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Superintendent's Remarks By Dave Schmitt

The end of February is here. As we wait for the snow and cold to be replaced by the warm sun and longer days, West Burlington Independent School District is busy planning for school year 2011-2012.

Kindergarten roundup is coming up soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand what our early childhood program has to offer your school-ready child. If you have a Kindergartener, please call the Elementary to pre-register them & plan to attend the parent meeting on March 10th. It helps us in the planning process to have a good idea of how many Kindergarten students we can expect next fall.

While we are on the topic of early childhood education, the State debate over four year old voluntary preschool continues on. West Burlington Schools is under the assumption that we will have a 4 year old program for the 2011-2012 school year. We are also developing alternative plans if funding changes. You can be assured that we will have a voluntary 4 year old preschool program in some shape and form for the 2011-2012 school year. As time goes on, it becomes increasingly more difficult for the State legislators to make changes to the current school finance formula which funds voluntary preschool. We will continue monitoring this important piece of legislation.

March 1st is the open enrollment deadline for the 2011-2012 school year. Iowa Code sets September 1st of the same school year as the deadline for Kindergarten students. Good cause exceptions are still in place, namely change of residence. Contact the district office for questions pertaining to open enrollment.

The Board of Education is working diligently on the proposed expenditure reductions. The Board is planning on a public input session on March 14th. The time and place is yet to be determined. Please contact Superintendent Schmitt if you have questions or concerns pertaining to expenditure reductions. The Board is holding a work session on March 7th or 9th to discuss the proposed reductions.

West Burlington will be holding driver's education classes this summer. Cost is \$275 per pupil. If you have questions about Summer Driver's Education contact the high school office.

If you have ideas on the 2011-2012 school calendar, contact Superintendent Dave Schmitt at david.schmitt@wbschools.us or call 752-8747. We hope your child is doing well in our school! ✦

Career Fair

By Barb Evans



Our 5th graders will be attending a Career Fair at SCC in West Burlington on Monday, March 14th! This Career Fair is sponsored by Grow Greater Burlington and is attended by 5th graders from many area school districts.

At the fair, students will listen to 6 presenters talk about their careers. Here are some typical questions that will be answered:

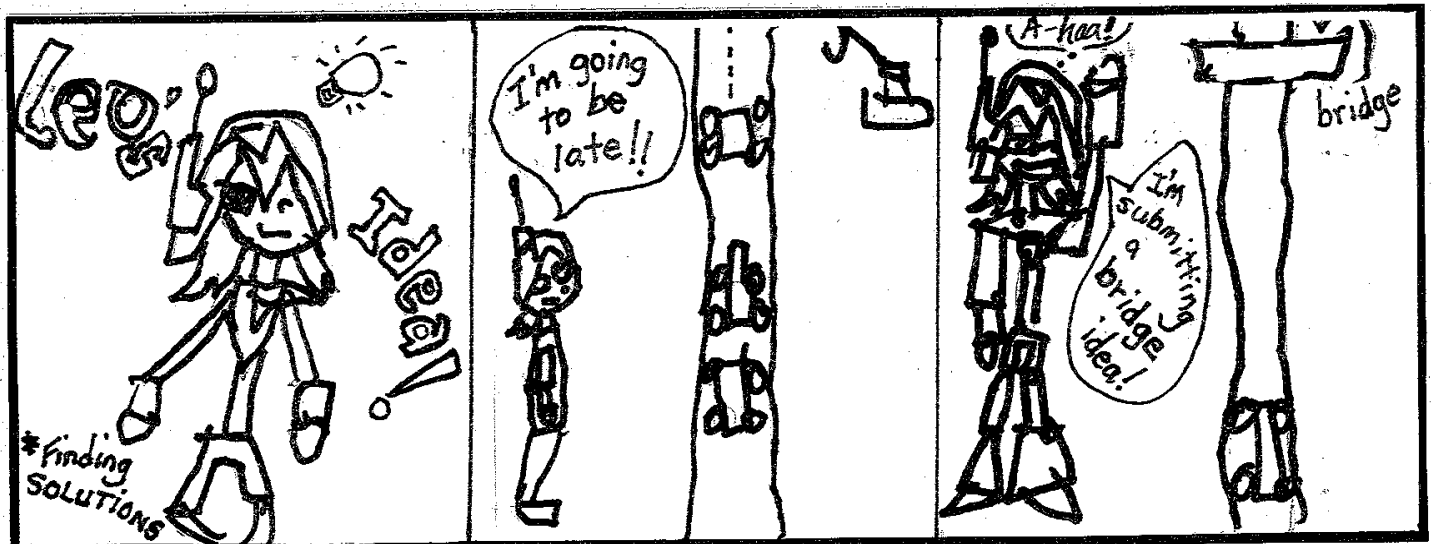
“What is a typical day like at work in this career?”

