

# West Burlington School District Newsletter

West Burlington School District-January 2012

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## Superintendent Remarks

By David Schmitt



One of the most exciting aspects of being a district superintendent is the opportunity to assist in the professional development of our already top-quality teachers and administrators. It is a great experience when we see the positive results of our teacher training efforts being used in our classrooms on a regular basis. We continue to work diligently on implementing the Iowa core standards. We are excited about the possibilities presented by RTI, response to intervention. Gradual release of responsibility is an instructional approach of releasing the responsibility from the teacher to the student. We still believe that quality instruction is the impetus to student achievement. We will continue to provide our certified staff with relevant and rigorous professional development opportunities.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Iowa Test of Educational Development is being replaced with what is simply called, the Iowa Assessment. The test is fundamentally the same as the old test of basic skills with some changes made in the actual tests that are being used. West Burlington is excited about the fact that the new Iowa Assessment aligns with the Iowa Core standards. West Burlington has aligned our standards with the Iowa Core, and we are currently in the implementation stage. We are confident that the Iowa Assessment will be an accurate depiction of what we are teaching our students. The Iowa Assessment will be given in late February or early March.

Another exciting development in West Burlington Independent School District is a three-tier activities program improvement project being spearheaded by a group of community members, coaches, and school leaders. A brochure has been developed and will be available on the district web site. It is a project we believe will improve our PE program, all of our athletic programs – boys and girls, assist our fine arts program by freeing up building space, and provide a nice surface on our track for community use such as walking, jogging, and running. We are humbly asking you to consider a donation. Please review the brochure and contact AD Reid or Superintendent Schmitt if you have questions, comments, or concerns with this project. We believe this project will enhance our already prominent, Falcon Pride!

Have a happy and safe holiday season! As always, contact me with questions or concerns, e-mail at [david.schmitt@wbschools.us](mailto:david.schmitt@wbschools.us), or call (319) 752-8747, option #3. I urge our students to enjoy the long break and be ready for the start of second semester upon return to school. ❖

## Prom Dress Sale

By Kim Rector

The Post Prom committee is having a prom dress sale on January 14th from 9-2 at the West Burlington High School. If you would like to sell your dress at the sale please bring it to the High School from 4-7 on Friday, January 13th. Cost to include the dress is \$10 per dress. All profits will go to the owner of the dress. Dresses that do not sell may be pick up following the sale on Saturday. This is a great fundraiser for the committee and a wonderful way to recoup money from your beautiful past prom dresses!!! Thanks for all of your support! ❖



## Congratulations!

By Cindee Reed

The West Burlington High School Competition Dance Team placed 2nd out of 12 schools in the Class IV Pom division at the state competition held December 1st at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

In addition, this team was awarded the Distinguished Academic Award for having a combined average grade point of 3.79. This is the highest academic honor given at the state level.

Members of the team are:

Senior – Jamie Johnson

Junior – Joslyn Hicks

Sophomores – Jazlan Boyd, Alexis Hawley and Keeley Switzer

Freshmen – Mallorie Walker, Jacey Hicks, Alina Yarborough and Chelsie Yarborough

The team is choreographed by Megan Reid and coached by Cindee Reed. ❖



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## Band News

By Mark Eveleth

### 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Band

#### Solo and Small Ensemble Contest

6th, 7th, and 8th grade band students are now in the middle of preparations for the SEIBA 5-8 Solo and Small Ensemble Contest. The date for this is Saturday, February 18, 2012. It is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to come and support the music students. The event will take place at New London Elementary School.



### SEIBA 7th and 8th Grade Honor Band

This year we have 6 students trying out for this very prestigious honor band. They have been preparing etudes and memorizing scales since October. Their audition will take place on Saturday, January 7th at Fairfield High School. Those successful in their audition will travel to Iowa City's West High School on Saturday, January 21st for a day of rehearsal with a guest conductor followed by an evening concert performance.

### High School Band

#### Concert Band

The concert band members are now in the process of preparing for solo and small ensemble contest. This year's contest will take place on Saturday, March 31st. West Burlington will host this event this year so we will need volunteers to help that day.

#### Pep Band

The pep band has really been working hard to prepare for this basketball season! The students take a lot of pride in this band since it is the one most seen by everyone including people from other schools. Always, alumni should feel free to come and sit in with the band when you are at the game.

