

West Burlington School District Newsletter

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Superintendent Remarks

By David Schmitt



The first semester is long gone and we are approaching mid-term for third quarter. The school year is flying by, believe it or not; we are in the planning process for school year 2012-2013. There are a few things I would like to apprise you of, as we go into the serious planning stage for next year.

I am interested in your thoughts on our school calendar. I'd like input on start date, ending semester before the winter holiday, spring break, and ending date. I welcome input about these calendar items or any items you would like to share with me.

The school district is in the stage of considering going to a one-to-one computer format. We are working on an initiative to provide a laptop computer for each of our certified staff members for school year 2012-2013. We are also in the early stage of studying a 1:1 computer initiative for our students, with a target of implementation in the 2013-2014 school year. The Board has started some discussion and the technology department and administration are also working on site visits, policy review, and budget planning, which we hope will set the stage for board approval yet this spring. I believe that technology is an important instructional tool, with reading, math, science, fine arts, social studies, vocational programs, foreign language, Century 21 skills, and all of our courses as the actual curriculum. We are pleased with our core curriculum implementation.

As you are all aware the 2011-2012 school marks the first year the sixth grade is part of our junior high school program. The transition has gone well. I believe the transition was well planned and purposeful. I thank the parents, staff, and students on this successful transition.

Budgetary planning for 2012-2013 has also begun. We had modest resident student growth this year. This is good news for all. We are carefully monitoring class sizes as we progress through this year and plan for next. The board discusses elementary, junior high and high school class sizes frequently at public board meetings. Please be assured we will keep our classes at levels that are educational aligned with the research of best practices, but also keep our budget financially solvent. It is a tricky formula, but the board and administration are carefully monitoring the class numbers.

You might have received a mailing from the activities improvement committee. Please

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peruse the brochure at your leisure. Contact Superintendent Schmitt with questions. Please don't feel obligated to contribute. We know our families work hard to make ends meet, so do what you can for this worthwhile cause. If a contribution doesn't work in to your family budget, the committee certainly understands. West Burlington ISD appreciates your great support and dedication to our mission, placing students first!

Please contact me with questions, comments, concerns, or if you'd like to discuss the direction of our school district over a cup of coffee. West Burlington Independent School District is heading in the right direction. You have attentive board members who truly care about our school, our community, and most importantly, they take a sincere interest in the education and well-being of our students! Contact me at david.schmitt@wbschools.us, or call (319) 752-8747, option #3. ☒

West Burlington Athletic Booster Club News

By Robert Brewster



The WBABC would first like to say "Thanks!" to all the parents and volunteers who help with the WBABC activities and fundraisers. The booster club has some new exciting things happening and we would like to invite anyone from the community that would like to get involved to please come and be a part of us.

The WBABC girls basketball tournament was a great success, thanks to all of the volunteers. The WBABC boys basketball tournament is coming up on February 11th & 12th and we can use all the help we can get. For more info on the tournament, please contact Coach Jeff Housel.

We also would like to say thanks to everyone who purchased the West Burlington gear before Christmas! It went over very well and we will have another big order in a month or two. There is also some other fundraisers being put together that we think the community will like! Stay tuned for more info to follow on them!

The WB Athletic Booster Club holds meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM in the high school library and we would love to see you there. We would appreciate any help that the community can give by volunteering some time to the sporting event of your choice; there are several opportunities to help. Remember, the WBABC is YOUR club. It is all for the improvement of the West Burlington athletics and the kids that participate! Parents, let us all do a little something to accomplish something BIG for our kids! If you would like to help out, please contact one of the numbers below. Thanks again and GO FALCONS! ☒

Robert Brewster -918-261-1583
Nate Prickett -319-759-3616
Theresa Jones -319-753-6816

Tammy Hopkins- 319-457-1290
John Dewey- 319-752-6688
Jay Day- 319-572-9899

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

Congratulations to Kristyn Vedder. She auditioned and was chosen for the SEIBA JH honor band on oboe. This is Kristyn's second year to be accepted in this prestigious honor band.

SEIBA 7th and 8th Grade Large Group Contest

The 7th and 8th grade band will be traveling to Durant for the SEIBA junior high large group contest on Saturday, March 10th. Parents, please check your e-mail for the specifics for the day as the event gets closer.

Festival of Bands

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 the 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade bands as well as the high school concert band will perform their annual "Festival of Bands" concert. This is a great concert to see just how much musical progress the band students make while being involved in instrumental music at West Burlington. The concert will start at 7:00PM.

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.

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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. 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. Congratulations to Carissa Huston, Jessica Spracklin and Kaleigh Wagoner for being accepted in to this honor band.

High School 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. The theme this year is "Music from the 80's".



