



# MAY/JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

## WEST BURLINGTON ELEMENTARY

### PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

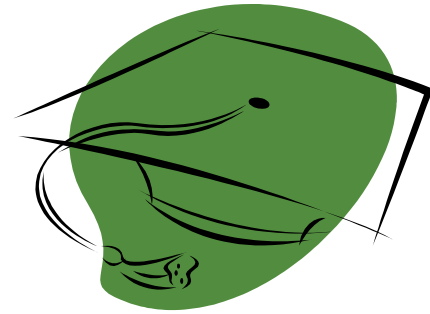
Dear Parents

ITBS results are here. You should have received them last week from the teacher. In the event you have not received them, please let the classroom teacher know. Please take the time to review the results and have a conversation with your child. It is important to show them their strengths and areas in which they have the opportunity to improve. The teachers will be using the ITBS data to assess our curriculum and to use the ITBS results along with other assessments to help your child be successful at school. We will, also, be looking at strengths and areas in which each child needs to improve. Overall, we are looking for a year's growth for each child or 1.3 years' growth if your child is below grade level.

Although, the weather is turning nice, school is still in session. This is a very tough time of year to keep kids focused. We have five weeks left to the school year which means there is a lot of teaching and learning to take place. Please encourage your child to get to bed early, read in the evening, complete homework, and give their best efforts at school. Together we can make the difference in helping students to be successful.

We have been very proud of the efforts the students have made this year on their academics and behaviors. Our data is showing us students have read more and comprehended more than previous years. We know that when students read more their reading improves. Please keep the kids reading throughout the summer. Take opportunities to visit the library, read signs, etc.

Have a save summer!  
Dee Crozier, Principal



### ***D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T.*** **GRADUATION**

D.A.R.E. Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 14 with 5<sup>th</sup> graders graduating from the D.A.R.E. program taught by Officer Mark Moore. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade G.R.E.A.T. program will also be celebrating their graduation on Thursday, May 14. The students and their families are invited to attend the graduation at 2:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. After graduation, there will be refreshments served.





# APPROPRIATE SCHOOL DRESS

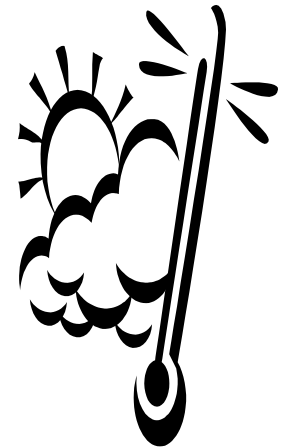
***The warm weather is here! Please take some time to review the dress policy as stated in our handbook. Several students are showing up in clothing which is not appropriate for school. If you have any questions, please give the office a call or bring the item in for us to see.***

Students are expected to dress in a fashion that does not disrupt the orderly, disciplined atmosphere of the school or classroom learning environment. No sunglasses, caps, hats, sweatbands, or head apparel of any type are to be worn in the classrooms, cafeteria, or gymnasium. Free speech (buttons, T-shirt sayings/graphics, etc.) rights are limited to non-obscene messages and those that do not depict or promote illegal activity.

Students will keep shoes tied at all times because of the safety factor. The school discourages parents from allowing their child to wear jewelry to school. Many times this is a classroom distraction, and it gets lost and many times not recovered.

The following is a list of inappropriate clothing for an educational environment. This includes other school activities.

- Hats, caps, girl bandanas and other head gear
  - Attire which is considered too revealing, including but not limited to:
    - short shirts and other attire that reveals the midriff
    - tube tops, halter tops and white undershirts
    - miniskirts - high above the knee
    - short shorts
    - low-rise pants or skirts
    - exposed underwear
  - Attire promoting products illegal for use by minors (alcohol, drugs, tobacco)
- Clothing that displays obscenity or profanity, including but not limited to:
- Co-ed Naked
  - Big Johnson
  - Hooters
  - Gang-related symbols



Students will be asked to make corrections in their dress or personal appearance in order to be appropriate for an educational environment.

## High Fives!!!

Thanks to the following:

- Accelerated Reading Committee
- Parents attending PTO meetings
- PTO Officers
- 5th & 6th Grade Chorus students for their musical performance
- Red Cross & the many donors for the Half Pint Blood Drive





## LIBRARY NEWS

**TUESDAY  
MAY 26  
LAST DAY TO  
CHECK OUT  
LIBRARY BOOKS**



**Friday, May 29  
ALL BOOKS  
DUE TO  
LIBRARY**

## ELEMENTARY BAND NEWS

### SUMMER BAND LESSONS

The fifth & sixth grade bands are busy preparing for their Spring concert on May 21. Sixth grade band is also preparing music for the Kindergarten graduation. It has been a very busy year & the sixth graders will soon be moving to the Junior High.

