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Teachers “Mummified” at Western’s Literacy Assembly!



At Western Avenue Elementary, we want our children to cultivate a passion for reading. Our Literacy Committee works hard to plan assemblies that will not only honor reading that is done outside of the classroom, but also to engage our children in something fun! And who wouldn't love to wrap their teacher in some toilet paper? In celebration of our children reading an average 300-600 additional minutes each month outside of the school day, our brave teachers agreed to be “mummified” for our November Literacy Assembly! A special thanks to Mrs. Mooney and the Literacy Committee for coordinating the assembly for our students. It was a great way to recognize all of the wonderful readers at Western Avenue Elementary.

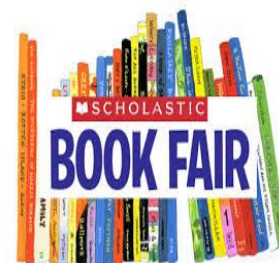
THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

The Week of November 6th

Monday, 11.6	Tuesday, 11.7	Wednesday, 11.8	Thursday, 11.9	Friday, 11.10
Lunch: Burrito w/Potato Wedges	Lunch: Corn Dog Chess Club 3:15 pm	Lunch: Cheeseburger Choir Practice 3:05-4:30 pm (Girls and Boys 4th/5th Grade Choir together) STEM Club 3:05-4:30 pm Basketball Open Gym 6:00 pm, 3rd/4th 7:00 pm, 5th	Lunch: Chicken Tacos Girl Scouts 3:15pm 4th/5th Grade Choir Concert 6:30 pm 	Veteran's Day Observed Lunch: Sausage Pizza Cookie Dough Assembly 1:45-2:15 pm, K-2 2:15-3:00 pm, 3-5

Upcoming Events:

- November 16th: End of 1st Trimester (59 school days!)
- November 17: Book Fair Preview Day
- November 17: Picture Retakes
- November 20&21: Book Fair
- November 20&21: Parent Teacher Conferences



TOP STORIES

Full Court Basketball Program Comes to Western Avenue Elementary!

Western Avenue Elementary will host an Open Gym for any student interested in participating in basketball beginning **Wednesday, November 8th**. 3rd and 4th graders will practice from 6:00-7:00 pm, and 5th graders will practice from 7:00-8:00 pm. All boys and girls who are interested in joining the basketball team are welcome to attend Open Gym. Please bring the attached registration form when you come, and enter through Door H in the back of the building by the lunchroom.

Western Avenue Study Buddies: A Free Tutoring Program!

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. There is still space if you wish to register your child. 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!

Western Avenue Spelling Bee

All students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to participate in the Western Avenue Spelling Bee. A qualifying written test will be given to determine our participants. Western Avenue's testing window for Spelling Bee qualifiers will be **this Wednesday, November 8th through Friday, November 10th**. Please refer to the list of words that was sent home last week to help prepare your child for the written exam. Students who score highest on the written exam will be announced during the week of November 13th, and the top 12-15 spellers will participate in Western Avenue's Spelling Bee on December 19th. Our school winner will then attend the District 161 Spelling Bee in January of 2018. Thank you for supporting your children!

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, or email hfpack304@gmail.com. Thank you!



Mrs. Pasqua Organizes ILMEA Professional Development

Western's very own, Mrs. Pasqua, is the professional development representative for the Illinois Music Educator's Association, District 1. This Saturday, the ILMEA held its Junior Festival at Lincolnway Central High School in New Lenox. Sessions included "Social Emotional and Practical Applications of Drum Circle Activities for Elementary General Music", "Composing with Technology", and "JW Pepper Choral Music Reading Session." We want to congratulate Mrs. Pasqua for all of her efforts put into

organizing this event for music teachers around the Chicago, South, and Southwest Suburban area!

Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful week!

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