

# West Burlington Elementary Falcon Flyer



April 2022

## Principal's Corner

- Crazy Temperatures:** It's that time of the year where temperatures are all over the place! Please try to plan accordingly and send a jacket, sweatshirt, coat to accommodate the outdoor recesses. Layers are always a good option this time of the year! Come on warmer temps!
- Last Day of School:** The last day of school for the 21-22 school year is Thursday, June 2, 2022.
- Kindergarten Round Up:** If you know of a child that is interested in Kindergarten at West Burlington Elementary for the 22-23 school year, please have them contact the elementary office. This applies to West Burlington residents and other families that are wishing to open enroll to West Burlington. We have a parent meeting planned for Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:30 for parents of incoming Kindergartners.
- Iowa Assessments:** Our annual "Iowa Assessments" are just around the corner! These assessments are so important for our district as it's one of the main pieces the state uses to highlight a school's performance. It is so important that all of our students know the importance of these assessments and try their hardest to achieve at their highest potential. Parents and families, we appreciate your support during these assessments! A good night's sleep, balanced breakfast and lots of encouragement are so helpful during the assessment weeks.

Grades 3-5 will test April 4<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> this year. Teachers will be sending home schedules about specific days and times for testing in their classrooms. Please watch for those in early April. If you would like additional information, please visit: <http://iowa.pearsonaccessnext.com/> Let us know if you have questions! Let's do our best and shine, West Burlington Elementary!

### 5. Upcoming Dates:

**Friday, April 15:** No School (Good Friday)

**Friday, April 29:** PTO Block Party

### April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 PTO meeting 5:00 pm	5	6	7	8 Early Out 1:30 pm	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 NO SCHOOL	16
17	18 School Board 6:00 pm	19	20	21	22 Early Out 1:30 pm	23
24	25	26	27	28 Music Concert 4th gr. 6:00 pm	29 Early Out 1:30 pm PTO - Block Party	30

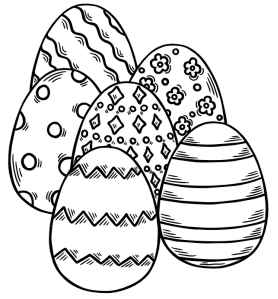
## WB High School Post Prom Fundraiser - Egg My Yard!

25 candy filled eggs for \$25 will be placed in your yard the night before Easter (between 7-10 pm). \$25 per set of 25 eggs (no limit on sets purchased).

Deadline to order: Friday April 8th.

To reserve your spot email [theresa@innovativeft.com](mailto:theresa@innovativeft.com) with name, address, cell number, and payment arrangement (check/cash/Venmo: @Theresa-Reckling)

Questions? Call Theresa Reckling at (319)759-9414 or Susan Vandenberg at (319)759-9714.



## Parent Meeting/Round Up for 22-23 Kindergarten Parents/Guardians

**Who:** Parents with students attending Kindergarten at WB Elementary for the 22-23 school year

**What:** Informational Meeting for Parents about our West Burlington Elementary Kindergarten Program

**When:** Monday, May 3, 2022 @ 5:30 - 6:00 PM

**Where:** West Burlington Elementary Gym

**Details:** Two parents/guardians per child are invited to attend. Your child does not need to attend. Children will have an opportunity to see the classrooms and meet the teachers during our back to school visits in August. Please bring the original birth certificate and a copy of immunization records for your child.

Please join us if you have a child attending Kindergarten at WB Elementary for the 22-23 school year!



### Upcoming Spring Concerts

All concerts will be held in the HS Auditorium.

Thursday, April 28- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Music - 6:00 pm

Tuesday May 17 - Kindergarten Music - 6:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade Music - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 19- 5th grade Band and Music 6:00 pm

#### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

It is the policy of the West Burlington Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Equity Coordinator, 607 Ramsey St., (319) 752-8747, [Equity.Coordinator@wbschools.us](mailto:Equity.Coordinator@wbschools.us).

## CLASSROOM PLACEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

If you wish to fill out a form to communicate information about your child to be considered when class lists are made, please stop in the office. We strive to ensure that all students and staff are operating in an environment to foster and support learning. Balancing out the academic, behavior and social needs in the classrooms is a high priority for us to ensure this happens. Procedures are as follows:

- We will not accept specific teachers as requests
- A form is available in the office to document what type of learning environment you feel your child is most successful in, special needs, academic concerns, etc.
- These forms can be picked up and turned in to the office. All forms need to be turned in by Thursday, April 14th.



### **Cell Phones**

We have been having lots of cell phones being used at school. Below is from the Elementary Handbook (pg. 22)

Cell Phones At School: Students bringing cell phones to school must:

1. Turn cell phones off when arriving on school grounds.
  2. Cell phones must remain off until off school grounds.
  3. Cell phones must be placed in the student lockers (grades 3-5).
  4. Students without lockers should check the cell phones into the office or in with their teacher.
- (K-2)
5. Students needing to use their cell phones between 7:30am and 4pm may be granted permission by the office.

Students violating the above procedure will be required to turn the cell phones into the office.

