



November 10, 2017

CALENDAR

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

- **Saturday, November 11th** Mom to Mom Sale 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- **Monday, November 13th** World Kindness Day
School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Monday, November 20th & Tuesday, November 21st** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24th** NO SCHOOL **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- **Tuesday, December 5th** PTO Meeting 5:15 PM
- **Thursday, December 7th** WANNA KNOW? 8:00 AM
- **Friday, December 8th** North Pole Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- **Monday, December 11th** School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday, December 20th** Kindergarten/1st Grade Concert
- **Friday, December 22nd** Half Day of School

Winter break begins Friday, December 22nd at 11:15 AM for grades 5 & 6 and 12:15 PM for grades K-4. School returns in the new year on Monday, January 8, 2018!

GREETINGS, FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for the snack and mostly healthy foods you provided for our annual Halloween classroom events. The children and staff were all dressed up for the costume parade before they headed home for more fun!

At our first **WANNA KNOW?** I provided information about possible sinking fund repairs and we discussed some communication inconsistency concerns. We are working on these issues and will bring updates to the next meeting. I hope you join us at our next meeting that will take place on 12/7. Can't attend? Just send me an email!

Our second **PBIS Celebration** took place today for grades K-4. Children attending could choose from the dance in the gym, outside fun, the computer lab, a movie in the library and created winter paper chains and snowflakes in the lobby. Many children did not know how to make a paper chain and/or a snowflake so ask them how they made them! It's great fun and an inexpensive way to decorate.

If your child is in kindergarten through 2nd grade, have you asked your child about their **Mandarin Chinese class**? They explore Chinese culture through different activities with Ms. Qian XU, their teacher. They are even learning words and how to count in Chinese! If you have questions about the curriculum she can be reached at qian.xu@wlps.net

Our 5th and 6th grade classes are putting their finishing touches on their library projects! They have been busy using many different skills to create models of possible renovations for their grade level space in the library. As part of **Project Based Learning (PBL)**, students and staff have been working on this project since September. The next steps will be to decide which elements to use for the final



model and begin the fundraising to make this renovation possible. Make sure to stop by their project displays in the hall during conferences.

Tomorrow is **Veterans day!** To honor and assist our local veterans WLES Builders Club is collecting paper towel, toilet paper, kleenex, toiletries and anything else you think may be of assistance. They also created two beautiful banners that will be placed in our local Polly's Market and at Veterans Hospital. We are very proud of the service our veterans have provided to our country and our students for taking the time to honor them!

COMMUNICATION

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on 11/20 & 11/21 from 4:30pm-8pm

If you are having difficulty **logging into Powerschool** and/or retrieving your child's academic information, please see your child's classroom teacher. Passwords will also be available, by request in the school office, at conferences.

If you would like to sign up to bring in an item for the teachers conference dinner, the sign-up link is below. The teachers will be very appreciative!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4AACA82BA57-parent/22125598>

FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting Thanksgiving food items, now until 11/17, to provide bags of food for families in need. Food bags will be distributed at conferences on 11/20 & 11/21. If you are able to contribute, please bring in non perishable grocery items no later than Friday Nov. 17th.

Examples could include: Cans of corn, green bean, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, gravy, yams, chicken stock/broth, cranberries, pumpkin and crispy onions for green bean casserole.

Other items can include: Stuffing, potatoes, bags of marshmallows and anything else that you would like to provide.

All items can be dropped off in the school office or to Amber Masterson.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY!

Monday is **World Kindness Day!** If you purchased a *Kindness is Cool* t-shirt for your child please wear it on Monday. If not, they can wear something blue and/or a shirt with a positive message on it.

NORTH POLE NIGHT

Plans for this fun family winter event are underway! The event will take place on **Friday, 12/8 from 6-8 PM** at the elementary school. Activities will include games, food, crafts, bake sale, stocking raffles, silent auction, candy cane grams, photo booths and much more! It will be another great family event sponsored by the PTO, staff, the community and volunteers!



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If you are interested in helping in the following ways please email our PTO at

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- Donating items for the silent auction
- Donating baked goods for the bake sale (proceeds go towards 5th grade camp)
- Donating mittens for the mitten tree for those in need (all sizes needed)
- Running activities
- Assisting with setup and/or clean-up

Silent auction items and mittens can be dropped off at the elementary school office prior to 12/8. Bake sale items can be dropped off on 12/8.

Ticket pre-sale will take place beginning the week of 11/27.

PTO NEWS

Please join us for our second annual **mom2mom sale** this Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the elementary school. Booths will include new and gently used children's clothing and items, crafters and vendors as well as a food drive and bake sale.

Our **next meeting** will take place on Tuesday, December 5th at 5:15 in the WLES library. Free childcare and light refreshments will be provided.

BOOK BINGO

GOT BOOKS? WLES is collecting gently used and new books for the 3rd Annual Book Bingo event.

Book donations may be placed in the green bin across from the media center or dropped off in room A-10. Monetary donations for the purchase of new books are also accepted. Book Bingo is scheduled for **June 2018**. Contact Mrs. Roy-Borland with any questions: heidi.roy-borland@wlps.net or [734-449-2051 x1310](tel:734-449-2051)

SCHOOL HOURS

Office Hours 7:15 AM – 4:15 PM

5th and 6th Grades 7:50 AM - 2:35 PM

Kindergarten – 4th Grades 8:50 AM – 3:35 PM

5th and 6th Grade students who eat breakfast at school may arrive and enter the building at 7:30 AM

5th and 6th Grade students that walk to school should arrive no earlier than 7:40 AM and no later than 7:50 AM.

Kindergarten-4th Grade students who eat breakfast at school may arrive and enter the building at at 8:20 AM all other students can enter the building at 8:40 AM.

Kindergarten – 4th Grade students that walk to school should arrive no earlier than 8:40 AM and no later than 8:50 AM *See above for arrival and building entry if eating breakfast.*