Fourth grade band night went very well with 22 students signing up for band next year. Information has been sent out to those who were unable to attend. We need to hear back from everyone so that I will know how to schedule students for Summer Band Lessons.

Summer lessons will begin on Monday July 13 and will continue until August 7. Fourth graders have lessons on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. This will give us 12 lessons before we have our first full band rehearsal. Band starts at the beginning of the year. It is important to attend as many lessons as possible. We know that there will be vacations & camps that will take students out for a week or so and that is expected.

All fourth grade band students need an instrument and the "Standard of Excellence Book #1". This book along with valve oil, reeds, & cleaning cloths may be purchased here at school during the first lesson. The prices of these will be sent home with the final schedule.

Students going into 6th grade will have their lessons on Tuesday & Thursday during the same dates as fourth grade.

## Our School Rules Against Bullying

1. *We will not bully others.*
2. *We help students who are bullied.*
3. *We will include students who are easily left out.*
4. *When we know somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.*





# IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY AND JUNE

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
<b>MAY 5</b>	<b>1:30–2:45 FIRST GRADE TO GREAT RIVER MEDICAL CENTER</b>
<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>8:45–12:30 FIRST GRADE TO STARR’S CAVE</b>
<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>EARLY OUT 1:30</b>
<b>MAY 13</b>	<b>8:45–10:00 GRADE 3 TO WATER WORKS</b>
<b>MAY 13</b>	<b>EARLY OUT 1:30</b>
<b>MAY 14</b>	<b>2:00 PM D.A.R.E. &amp; G.R.E.A.T. GRADUATIONS</b>
<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN TO IOWA CITY 8:45–3:15</b>
<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>EARLY OUT 1:30</b>
<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>6:30 PM GRADE 4 CONCERT</b>
<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>7:30 PM GRADES 5/6 CHORUS &amp; BAND CONCERT</b>
<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY</b>
<b>MAY 27</b>	<b>EARLY OUT 1:30</b>
<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>CHARACTER COUNTS PICNIC for students that turned in all 6 character coupons</b>
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>ACCELERATED READER DAY @ FUN CITY</b>
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY FRIDAY—MAY BIRTHDAYS</b>
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>2 PM KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION</b>
<b>JUNE 3</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY—JUNE BIRTHDAYS</b>
<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—DISMISSAL @ 1:30 QUARTER 4 &amp; SEMESTER 2 END</b>





# **PTO**

West Burlington PTO Minutes  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

**People in attendance:** Nicki Moad, Jennifer Herrick, Tara Thuleen, Dee Crozier, Mandi Spencer, Larisa Conner, Sara McCollum, Miranda Bernhardt, Liz Nelson

**Old Business:**

Treasurer's Report- Tara Thuleen provided the group with an itemized list of the expenditures for the 2008-2009 school year. As of April 21, 2009, the PTO budget has a balance of \$11,915.84.

Plans for Staff Appreciation Week (May 4-8, 2009) were discussed and will be carried out by PTO executive board and parent volunteers.

The discussion of bylaws was tabled to the next PTO meeting in May 2009.

Liz Nelson expressed appreciation to PTO for funds to purchase math manipulatives for her students. She is already seeing a difference in the students' understanding of math concepts being able to supplement her curriculum with hands on manipulatives.

**New Business:**

Nicki Moad motioned to have our contract with Tri-State Fundraising for the 2009-2010 school year renewed. Tara Thuleen seconded the motion. Motion passed. The contract will be signed as soon as possible.

Discussion of a date for Fun Fest 2009 was discussed. Dee Crozier suggested Friday, November 20, 2009 to be held at the high school gym. Nicki Moad offered to check with Dan Reid to see if that date would be available.

The Character Counts picnic will be on May 28, 2009. Jennifer Herrick reported that the lunch for the picnic will be Maidrites and Dee Crozier reported that Alicia Sherwood already has volunteers lined up.

The AR reward day will be on May 29, 2009 at Fun City. Dee Crozier is anticipating asking for funds at the May PTO meeting to cover the cost of each student that will be eligible to go. Dee Crozier is expecting a larger amount of students going this year since more students are achieving their AR goals and percentages. The cost for each student is \$3.00. A motion was made for PTO to cover the cost of the students. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Herrick. Motion carried. Dee Crozier will have a specific dollar amount needed at the May 2009 PTO meeting.

Liz Nelson asked if PTO would be interested in having a table at the West Burlington 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration that takes place in downtown West Burlington. Liz Nelson had a table last year that served Lemon Shakers but she will not be needing the table this year so she offered it to PTO. There is no cost for the table but only for cups and ingredients. She reported that she made a \$500 profit last year. PTO thanked Liz for the information and will contact the necessary person in charge.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm**

**Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**Minutes submitted by Nicki Moad**

