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# PBIS Celebration: Hungry, Hungry Hippos!



PBIS is a big part of how we maintain a positive culture and climate in our building. PBIS is short for “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.” PBIS is based on principles of applied behavior analysis, with the purpose of using preventative supports in order to encourage positive behaviors among students, staff, and teachers. At Western Avenue, each classroom teacher tracks behavior in their classroom, under the school-wide expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible. At the mid-month point and end of each month, our PBIS team creates fun school-wide incentives for the children to participate in who have been following our school-wide expectations. This month, our celebration was “Hungry, Hungry, Hippos,” and the children had a blast! A very special thanks to Mrs. Kubas and Mr. Hood for organizing our PBIS assemblies every month. These assemblies make a huge difference in the culture and climate of our building!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

The Week of December 4th

Monday, 12.4	Tuesday, 12.5	Wednesday, 12.6	Thursday, 12.7	Friday, 12.8
Lunch: Breaded Chicken Patty	Lunch: Beef Hot Dog	<b>Early Dismissal Day @ 11:15 am</b>	Lunch: Breaded Cheese Sticks	Lunch: Sausage Pizza
Basketball @ 6:00, 7:00 pm	Chess Club @ 3:15 Basketball @ 6:00, 7:00 pm		Girl Scouts @ 3:15 Study Buddies @ 3:15 Basketball @ 6:00, 7:00 pm	Basketball Games at Parker @ 6:00, 7:00 pm
<b>Upcoming Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-December 19th: Western Avenue Spelling Bee, 9:00-11:00 am</li> <li>-December 21st: 5th Grade Choir Caroling Field Trip</li> <li>-December 21st: Holiday Parties, Sing-Along and Cookie Dough Pick-Up Day from Western Avenue, 3:00-6:00 pm</li> <li>-December 22nd: Winter Break Begins (No School)</li> </ul>				



TOP STORIES

**Girl's Basketball Opportunity Through HF Park District**

Looking for some basketball fun for your daughter this December? Look no more--the HF Park District and Angels Basketball will be providing basketball and wellness programming for girls in grades 1-8! The basketball draft will be held on December 10th starting at 1:00 pm at the HF Sports Complex. All levels and abilities are welcome to attend the draft! Afterwards, there will be a Health and Wellness Fair for all attendees. Please see the attached flyer for more details!

**5 Essentials Survey-Parent Participation Needed!**

District 161 will join the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (ISBE) in the sixth statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. Students in grades four through eight, teachers and parents will be asked to take a 25 minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. This survey will serve as an opportunity for schools to reflect on progress in the district. We encourage parents and guardians to complete the survey to provide feedback to impact change in the district. **All District 161 parents and guardians will receive the**

[link to the survey on December 5th and you are able to complete the survey on any device.](#) Please contact the Main Office with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

## Girls on the Run Interest Survey

Every year, Western Avenue has wonderful participation in Girls on the Run. We are trying to get an accurate number of girls who are interested in participating this year for Girls on the Run. The reason why this is important is because the number of students will determine the number of coaches that need to be approved by the Board. Please copy and paste the link below into your web browser and complete our short survey if your daughter is interested in participating in Girls on the Run for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeASgbu54H0YqD7VfLsU4ghPHyg8dDdUhdwjAGHvVaiQ-tDGg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeASgbu54H0YqD7VfLsU4ghPHyg8dDdUhdwjAGHvVaiQ-tDGg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Musical Practice Schedule

Our practices for the Spring Musical, "101 Dalmatians," will begin this week. There are two different casts, so practices will either be on Wednesdays or Fridays after school from 3:05-4:15 pm, depending on which cast your child has been placed. The start dates are as follows:

- Friday, December 8th, from 3:05-4:15 pm and every following Friday unless you hear from Mrs. Pasqua
- Wednesday, December 13th, from 3:05-4:15 pm and every following Wednesday unless you hear from Mrs. Pasqua.

## Western Avenue Spelling Bee Participants Announced

In order to participate in Western Avenue's Spelling Bee, students in grades 3-5 had to take a very difficult qualifying exam. The winners from this exam will now compete in Western Avenue's Spelling Bee on December 19th. We would like to extend our congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the December 19th Spelling Bee at Western Avenue:

*Vivian Dixon, Noelle Dolan, Reagan Seye, Cormac Saunders, Mia Caporale, Cameron Holt, Rachel Griggs, Logan Jackson, Annelise Latham, Carrington Hughes, Ava Nickerson, Brynn Williams, Isaac Griggs, Ewan Duckett, and Russell Harris*

Our school winner will attend the District 161 Spelling Bee in January of 2018. Thank you to all who participated in the qualifying exam, and we are looking forward to our Spelling Bee in December!

## Traffic Flow at Arrival and Dismissal Times

Parents, we understand that everyone is rushing to get their days started in the morning. However, we need to do a better job driving safely in the drop-off and pick-up lines. We have three staff members directing traffic at the front lot, two staff members posted at door I, and multiple people posted at the playgrounds and blacktop area between the playgrounds. We also have one person directing traffic in the North parking lot. Please remember that there is a traffic flow. Students must be dropped off in the designated car lines. Please do not drop off your children on any other street or sidewalk other than the designated lines. Please do not wait in line to make sure your child walks to the door because that stops the flow for other parents behind you. And please be very mindful when you are pulling away from the

car line. There should only be one priority for morning drop off and afternoon pick up--and that priority is the safety of all our kids at Western Avenue. If we all work together, we can ensure the safety of all students. Thank you!

Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful week!

