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# Reading Buddies Begins at Western Avenue!



In an effort to build relationships across grade levels, most homerooms at Western Avenue Elementary participate in “Reading Buddies” with another homeroom. Typically, we see an older grade paired with younger students, and these two classes come together 1-2 times each month to spend time reading with one another. In Mr. Christofanelli and Ms. Mroch’s classes, the fourth and second graders really enjoy their experience with Ready Buddies. Kids are not only spending time with their peers building positive relationships, they are also creating a culture where literacy is encouraged and enjoyed throughout the building. Way to go, Western!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

The Week of October 23rd

Monday, 10.23	Tuesday, 10.24	Wednesday, 10.25	Thursday, 10.26	Friday, 10.27
5th Grade at Outdoor Ed in MI	5th Grade at Outdoor Ed in MI	5th Grade at Outdoor Ed in MI		
Lunch: Chicken Parmesan w/Marinara	Lunch: Hot Turkey w/ Gravy	Lunch: Chicken and Cheese Tacos w/ Spanish Rice	Lunch: Corn Dog w/ Dinner Roll	Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm	Chess Team: 3:15-4:15 pm	*Boy's Choir Practice during lunch  <b><i>STEM Club Begins!</i></b> 3:05-4:30 pm	Girl Scouts: 3:15-5:45 pm	Girl's Choir Practice: 3:05-4:15 pm

Upcoming Events:

- October 31st: Early Release Day and Halloween!
- November 9th: 4th & 5th Grade Concert @ 6:30 pm
- November 16th: End of 1st Trimester (59 school days!)



TOP STORIES

STEM Club Update

Western Avenue Elementary will host its first STEM Club session on Wednesday, October 25th from 3:05-4:30 pm. The children will meet in the gym for attendance. For the remainder of the time, children in grades K-2 will be in Rm 29, and children in grades 3-5 will be in Rm 30. We ask that you please pack a small snack if you child is staying for STEM club, as it is a long school day, and by 3:05 pm, the kiddos are hungry! Also, please make sure to be prompt in picking up your child at 4:30 pm. Thank you!

Western Avenue Study Buddies

Western Avenue Elementary is excited to announce its very own Study Buddies Tutoring Program for the 2017-2018 school year! Study Buddies is a free peer-to-peer tutoring program for 2nd-5th grade students seeking tutoring and homework help in math, reading and vocabulary. Parker Junior High School Junior Honors Society Members will be available to work with our students for five consecutive Thursdays, beginning November 9th.

The program will take place on Thursday, November 9th, 16th, 30th, and December 7th, and 14th from 3:05-4:00pm. This free program is limited to the first 30 students who register. Please see the attached

registration form for more information, and send your completed registration form to the Main Office in order to reserve your spot today!

## Box Tops Fall Drive

It's time to "harvest" those Box Tops because the Fall Classroom Challenge is on! The class that collects the most Box Tops by **Thursday, October 26th** wins a prize to be announced in November. We're counting on our families to gather all the Box Tops you have collected over the summer, bag and send them to school with your child(ren) before the deadline. Also, please visit [btf.com](http://btf.com) and shop The Marketplace. Western Avenue earns money for every purchase you make. **Questions???** Contact **Shannon Williams** at [pmw280@comcast.net](mailto:pmw280@comcast.net). Thanks for clipping!

## Lost and Found

As a reminder, there are two lost and found areas at Western Avenue Elementary. Both of these spaces are organized by our amazing Girl Scouts! The first area is located at the end of the primary hallway, near door I. The second area is located at our "breezeway." This is in our intermediate hallway, between the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. The breezeway has items located near the door that exits to our playground. Students are free to visit these locations during the day with teacher's permission to locate any lost items. Parents, during our Fall Festival on October 31st, please take advantage of being in the building, and stop by the Lost and Found to retrieve any lost items for your children. We are quickly accumulating many things during recess time. Finally, if you label your children's coats/other items with their name, the Girl Scouts will do their best to return any labeled items back to classrooms. Thank you!



## Cubs Scouts Membership Drive

Cub Scout Pack 304 is open to boys in the Homewood-Flossmoor area who are in 1st through 5th grade. For more information on scouting, to learn more about your local pack, or to register for your local pack, please visit [www.pack304.com](http://www.pack304.com), or email [hfpack204@gmail.com](mailto:hfpack204@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Western Avenue to Help the Homewood Science Center

Thanks to all who have brought in items to help support the Homewood Science Center! We have 1 full donation box, and we will continue to collect items this week. In case you missed it last week...

The Homewood Science Center is collecting a variety of items that people may normally throw in the trash in order to reuse for the Roller Coasters Program for children! In this program, children experiment with a variety of materials to design a marble roller coaster that is structurally sound and will allow the marble to roll the entire length of the structure without falling out. Western will have a

donations box at our Main Foyer. Please feel free to drop off any of the materials you see from the attached flier. We are looking for toilet paper tubes, empty tissue boxes, paper towel tubes, and empty cereal boxes, among other materials.

## Playground Supervision before 8:05 am

Western Avenue staff are present to supervise children on the playground beginning at 8:05 am. Prior to 8:05 am, ***there is no supervision from Western Avenue staff*** on either playground. We have noticed that recently, many children have been arriving to the playgrounds prior to 8:05 am, and with no parental supervision. Please refrain from dropping off your children at school before 8:05 am, unless you plan to stay at the playground to supervise their play time. The safety of all children at Western Avenue is our number one priority!

Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful week!

