my room in good order.
2. I will brush my teeth twice a day, and wash my hands before eating and after the bathroom.
3. I won't tease dogs, even friendly ones - and keep my hands and face away from their mouths.
4. I will drink more milk and water, and limit soda and fruity drinks.
5. I will apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
6. I will find a sport or activity that I like, and do it at least three times a week.
7. I will always wear a helmet when bicycling or boarding.
8. I will wear my seat belt every time I get into the car.
9. I'll be nice to others, and friendly to kids who need friends - like someone shy or new to school.
10. I'll never give out personal information or pictures of myself to strangers or over the internet.

School Counselor News - Aaron Wagner, Elementary School Counselor

Books are often used to supplement guidance lessons or to introduce topics for further discussion. This month I decided to list some of the titles that I've used in guidance lessons or plan to use later in the year. My hope is that you will check out some of these title for yourself or even add them to your shelves a home. Younger students love to show their parents books that were read at school. Older students will sometimes pull down familiar books when the internet is down.

The Burlington Public Library carries many of these titles. Some are available for digital download to phones and tablets...perfect for long waits and the doctor's office.

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes - Mark Pett and Gary Rubenstein.

A great introduction to the concept that mistakes help us grow.

My Mouth is a Volcano - Julia Cook and Carrie Hartman

This book is perfect for teaching the concept of containing your urge to blurt.

A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue - Julia Cook and Carrie Hartman

What's tattling? What's warning? This book explains it really well.

Listen Buddy - Helen Lester

A cute bunny who struggles to listen.

The Minosaur - Sudipta Bardhan - Quallen

The minosaur struggles to share. But his friends and a loving teacher show him the way.

Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses - Kimberly and James Dean

Pete books are so much fun! This one shows that there's no "magic" way to change the way you feel.

Someday - by Eileen Spinelli

Someday connects the dots between how the things we do now can help us in the future.

After the Fall - by Dan Santat

A beautifully illustrated book using the tale of Humpty Dumpty to teach kids about perseverance.

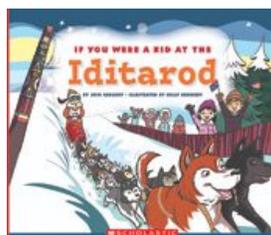
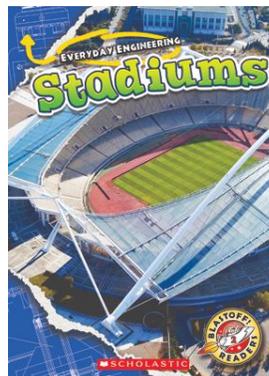
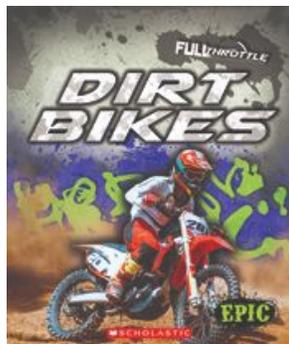
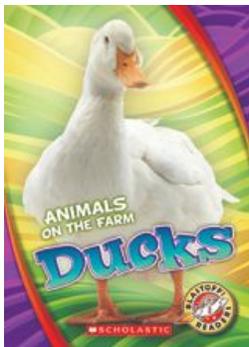
Library News

Coding

The week of December 3rd-7th is Computer Science Education Week. 5th and 4th grade students learned how to Code by completing the Grinch Hour of Code and Dance Party. These coding activities take about one hour to complete and teach many skills that students can utilize in the future! Coding takes students from being consumers of games to the creators! Right now computing occupations are the fastest growing and highest paying career! I would encourage everyone to go to www.code.org and complete one of the Hour of Code activities! There are activities for people of all ages! I will eventually be coding with all of the grades this year!

Books

We have several new Nonfiction sets of books coming to our library thanks to the Scholastic Book Fair and all of your purchases! A few of these sets include, Money Matters, Full Throttle Vehicles, If You Were a Kid at the, Animals on the Farm, Everyday Engineering, Symbols of American Freedom, Coding is Everywhere, and Illustrated Biographies. Nonfiction titles are very popular in our Elementary Library so being able to purchase new sets keeps the students learning and growing from the information they are reading!



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Dates to Remember:

January 2019

7- Wendy's Night 5-7pm (inside or drive thru)

21- PTO Meeting (workroom)

Don't forget to turn in your Box Tops!

Join us at the next assembly to see what class gets to spin the prize wheel!

2019 PTO MEETINGS

STARTING JANUARY 2019 PTO WILL BE OFFERING BABYSITTING SERVICES DURING OUR MEETINGS. WE HAVE HIGHLY QUALIFIED MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL SCOUTS THAT ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING!



Join us for another Wendy's Night
From 5-7pm January 7th 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 \$125 in just 2 hours!



PTO GIVES BACK!!!

THIS DECEMBER OUR PTO WAS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GIVE BACK. THERE WERE MANY IDEAS THAT WERE DISCUSSED. EACH YEAR THE 5TH GRADE STUDENTS HOST A FOOD DRIVE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. OUR FALCON FAMILIES GENEROUSLY DONATE TO THIS DRIVE. SO WE THOUGHT, WHY NOT PTO? WE PROMISED TO MATCH UP TO \$350 WORTH OF NON PERISHABLE ITEMS. AND WE DID JUST THAT!!



Santa's Shop = Great family fun!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave us their Friday night to make this night a success.

It was such a good feeling to see so many families enjoying themselves.

The kids always have so much fun buying gifts for their loved ones! But being able to wrap them and pick out their own Christmas cards just tops the cake!