1. First violation - Parent notification and the student may pick up the phone at the end of the day.
2. Second violation - Parent notification and parents will be required to pick up the phone from the office.
3. Third violation - Parent notification and parents will be required to pick up the phone from the office. The student will not be allowed to bring the phone to school.

## **10 Reasons to Get Involved with PTO**

Your child benefits.

We make a difference.

We pledge to honor your time constraints.

We have fun!

Meet nice people who share your concerns.

There's a lot to be done.

We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.

We're welcoming.

We're about parent involvement, not fundraising.

This work is very rewarding.



# Nurse's Notes

As this school year is winding down, it's time to look ahead to the 2022/23 school year. Kindergarten & Preschool registration are happening now. In the State of Iowa there are several requirements needed for students.

Below you will find the requirements needed:

## KINDERGARTEN

- Dental Screening
- Vision Screening
- Lead Screening
- Updated Immunization Records
- Physical

## STUDENTS NEW TO DISTRICT (Excluding Kindergarten & Preschool)

- Dental Screening
- Vision Screening
- Lead Screening
- Immunizations- current according to age/grade level

## GRADE 3

- Vision Screening

**Screening paperwork can be picked up in the Elementary Office. Paperwork for Kindergarten will be passed out at the Parent Meeting May 3rd at 5:30 pm at Elementary Gym.**



## Every Kid Healthy Week April 25th-29th

Every year Every Kid Healthy week is observed and celebrated. This week is a way to educate and encourage a healthy lifestyle so that kids can grow up to be healthy adults.

Through this week there are many different activities you can do to promote a healthy lifestyle. Some of which include:

- **Social/Emotional Health** - Practice Journaling, Practice breathing exercises for emotional regulation, or play based yoga
- **Nutrition and Food Access** - Have a family taste test, Explore ways to plant your own garden, or plan a healthy meal that you can do together
- **Self-Care Strategies** - Create a family self-care plan, Go green to improve health, or explore the outdoors
- **Connectedness, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness** - Create learning spaces that inspire, help children understand their thoughts and feelings through arts and crafts, or Use family conversation starters to talk about feelings
- **Physical Activity and Active Play** - Go on a trip to the park, Take a hike with family, or create an obstacle course at home use household items



## Counselor News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Falcon Food Pantry is open and available to any West Burlington family. Please call Patty McPherson at 759-4656 to make an appointment.



Telehealth equipment has been installed in both the Elementary and Middle/High buildings as part of our collaboration with Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa. Several of us will get trained on the use of this equipment as the board of directors considers policy issues related to the use of this equipment with students and the consent requirements for doing so. We will share this information with parents as it becomes available.

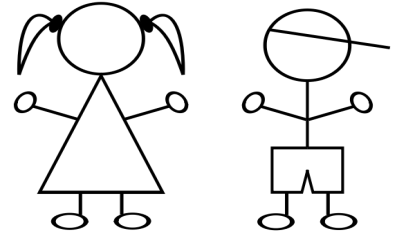
A WB parent shared with me that Eeros, an amazon device used with Mediacom internet, has been a terrific tool for monitoring internet usage at home. In addition, with the click of a button on the smartphone app, she can block access to any or all devices in their home. I purchased the equipment to replace my aging Securely equipment and, while more expensive, it is a much easier program to use. Parents can set time limits on specific devices including gaming consoles and tablets. The smartphone interface is intuitive and user friendly and installation took about 15 minutes.



Have a digitip for parents? Send it to my email so I can share it in the newsletter or on facebook. [aaron.wagner@wbschools.us](mailto:aaron.wagner@wbschools.us)

## Bullying: Know the facts

Teaching your child about bullying can help her handle it better if she sees it and also make her less likely to bully others. Share these facts.



**Verbal bullying is more common.** Teasing and threatening happen more often than physical bullying like hitting or shoving. If your child is bullied verbally or physically, she should tell a grown-up right away.

**Bystanders make a difference.** Studies show that more than half of bullying incidents stop when a bystander steps in. Have your youngster think of things she could say if a classmate is being bullied. ("Want to play with me?" "Let's go sit over here.")

**Excluding others can be bullying, too.** When a child urges other kids not to be friends with someone, that's bullying. Encourage your youngster to be kind to everyone and not to exclude others. She might say something like, "I decide who I'm friends with."



# REMEMBER: PTO - LIBRARY - LUNCH MENU FLYERS

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Visit Jr. High School (From April 2021)**

When: Friday, May 8, 2020

Where: West Burlington Junior/Senior High Cafeteria

Time: 1:00 PM - ????

This activity is designed to help create a smooth transition from elementary to junior high for our current 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Watch for information and an RSVP form coming home soon with your child. Please plan to attend this event with your child.

### **Upcoming Spring Concerts (from April 2021)**

All concerts will be held in the HS Auditorium.

Tuesday, April 23- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music - 6:00 pm

Tuesday , May 12- 5th grade Band and Music 6:00 pm

Monday May 18- Kindergarten- 6:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup>Grade - 7:00 pm