“What classes do I need to take in high school if I’m interested in this career?” “Will I work with others or by myself?” “How important is using a computer in this career?”

Back at school, we will continue to explore careers in reading class by reading from nonfiction books and sharing a read aloud in class. In math class, the students will be able to create a wish list of items that they ‘wish’ to have when they are adults and add the total cost for them. Then we will compare average incomes for careers to see if those items are affordable.

Some statistics show that a worker between the ages of 18 and 38 changes jobs an average of 10 times. <http://careerplanning.about.com>

We hope these activities will help introduce the world of work to our students. Conversations started now will help them prepare for the future. ☒



Band News

By Mark Eveleth



Junior High Band

Saturday, March 12th the Junior High concert band will travel to Durant for the SEIBA concert band contest. Parents/guardians will receive an e-mail with all the details prior to the trip.

The Junior High band will be performing in concert along with the 5th and 6th grade bands, as well as, the High School band on Monday, March 21st. This “Festival of Bands” concert will be in the High School auditorium and will begin at 7:00PM.

High School Band

The concert band students are now preparing for the “Festival of Bands” concert, which will feature the entire band program, 5th grade through 12th in the West Burlington auditorium on Monday, March 21st.

Students are also preparing for state solo and small ensemble contest. This contest also includes the chorus students. It takes place Saturday, April 9th, and takes place at Wapello High School.

The super-conference honor band takes place at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00PM. Representing West Burlington will be: Kaylyn Vedder, Emille Lacs, Carissa Huston, and Jessica Spracklin all on flute; Cortny Brown on clarinet; Jonna Hicks on alto clarinet; and Kaleigh Wagonoer on alto saxophone. They will perform with select students from the 16 schools of the super-conference.

High School Jazz Band

The jazz band will perform at “Falcon Follies” on Friday, March 4th at 7:00PM in the High School auditorium. The show choir and high school chorus will perform at this concert as well as some variety acts including The West Burlington Alumni Association members. Tickets for this event will be sold at the door.

The jazz band will travel to the Iowa City West High School on Saturday, March 5th to compete in the SEIBA district jazz festival.

Frozen Food Fundraiser

Students will continue raising money for our Spring 2013 trip to Dollywood, on Friday, March 18th. They should pick up their packets in the music room that day if they plan on taking part in this event. The sale will end on March 28th and the food will be delivered on Monday, March 18th. ❖

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The school district does not discriminate in its education programs or educational activities on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status (for programs), creed or disability. Students are educated in programs which foster knowledge of, and respect and appreciation for, the historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups including those of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, and socio-economic background, as well as men and women, to society. The programs include contributions and perspectives of Asian Americans, African Americans Hispanic Americans, American Indians, and European Americans. Students who feel they have been discriminated against are encouraged to report it to the school district Affirmative Action Coordinator. The Affirmative Action Coordinator is David Schmitt and can be reached at 211 Ramsey Street, West Burlington, IA 52655, (319) 752-8747. Inquiries may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2292, (414) 291-1111, or the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319-0146, (515) 281-5294. ❖

2nd Grade News
Mrs. Lamb, Mrs.
Reid, Mrs. Sleister



Second grade students have had a busy school year! We just finished a unit on fractions in math and are learning how to regroup with two-digit addition and subtraction. Knowing our basic facts really speeds up the computation and we've been working on many strategies to learn them such as "Bigger, Bottom, Borrow". In the weeks ahead we'll be working with time, measurement, numbers to 1,000, and addition/subtraction of three digit numbers. Additional practice at home with basic facts, counting money, and telling time helps your child succeed in the classroom.

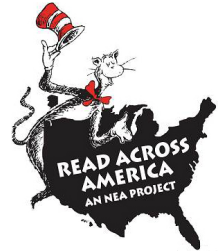
The students have been reading lots of AR books to reach their third quarter goal with an average of at least 85% over their quizzes. We encourage them to read each short book three times before testing and take a book home each night to share. Parents can access their child's TOPs reports through email. If you haven't signed up to receive these, contact the school.

Rhonda Mueller from the Des Moines County Extension Office has made several visits to our

classrooms. She has shared many interesting books and activities that tie into our science curriculum such as penguins, whales, and properties of matter. Next month we'll be learning about oviparous animals – animals that lay eggs.

The students have been excited over the penguin power points Mrs. Roelfs is working with them on during Computer class. This ties into our unit on penguins from earlier in the quarter.

We will celebrate READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY in honor of Dr. Seuss March 2rd. At 1:00PM everyone in the school will stop and read. Students are welcome to dress as their favorite Dr. Seuss character that day.