### Central College Honor Band

This honor band takes place on the campus of Central College in Pella, Iowa on Thursday, January 26th. Interested students signed up and were recommended by the director and will be accepted into the band through a form filled out by the director.

#### Jazz Band

The jazz band had two great performances in December. They played for the Rotary Club on Monday, December 19th for their noon meeting. They also started the high school holiday concert December 15th. The band will perform on Friday, February 24th at the Falcon Follies variety show. ❖

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COLLEGE GOAL  
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# Get Your Hands On Some **CASH!**

## Get free help filing for financial aid!

Volunteers will help students and families fill out and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Filing the FAFSA is the first step to qualify for federal financial aid for college.

### Find details and what you'll need to bring:

[www.iowaCGS.org](http://www.iowaCGS.org)  
(877) 272-4692

Iowa College Goal Sunday is provided by various state and nonprofit organizations in Iowa.

\* The FAFSA and EZ FAFSA are free forms that may be completed without professional assistance via paper or electronic forms provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Location

**SCC - Southeastern  
Community College  
Building 100, Room 192**

### Date

**Saturday,  
February 18, 2012**

### Time

**9:00AM-3:00PM**

**Dear Parents of West Burlington Boys and Girls Little League:**

We hope you are all having a great off season, but it's already time to start thinking about the upcoming baseball and softball season.

Recently, the West Burlington Boys and Girls Little League were approached by the Burlington American League to see if we would be interested in combining with them. The American League is a sanctioned Little League Group. We are hoping to get every ones opinion on this before we continue discussions with their Board.

**Q. What is the object of joining with the American League?**

A. The object of joining is to allow a wider variety of competition and more evenly distributed teams based on skill level.

**Q. What will be offered?**

A. The American League currently offers T-ball, Coach Pitch, Minor League and Major League teams for boys and girls ranging from ages 4 – 12 years old.

**Q. Will every child be allowed to play?**

A. Yes. They made it very clear that every child will play and no one will be turned away. The object is not to leave anyone out, rather place them in a position so they can be most successful.

**Q. Will there be Try Outs?**

A. Before the season begins they have a Try Out or "Placement" day. This allows the coaches to evaluate the kid's current skills. Then the coaches hold a draft that allows each child to be placed on a team that will allow them to develop to their fullest potential.

The object is for them to succeed, enjoy the sport and learn as much as they can during the season.

**Q. Will we be playing with kids from Burlington?**

A. Yes, this means that Burlington and West Burlington kids would be playing together, which is becoming more and more the case for athletics.

**Q. Where will the games be held?**

A. Because this is a Little League sanctioned organization the boys will most likely be playing on the American League's diamonds, which are located behind Sunnyside School. This allows the boys to pitch from pitching mounds. The girls would continue to play in West Burlington behind the pool.

**Q. How long is the season?**

A. The season length is pretty much the same. They starting practice in April and have games through the month of June.

**Q. How much will it cost?**

A. T-ball would be \$40 for the season and the Minor and Major League teams would be \$50 for the season. A second child in the family would be half price and a third child in the same family would be free. This means if you have a boy and a girl you would get the multi-child discount at registration.

**Q. What kind of Fundraising will we be required to do?**

A. Currently the American League does some fundraising, but their big money maker is concessions. They hire two people to run the concession stand, but ask that parents help during games throughout the season.

**Q. How will West Burlington be represented on the American League Board?**

A. They have invited three people from West Burlington to join the American League board.

This is pretty much all the information we have at this time. We ask that everyone think it over and let us know how you feel. If you could get back to us by December 15<sup>th</sup> we would really appreciate it. A decision has to be made soon in order to get things ready for the upcoming season. Please email us at the address below if you have any questions. If you have a concern you would like to discuss with a representative from the American League they would be more than happy to talk to you as well. Just send us an email and we can give you their contact information.

