HEAT HUB



November 2017 Edition



Mrs. Lafary Principal Mrs. Harrison Asst. Principal

- Thursday, November 2nd: Picture Retakes
- Sunday, November 5th: Daylight Savings Time—Turn Clocks Back One Hour
- Thursday, November 9th: Pre-K Family Fun Night @ 6 PM
- Friday, November 10th: Donuts with Dad @ 8:30 AM
- Thursday, November 16th: School Improvement Day—11:30 Dismissal Potty Training Class @ 5:30 PM
- Friday, November 17th: No School—Teacher Institute Day
- Tuesday, November 21st: 2:15 Dismissal
- Wednesday, November 22nd—Friday, November 24th: No School
- Tuesday, November 28th: Winter Music Concert (Pre-K—2nd Grade) @ 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 29th: Winter Music Concert (3rd—5th Grade) @ 6:30 PM

<u>Daylight Savings Time:</u> Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th!

Parent Survey: We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Parent Survey during parent-teacher conferences. Your input is greatly appreciated and can help guide our decision making. We had 85% of our parents attend conferences during scheduled times and had 207 surveys completed this year. Some of the findings include:

- 100% of parents surveyed are confident in helping with reading homework, while 83% of parents surveyed are confident in helping with math homework.
- 96% of parents surveyed feel that our PBIS program has been effective.
- 96% of parents surveyed feel there is adequate opportunity for communication.
- 14 of the 207 parents surveyed listed bullying and education to stop bullying as an area for us to improve.

This year's drawing winners are: Brendan Schaley, Kelsie Torrance, Linda McBride, Tammy McGraw, and Amanda Randall. Our students have been working hard to prepare for their Winter Concerts! We hope to see you in attendance for these events!

"Donuts With Dad"

We would like to invite all fathers/ guardians of our Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade students to join us on Friday, November 10th for our annual "Donuts with Dad" hosted by our SIP team and Title team. This event will begin at 8:30 AM. Come enjoy donuts and juice as we provide kitchen chemistry activities for home to help build your child's interest in science. Parents of upper elementary students, we'll be having Pastries with Parents in February!

Thursday, November 16th is National Parental Involvement Day

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you very far. Instead ask questions like these for a better picture of your child's day:

- What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?
- Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?
- What made you laugh today?
- What was the most creative thing you did today?
- How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?

<u>Erin's Law:</u>

Each parent/guardian should have received a paper regarding Erin's Law and the videos that will be shown to our students during the month of November. We will refer to this as the body safety drill. The message of "No, Go, Tell" is straightforward and does not in any way discuss body identification or sex education. The video identifies what an unsafe touch is and what a child should do if they experience an unsafe touch. As always, our top priority is student safety.

Our students will be going outside during recess when the weather permits this fall/winter. Please



Warm Clothing:

send your student(s) with a warm jacket, hat, and gloves so they may participate safely during this important part of their day!

Thank you!

Each month the students have a character trait that will be focused on in the classroom and throughout the building. For the month of November, the character trait is "HONESTY". Please talk to your child about being

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honest at home, at school, on the bus, and when they are out in public. We are excited to have our HEAT store up and running. We look forward to each month's PBIS assembly!

The West Central Bullying Incident report form can be found online at www.wc235.k12.il.us under the heading Bullying Prevention



On Thursday, October 26th, the WCHS Marching Band put on an outstanding performance for our students that met the requirements of attending the 1st Quarter HEAT Celebration! Thank you to Mr. Stewart and the WCHS Marching Band! Thank you to all of the Moms that attended Muffins for Mom on October 13th! We had 123 families in attendance! We enjoyed many different stem activities to promote better problem-solving skills!

