

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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By David Schmitt



Parent-teacher conferences are upon us, signaling the end of the first quarter and the onset of fall. West Burlington Independent School District is proud of our academics, activities programs, and athletics. We are in the process of implementing our newly aligned core standards and benchmarks. We are working on identifying which formal or informal assessments best measure our progress toward implementing our core standards, as well as instructional strategies to assist in content and skills delivery. Our teachers have been working hard in their alignment efforts.

West Burlington Schools has taken significant measures to improve the safety of your students. We have added additional surveillance cameras inside and out of our buildings. The software is cutting-edge and we know these cameras will help with security. If you've visited one of our school buildings during the day, you've had to "buzz in." One public entrance into each building makes our learning environment safer and more secure. We are pleased the board of education set our students' safety as a top priority.

The board of education has made the decision to institute the Pay Schools program. This program is sponsored by the Iowa association of School Boards and it allows families to make payments to the school online. Pay Schools can be used for lunch accounts and school fees. We are in the beginning planning stages of offering the option of on-line registration.

The board and administration also made the decision to utilize the biometric technology the district currently holds a license for. This technology, only being used at the junior/senior high school building, is the use of the finger scanner to expedite the lunch ticket "punching" process. All students and parents have the choice of opting out of this technology. What that means is the student must either use the scanner or produce a lunch card for the person running the computer. We will no longer allow students to get their lunch without a scan of the lunch card or finger. Please call Superintendent Schmitt with questions or concerns. (319) 752-8747, option #3.

There has been much discussion and focus in our media about the topic of bullying and harassment in our schools, workplace, and in everyday life. I cannot provide any

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guarantees that your child isn't being bullied in school. I can assure you that when a case of bullying or possible bullying comes to our attention, we address it immediately. Bullying is when the unwelcome actions occur over time in a repeated fashion. I suggest if your child is being picked on, bullied, or being made to feel inadequate, to encourage your student to speak with his/her teacher, nearest adult, guidance counselor, or building principal. We cannot address these types of behaviors if we are not aware of them. These situations are difficult to "sort through" and we ask for your cooperation in dealing with these conflict resolution circumstances. We are here to help, and as always... Kids First! Have a wonderful fall, and hope to see you at parent-teacher conferences. ✂

Post Prom News By Kim Rector

The junior class parents and students have been busy raising money for the 2012 post prom activities. The traveling toilet, flapjack breakfast and the spaghetti supper have all been great fund-raising activities. Thank you for your support.



On November 11th and 12th we will be having a free will donation garage sale at the old middle school from 8AM-3PM. We would appreciate your donations of children's clothes and miscellaneous items. Please no adult clothes!!! You may bring your items to the middle school between 5-8PM on Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th.

We will also be having a prom dress sale on January 14th at the high school. For the cost of \$10 you may enter your dress in the sale. All profits go to the owner of the dress. More information to follow!

Junior parents: Please watch your e-mail for further meeting dates. If you are not receiving e-mails and would like to please contact Kim Rector at kim.rector@wbschool.us. ✂

Youth Wrestling Sign-Up By Tom Moore

There is still time to register for West Burlington Youth Wrestling. Ages 4 thru 8th Grade. Cost is \$30 plus \$30 singlet deposit. No late charge if signed up by November 10th.



If interested or if you have any questions please contact Tom Moore at (319) 759-9191 or Brian Glendening at (319) 572-4071. ✂

Pennies for a Cure! By Christa Ruther

Our students are AMAZING! Students, parents, and staff came together to help our Relay for Life team raise money for cancer research. As of Friday October 14th, the total was \$1,320.70! The official end date is Tuesday October 18th. It has been such a wonderful sight to see students bringing in bags of pennies for such an important cause. The members of Falcons Fighting Cancer want to say, thank you! If you are interested in joining our team for this year's relay, please contact Christa Ruther at christa.ruther@wbschools.us. ✂



Band News

Band News By Mark Eveleth

Junior High Band

The 6th grade band is now preparing for their Thursday, December 22nd band and chorus concert. The concert will begin at 7:00PM. It is important that they are continuing to take their instruments and band binders home for daily practice out of their lesson book, on their scale sheet and on their concert music. Students should be practicing daily for at least 20 minutes.