We're looking forward to nicer weather with the beginning of spring! Please remind your student they need to wear a jacket because it is cold when we go out for morning recess. ☒

West Burlington Freshmen Orientation

Tuesday, March 29th

7:00 p.m.

WBAHS Auditorium

For 8th Graders and Parents



JR/SR High School 2010-2011
IOWA TESTS - TIME SCHEDULE
Monday, March 7 – Friday, March 11

Monday, March 7 - 8:30 – 10:00 (7th - 8th Grade Testing)

After Testing Monday

10:02 – 10:44 – 3rd Period

10:47 – 11:29 – 4th Period

Tuesday, March 8 - 8:30 – 10:00 (7th - 11th Grade Testing)

After Testing Tuesday

10:03 – 10:44 – 1st Period

10:47 – 11:29 – 2nd Period

Wednesday, March 9 - 8:30 – 9:55 (7th- 11th Grade Testing)

After Testing Wednesday

10:00 – 10:10 – 4th period

Rest of Early Out Schedule

Thursday, March 10 - 8:30 – 9:55 (7th – 11th Grade Testing)

After Testing Thursday

10:00 – 10:44 - 3rd Period

10:47 – 11:29 – 4th Period

Friday, March 11 - 8:30 – 10:10* (7th – 11th Grade Testing)

After Testing Friday

10:13 – 10:44 – 1st Period

10:47 – 11:29 – 2nd Period

***Please note tests run longer this day!**

Choir News

By Brooke Smith

Junior High Choir

The Junior High Choir is still going strong. We are really drilling solfege, singing through some fun songs and soon we'll begin learning new pieces we'll sing at the Junior High Mass Choral Festival. Our next performance is April 14th at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School for the Junior High Mass Choral Festival. Junior High- don't forget to come to lessons. Lessons can be made up on Wednesdays, sign up on the choir bulletin board.

High School Choir

High School Choir is preparing for the Falcon Follies.

The students are excited and energized about our movie pieces. High School- don't forget to come to lessons! Lessons can be made up on Wednesdays, sign up on the choir bulletin board. We will begin the pieces we will do for our final concert and large group soon. Falcon Follies is March 4th at 7:00PM.

Show Choir

Show Choir is excited and preparing for their final performance at Falcon Follies. We have added 2 other songs to the show since Sate Contest. Next step is to clean it all up and make it look sharp! Come see us sing and dance at Falcon Follies 7:00PM.

High School Musical

The musical this year is titled "Luann" and it is based on the comic strip by Greg Evans. Luann speaks to the heart and funny bone of everyone who is, ever was, or will be, an adolescent. All of Luann's fun-loving buddies are on board. There's best friend Bernice (played by Shelby Standard), whose lack of musical talent does not prevent her from playing in the school band; wise-cracking Delta (played by Mallory Prickett); ever-annoying big brother Brad (played by Emille Lacsas); Gunther the nerd (played by Cody Estlick) and heart-throb Aaron Hill (played by Austin Woodside). And the beleaguered faculty is represented; among them, school counselor Miss Phelps (played by Kaylyn Vedder), dispensing her incomprehensible advice when she's not chasing after English teacher and aspiring novelist, Mr. Fogarty (played by Brady Gengenbacher). Luann (played by Alexis Hawley) is convinced her horoscope means that Aaron is going to ask her to the school dance. The problem is, he doesn't even know she exists! In order to get Aaron to notice her, Luann tries out for cheerleader...and to find out how that turns out you need to come see the performance! (Other students in the play are: Jazlan Boyd, Blaine Boyle, Kaylee Dochterman, Ali Etchison, Jonna Hicks, and Darien Ringold)

Performances are set for 17th and 18th of March at 7:00PM in the High School auditorium.

Falcon Follies

This is the music department's spring concert/variety show with performances by jazz band, show choir, HS concert choir, and finished up with variety acts. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale at the door. There will be no reserved seating. Desserts will be provided by the Fine Arts Boosters during the intermission. Desserts and drinks are included in the price of admission.