Festival of Bands **By Sharon Gygi**

IMPORTANT CHANGE:
Festival of Bands has been
changed to March 6th instead
of March 15th.



Dress code is black pants or skirts and white tops.
We dress for success! ❏



Paying for lunch just got easier

How many times has your child's lunch money gotten lost or misplaced somewhere between home and school? With PaySchools, lost lunch money is a thing of the past.

PaySchools is a secure online payment processing system that allows parents to send payments for school fees by electronic check or credit card. It lets you pay your child's school expenses anytime, anywhere. No more lost money.

Using PaySchools is easy. Log into JMC via the school districts web site and click on "Make family account deposit" under the family lunch account screen.



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. ❏

BOOK FAIR Luau

It's a Reading Celebration!

Dear Parents and Families:

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair **January 30th - February 9th** and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Book Fair Luau! It's a Reading Celebration!** – is part of an exciting reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair during parent teacher conferences **February 7th and 9th**. The Book Fair will be open from 5:00-8:00. Hope to see you there!

Below are the times your child can bring money to shop the Book Fair during school hours.

Monday January 30th: 5-Long, 1-Claypool, K-Springsteen, 3-Watkins

Tuesday January 31st: 5-Prickett, 1 Dotson, K-Laffoon, 2-Sleister

Wednesday February 1st: 5-Schropp, 1-Morey, K-Sherwood, 3-Williams, K-Bernhart

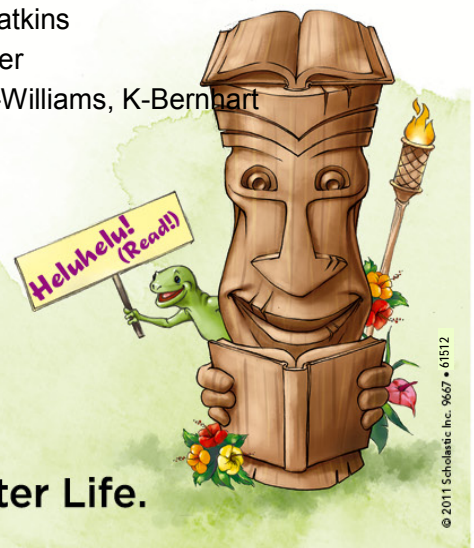
Thursday February 2nd: 4-Leopard, 2-Reid

Friday February 3rd: 4-Mineart, 3-Elliott

Monday February 6th: 2-Lamb

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Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.



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December 21, 2011

Dear Parents,

This is a letter to inform you that your child has been chosen to participate in one or more solos/groups for contest at New London on Saturday morning, February the 18th. We will have a bus that will leave from the school at 7:30AM.

I would like our students to dress for success. Black pants and white tops would be great for all those who are playing in groups.

Groups are: **Flute duet:** Alexis Davis and Makayla Cheely **Bell duet:** Libby Logan and Kelyin Chng
Trumpet & Baritone duet: Hunter Leibli and Tyler Schramm **Clarinet duet:** Jianna Barshinger and Kaitlyn Porter
Trumpet Trio: Austin Mixer, Cole Williams, and Hunter Liebli **Saxophone Trio:** Keegan Moore, Adriana Moad, and Emma Brown
Clarinet trio: Binita Gautam, Raylee Ross, and Joleen Kelly
Trombone and Baritone trio: Brody Neitzel, Iliyah Moore, and Tyler Schramm
Trombone Trio: Tyler Dameron, Tanner Snodgrass, and Drake Day
Brass Ensemble: Brody Neitzel, Tyler Schramm, Iliyah Moore, Austin Mixer, Cole Williams, and Hunter Liebli
Soloists are Alexis Davis, Makayla Cheely, Myles Carter, Binita Gautam, Raylee Ross, Austin Mixer, Cole Williams, Brody Neitzel, Tyler Dameron, Iliyah Moore, Libby Logan, Kelyin Chng, Adriana Moad, and Keegan Moore, Makenna Davis, and Jianna Barshinger.

As you can see, we have 19 to 20 students that will be going to contest. Many of them will be performing in more than one event. I really need to have some parent volunteers to help us guide our students around during the several hour they will be in New London. If you plan to attend with your child, we would be glad to have you take charge of several more musicians. Many times most of our parents attend the contest because they enjoy hearing their child perform for the judge, and we welcome your attendance. Please sign and hand in bottom part if you can help. Thanks.

PARENTS NAME: _____.

PARENTS TELEPHONE NUMBER _____.