The 7th and 8th grade band is now preparing for their Thursday, December 22nd band and chorus concert. The concert will begin at 7:00PM. It is important that they are continuing to take their instruments and band binders home for daily

practice out of their lesson book, on their scale sheet and on their concert music. Students should be practicing daily for at least 20 minutes.

We also have a few students trying out for the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association (SEIBA) Honor Band. Auditions take place in Fairfield on Saturday, January 7th 2012. They need to work on scale memorization as well as preparing the two etudes.

High School Band

The marching band season has come to an end. The pep band is now preparing for the upcoming basketball games. The concert and jazz bands are in full swing! We are all working towards our holiday concerts. ❖

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 607 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. ❖

Counselor Corner

Amy J. Ryan, JR/SR High School Counselor

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College Planning/Financial Aid Night Thursday, November 17th

Juniors and Seniors – Get Help with College Planning!



The West Burlington High School Guidance staff has invited a representative from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) to answer the questions you and your parents have about the college planning process. This informative event will be **Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m.** in the West Burlington High School Auditorium and is open to juniors, seniors and their parents.

Topics will include preparing for college, what to consider when choosing a college, how to compare colleges, what to look for and ask during campus visits and a brief overview of the financial aid process.

Seniors – Need Money for College?

The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will be at West Burlington High School on **Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.** (in the Auditorium) to help answer the questions you and your parents have about the financial aid process.

You will have the opportunity to learn about completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), electronic processing, important deadlines, types of financial assistance available, and scholarships and scams. This meeting is VITAL to any college bound senior and their family.



Mark Your Calendars and SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, November 17th!

LUNCH NOVEMBER 2011

West Burlington Schools

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>Chicke Green Beans Mashet Potatoc Fruit</p>	<p>1 Burrito Refried Beans w/cheese Oven Potatoes Fruit</p>	<p>2 Hot Ham n Cheese on Bun Jr. Jo Jos Calif. Veggies Fruit</p>	<p>3 Chicken Noodle Soup w/crackers Carrot sticks w/Ranch Fruit</p>	<p>4 Cheeseburger w/bun Oven potatoes Corn Fruit</p>
<p>7 Chicken Fajita w/salsa Peas & Carrots Fruit</p>	<p>8 Pepperoni Pizza Celery Sticks w/ranch Fruit</p>	<p>9 Pork Pattie w/ bun Bosco Sticks Broccoli Fruit</p>	<p>10 Meaty Nachos w/cheese and salsa Oven Potatoes Fruit</p>	<p>11 Crispitos w/cheese sauce Tirtilla chips w/salsa Mixed Veggies Fruit</p>
<p>14 Meatball sub Oven Potatoes Green Beans Fruit</p>	<p>15 BBQ Rib Sandwich Oven Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit</p>	<p>16 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Corn Fruit</p>	<p>17 Grilled Chicken on bun Tater Tots Calif. Veggies Fruit</p>	<p>18 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/brown gravy Carrots Fruit</p>
<p>21 Com Dog Oven Fries Wax Beans Fruit</p>	<p>22 Fish Sandwich Oven Potatoes Peas Fruit</p>	<p>23 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Yams Fruit</p>	<p>24 Pork Pattie & Bun Oven Potatoes Green Beans Fruit</p>	<p>25 Chili Cheese Wrap Spanish Rice Corn Fruit</p>
<p>28 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Veggies Fruit</p>	<p>29 Lil Smokies Potato Coins Peas & Carrots Fruit</p>	<p>30 Vegetable Soup w/crackers Mozzarella Sticks Celery Sticks Fruit</p>	<p>School Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All meals served with choice of milk. Menu subject to change without notice. 	

NUTRITION TIP: Calcium and Bone Health

- Many children and especially teenage girls do not get the recommended amount of calcium their bodies need each day²
- MyPlate** states: The intake of dairy products is especially important to bone health during childhood and adolescence, when bone mass is being built.³



November is Good Nutrition Month!

Good Nutrition means eating adequate amounts of fruits, vegg,whole grains,proteins,dairy and fats each day to keep your body healthy.

References: ¹Albertson et al. J Am Diet Assoc 2003. ²NHANES 1999-2002. ³USDA MyPlate.gov