Thank you,  
West Burlington Boys and Girls Little League

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## **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, socioeconomic 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 socioeconomic 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. ☒

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jan	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day	Winter Vacation	Staff Development Day 4:30pm JV Boys Bball Danville (H) 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Danville (H)	Begin 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter		6:00pm JV/Varsity Boys Bball Maharishi (H)	SEIBA Auditions (JH/HS) @ Fairfield HS 10:30am HS Wrestling Van Buren Invitational Tourney
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Teacher Work Day (Option II) 7:00pm Board Work Session		MAP Testing (8th and 11th Grade)			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	5:30pm HS Wrestling New London JV Tourney 6:00pm JV G/B Bball Central Lee (H)	6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Central Lee (T)		4:30pm JH Boys Bball Notre Dame (H)	4:30pm JV G/B Bball Notre Dame (T) 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Notre Dame (T)	10:00am HS Wrestling Solon Varsity Tourney
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Martin Luther King Day 4:30pm JH Boys Bball Central Lee (T) 6:00pm JV G/B Bball Harmony (T)	4:30pm JH Boys Bball Mediapolis (T) 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Harmony (H) 7:00pm Board Regular Meeting	1:00pm Early Out (Staff Development)	4:30pm JH Boys Bball New London (H) 6:00pm JV/Varsity Girls Bball IMS (T) 6:30pm HS Wrestling Cardinal/Mediapolis @ WBNDD Parent/Senior Night	4:30pm JV Boys Bball New London (T) 5:30pm HS Wrestling L&M JV tourney 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball New London (T)	SEIBA Honor Band Festival @ Iowa City West High 10:00am HS Wrestling L&M Invitational Tourney
29	30	31				
	District Large Group Speech Contest	9:15am - 11:30am Future Problem Solving Qualifying Bowl at Fairfield 4:30pm JV G/B Bball Holy Trinity (H) Parent Night 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Holy Trinity (H) Parent/Senior Night		Central College Honor Band 4:30pm JH Boys Bball Holy Trinity (T) at West Pt. 6:00pm JV/Varsity Girls Bball Notre Dame (H) non-conference 6:30pm HS Wrestling WBNDD/Columbus @ Highland	4:30pm JV G/B Bball Cardinal (T) 5:30pm HS Wrestling Conf. JV Tourney @ New London 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Cardinal (T)	10:00am HS Wrestling Conference Varsity Wrestling Tourney at New London 4:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet in the Elementary Cafeteria
	IHSMA State Show Choir Contest 5:00pm JH Boys Bball Notre Dame (T) 6:00pm JV G/B Bball Van Buren (T)	6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Van Buren (H)				

# LUNCH

JANUARY 2012

West Burlington Schools

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chicken nuggets Mashed potato/gravy Corn Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1 Spaghetti Garlic bread Broccoli w/ cheese Fruit</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2 Pizza Quesadilla Oven potatoes Corn Bread &amp; Butter Fruit</p>
<p>9</p> <p>3 Sausage egg bagel Hash brown French toast(JSH only) Juice cup Fruit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4 Pork fritter Baked beans Oven potatoes Fruit</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5 Chicken fajita w/sals. Calif. Veggie Potato coins Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6 Salisbury steak Mashed potato w/gravy Green beans Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 Crispito w/cheese sa. Salsa Carrots Oven potatoes Bread &amp; butter</p>
<p>16</p> <p>2 Fish sandwich Oven potato Peas Fruit</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3 Corn dog Tater tots Corn Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4 Cheeseburger French fries Peas Fruit <b>EARLY OUT</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p>5 Cook's choice Sweet potatoes Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 Popcorn chicken Oven potatoes Calif. Veggies Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>
<p>23</p> <p>1 Pepperoni pizza Tossed salad Corn Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2 Hot dog French fries Broccoli cauliflower w/ Cheese Fruit</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3 Lil smokies Macaroni &amp; cheese Carrots Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4 Meatballs w/marinath Oven potatoes Green beans Fruit</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5 Cheeseburger Oven potatoes Peas Fruit</p>
<p>30</p> <p>6 BBQ rib sandwich Oven potatoes Baked beans Fruit</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1 Chicken nuggets Green beans Oven potatoes Bread &amp; butter Fruit</p>	<p>FEB 1</p> <p>Grilled chicken sandwich Tater tots Calif. Veggies Fruit</p>	<p>FEB 2</p> <p>2 Hoagie w/ cheese Peas Sun chips Fruit</p>	<p>FEB 3</p> <p>4 Ham &amp; cheese Oven potatoes Corn Fruit</p>
<p><b>NUTRITION TIP: Stay Active</b> MyPlate recommends making physical activity a regular part of the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Home</li> <li>• At Work</li> <li>• At Play</li> </ul>				
<p><b>All meals served with choice of milk.</b> <b>Menu subject to change without notice.</b></p>				