Sharon Gygi

Elementary Band Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Feb	2	3	4
			2012-2013 Kindergarten Pre-registration begins	Groundhog Day 4:30pm JH Boys Bball Central Lee (H) 4:30pm JV boys Bball Danville (T) 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Danville (T)	6:00pm Girls Bball Conference Shoot Out (North hosts)	State Large Group Speech Contest 12:00pm Sectional Wrestling Tourney @ West Burlington
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Conference Bball Snow Date IHMA State Jazz Choir Contest 4:30am JH Boys Bball New London (T) 4:30pm JV G/B Bball Mediapolis (T) 6:00pm Varsity G/B Bball Mediapolis (T) 7:00pm Board Work Session	Regional Dual Team Wrestling Tourney (TBA) 4:30pm JH Boys Bball Mediapolis (H) 5:00pm - 8:00pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00pm JV/Varsity Boys Bball Maharishi (T)	5:00pm - 8:00pm K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:00pm 8th Grade Freshman Orientation	No School (Teacher Work Day/In-Service Day) 4:30pm JH Boys Bball Danville (T) 6:00pm Boys Bball Conference Shoot Out (South hosts)	ACT Testing Girls Regional Bball (TBA) 8:00am - 9:00pm WB Booster Club Boys Bball Tournament 12:00pm District Wrestling Tourney (TBA)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00am - 6:00pm WB Booster Club Boys Bball Tournament	Boys District Bball (TBA) 4:30pm JH Boys Bball Holy Trinity (H)	Valentine's Day Girls Regional Bball (TBA)	1:00pm Early Out (Staff Development)	Boys District Bball Semi-Final (TBA) State Wrestling Tourney in Des Moines	Girls Regional Bball Tourney (TBA) State Wrestling Tourney in Des Moines	All State Large Group Speech Festival SEIBA ES/JH Solo Contest State Wrestling Tourney in Des Moines
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Presidents' Day Girls Regional Bball Tourney (TBA) No School 7:00pm 6th - 8th grade Vocal Concert in Auditorium	Boys District Bball Final (TBA) 5:00pm Board Regular Meeting 7:00pm 6th - 8th grade Vocal Concert in Auditorium	Boys District Bball Final (TBA) 5:00pm Board Regular Meeting 7:00pm 6th - 8th grade Vocal Concert in Auditorium	7:00pm Kiwanis Travelogue in Auditorium	Falcon Follies in Auditorium	Boys Substate Bball (TBA) District Individual Events Speech Contest	
26	27	28	29			
	Boys Substate Bball (TBA) Girls State Bball Tourney Begins					

LUNCH FEBRUARY 2012

West Burlington Schools

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>February is cherry month Fabulous Florida strawberry month Sweet potato month</p>		<p>5 Goulash Broccoli w/cheese Oven potatoes Fruit</p>	<p>6 Burrito w/cheese & salsa Refried beans Corn Fruit</p>	<p>1 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes/gravy Mixed vegetables Fruit</p>
<p>2 Meatball sub w/cheese Marinara sauce Oven potato Fruit</p>	<p>3 Hot dog French fries Broccoli / cheese Fruit</p>	<p>4 Lil smokies Mac n cheese Carrots Fruit</p>	<p>5 Cheeseburger w/bun Oven potatoes Peas Fruit</p>	<p>6 Pepperoni Pizza Tossed salad Corn Fruit</p>
<p>1 Hoagie w/cheese Sun chips Peas Fruit</p>	<p>2 Fish sandwich Oven potatoes Corn Fruit</p>	<p>3 Pork fritter Baked beans Oven potatoes Bread & butter Fruit</p>	<p>4 Chicken fajita w/salsa Calif. Veggies Potato coins Bread & butter Fruit</p>	<p>5 Hot ham & cheese Oven potato Green beans Fruit</p>
<p>6 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>1 Chicken pattie & bun Peas & carrots Oven potatoes Fruit</p>	<p>2 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes corn Fruit</p>	<p>3 BBQ rib sandwich Sweet potatoes' Baked beans Fruit</p>	<p>4 Corn dog Tater tots Green beans Fruit</p>
<p>5 Grilled chicken sandwich Tater tots Calif . veggies Fruit</p>	<p>6 Hoagie w/cheese Peas Sun chips Fruit</p>	<p>1 Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Corn Bread & butter Fruit</p>	<p>2 Cheeseburger French fries Peas & carrots Fruit</p>	<p>3 Crispito w/cheese & salsa Chips Wax beans Bread & butter Fruit</p>

NUTRITION TIP: Benefits of Vitamin D

- 7 out of 10 Americans don't meet recommended intakes for vitamin D.¹
- Vitamin D is important because it helps your body absorb calcium, but studies have shown that it also has a protective effect against chronic diseases including heart disease, type 1 diabetes, and others.²
- Find vitamin D in fortified low-fat yogurt and other dairy foods.

All meals served with choice of milk.
Menu subject to change without notice.

References: ¹Bell Institute of Dietary Intake Study, 2000-2002. ²Holick MF. J Nutr .2005.