March 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | Mar | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Girls State Bball Tourney | Girls State Bball Tourney | Girls State Bball Tourney | Girls State Bball Tourney | Girls State Bball Tourney | SEIBA District Jazz Festival @ IA City |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 11:00am - 4:00pm Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby in Old Middle School Gym | | | ITBS/ITED Testing (Grades 7-12) | | | |
| | Boys State Bball Tourney | Boys State Bball Tourney | Boys State Bball Tourney | Boys State Bball Tourney | Boys State Bball Tourney | SEIBA JH Large Group Contest @ Durant |
| | 1:00pm Conference Science Fair @ Westland Mall | Super Conference HS Select Honor Chours | 12:30pm Early Out (Staff Development) | Boys State Bball Tourney | Boys State Bball Tourney | |
| | 7:00pm Board Work Session | | | 9:00am HS Select Vocal Festival @ Notre Dame | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Start Daylight Savings Time | | 10:00am Super Conference HS Select Honor Band @ L&M | | | HS Musical in Auditorium | |
| | | | | St. Patrick's Day | | 12:30pm - 4:00pm DSM County Emergency Mngmnt Severe Weather Spotters Class |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | Conference Art Show | | | |
| | 7:00pm 5th-12th Grade Festival of Bands Concert | 4:00pm Quiz Bowl @ Harmony | | End 3rd Quarter | No School (Teacher Work Day/In-Service Day) | |
| | 7:00pm Board Regular Meeting | 6:00pm - 8:00pm Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony in ES Gym | | 4:30pm HS Boys Track @ Washington Relays | | |
| | | | | 7:00pm Kiwanis Travelogue in Auditorium | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| | Start 4th Quarter | 7:00am 8th Grade Parent Meeting in High School Auditorium | 12:30pm Early Out (Staff Development) | 5:00pm HS Boys Track at Van Buren Invite (Keosauqua) | | |
| | | 1:00pm South Division Art Workshop @ Iowa Wesleyan College | | | | |
| | | | | | | 9:00am - 12:00pm Parent Set Day for Elementary Musical |



West Burlington School Menu

March 2011

| | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----|--|---|---|---|
| | 1 HOAGIE W/LETTUCE& CHEESE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP W/CRACKERS BABY CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT 5A | 2 Dr Suess's Birthday Cat in a Hat on a Stick Silly Sammy Stars Try Them, Try Them Veggies Hop on Pop Apple Slices One Fish Two Fish Cracker | 3 GRILLED CHICKEN/BUN OVEN POTATO MIXED VEGETABLES FRUIT 1A | 4 CHIMICANGA W/CHEESE SAUCE & SALSA POTATO CUBES CORN FRUIT 2B |
| 7 | POP CORN CHICKEN SWEET & SOUR SAUCE SEASONED RICE PEAS AND CARROTS FRUIT 3A | 9 FISH SANDWICH W/TARTAR SAUCE CHEESY POTATOES CALIFORNIA VEGGIES FRUIT 5A | 10 CRISPITO W/CHEESE SAUCE TORTILLA CHIPS W/SALSA CORN FRUIT 6B | 11 MACARONI & CHEESE LITTLE SMOKIES PEAS BREAD & MARGARINE FRUIT 1A |
| 14 | HOT HAM & CHEESE/BUN JR JOJOS CORN FRUIT 2B | 16 TURKEY & NOODLES CANDIED YAMS GREEN BEANS FRUITED MUFFIN FRUIT 4B | 17 PIZZA W/PEPPERONI (DOUBLE STUFF JSH) LETTUCE SALAD W/RANCH DRESSING PEAS FRUIT 5A | 18 BOSCO STICKS COOKS CHOICE SOUP W/CRACKERS CELERY STICKS w/DIP FRUIT 6B |
| 21 | BBQ RIB/BUN TATER TOTS PEAS FRUIT 1A | 23 CHICKEN NUGGETS MASH POTATO W/CHICKEN GRAVY COLE SLAW DINNER ROLL FRUIT 3A | 24 CHEESE BURGER/BUN W/PICKLE SLICES ONION RINGS MIXED VEGGIES FRUIT 4B | 25 NO SCHOOL |
| 28 | MEATBALL SUB OVEN FRIES CALIFORNIA VEGGIES FRUIT 5A | 30 HOT DOGS/BUN POTATO WEDGES BAKED BEANS FRUIT 1A | 31 CRISPITO w/CHEESE SAUCE TORTILLA CHIPS w/SALSA MIXED VEGETABLES FRUIT 2B | |

BREAKFAST: ELEMENTARY 7:30 AM-JUNIOR SENIOR-HIGH SCHOOL 8:00 AM-8:23 AM **PRICE:** ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH \$.85 REDUCED \$.30 MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE CHOICE OF MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEAL *BREAD AND MARGARINE SERVED WITH JSH & 5-6TH GRADE LUNCH
LUNCH PRICES:
ELEMENTARY \$1.60 JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH \$1.70, REDUCED MEALS \$.40. LUNCH ACCOUNTS THAT ARE NEGATIVE WILL BE CHARGED A \$.10 PER MEAL SURCHARGE UNTIL PAID.

STUDENTS 5TH-12TH MAY BUY SECONDS IF THEY HAVE MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNTS

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE \$.50, SIDES \$.50 AND TOAST \$.25. LUNCH ENTRÉE \$.75, SIDES \$.50, BREAD AND MARGARINE \$.25