

WORDEN ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

From the Principal

At this time of year, parents often ask for ideas regarding discipline. While there are lots of approaches, I find that some basic things seem to work in most situations:

- Emphasize routines, such as doing homework at the same time each day. When kids know what to expect, it's easier for them to comply.
- Pick the most important rules and enforce them quickly and consistently.
- Help a child get organized by using lists, calendars, folders, and other supplies that keep them on track.
- Look a child in the eye when you give instructions.
- Start with simple directions that have just one part, such as, "Pick up your book." Gradually work up to longer requests.
- Make a step-by-step plan for how jobs will be accomplished, including assignments. Break big tasks into small parts. Consider writing and signing a homework contract.

SCIENCE FAIR EXPERIMENT SET-UP

All Science Fair projects are due February 4th. Students may set up their projects after 8:00 a.m. in the gym. **THEY MUST BE SET UP BY 9:15 A.M.** The projects will be judged beginning at 9:30 a.m. and they will be on display for parents that night at 6:30 p.m. The projects can be taken home that evening.

5th grade (and older) students who conduct experiments will be eligible for the regional science fair at SIUE in March.

PTO Open House, Young Authors and Science Fair Projects Display

On Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:30 – 8:00. Please join us for an **Open House** to celebrate the Science Fair projects, the Young Author submissions, an opportunity to chat with other families and friends. PTO will provide refreshments. Students, parents, grandparents, and extended family are invited to come and enjoy the event. We hope to see you there.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 4th - 8:00 am Science Fair Setup in the gym
- 4th - 9:30 am – Science Fair Judging
- 4th - 5:00 pm PTO Meeting
- 4th - 6:30- 8:00 pm- Science Fair Projects & YoungAuthor Books on Display
- 7th -8:00 am Progress Reports Available on Tigerview
- 12th - 3:30 to 4:40 pm– Math Club
- 12th - 3rd Grade Abe Lincoln Day
- 13th - 8:45 am CSC Meeting in Mrs. Feco's classroom
- 14th - 2:30 pm – Valentine's Day Class Parties
- 17th - NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
President's Day

March

- 3rd - 5:30 pm- PTO Meeting
- 3rd - 9:30 am Spring & Group Pictures
- 6th - End of 3rd Quarter
- 11th - 3:30-4:30 pm Math Club
- 13th - 8:00 am Report Cards available on Tigerview
- 28th - SIUE Regional Science & Engineering Challenge

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to 5th grader Caleb Steinmann for winning the school spelling bee. He will represent our school in the annual St. Louis Post Dispatch Spelling Bee. Second place goes to fifth grader Jocelyn Peach who will take Caleb's place if he is unable to attend.

We would also like to congratulate the classroom winners and alternates: Parker Curry, Emilee Simpson, Camille Thirion, Easton Brokaw, Austin Ferrari, Jackson Wright, Cole Henson, Natalie Kannmacher, Addison Cochran, Allison Schwartz, Mina Cassens, Addison Copeland, Ethan Doll, Abigail Huniak, Luke Burton, Easton Wienhoff, Nora Whitaker, Merrick Edwards, Grace Brophy, Collin Meier.

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PTO NEWS AND NOTES

We are preparing to roll out THE FUNDRAISER OF YEAR. Woot! Woot! We usually host the BIG fundraiser in the fall. This year, we wanted to wait a bit, so as not to conflict with sports and other activities fundraisers. NOW is the time! TJ's is the plan! Come out the Open House for the Young Authors/ Science Fair on Feb 4th at 6:30. Enjoy some delicious TJ's samples on us. Some extra incentives for those selling are free products with every 10 items sold. PTO is also working on some fun rewards for the school's top seller and top selling classroom. Stay tuned to learn more! As always, we count on your support throughout the year, but especially at times like these. Fundraising is how we are able to provide numerous interactive classroom activities our wonderful teachers utilize during the school year. We look for your help to be able to continue this effort.

Our next PTO meeting is on February 4th at 5:00. We welcome everyone to attend and see what goes on at our meetings. We are currently seeking ideas for a "Spring Event". We welcome any creative minds out there to drop us a line at ptoworden@gmail.com or stop by a meeting. Also, we are still accepting photos for the yearbook. Did you capture an awesome shot at the orchestra performance or at your kids classroom party? Send it our way – ptoworden@gmail.com

Geography Bee Classroom Winners and Representatives.

The Geography Bee winner for Worden School is 4th grader Ethan Doll. Second place goes to 5th grader Taylor Frank.

Classroom representatives for 4th grade were: Ethan Doll, Hannah Thayn, Allie Schwartz, and Reed Rusick.

Classroom representatives for 5th grade were: Taylor Frank, Colton Boutelle, and Payton Rinderer. Congratulations!

Six Flags Read To Succeed Program

There are some new and exciting changes to the Six Flags Read To Succeed Program. Read below to find out how Six Flags has improved the program reading log and submission process!

• **NEW THIS PROGRAM YEAR: eReading Logs!** Six Flags has upgraded the program so parents can log their children's reading time into an online reading log directly on the sixflags.com/books website! Parents can log and track their child's progress during the program. Teachers/coordinators will be able to review and approve the eReading Logs submitted by the parents.

With the new eReading Logs, the program will be more efficient than ever:

- No lost or late paper reading logs
- No need to save paper reading logs
- Teachers/coordinators save time making it easy to encourage students to read

Reading logs were sent home with students in December with the teacher code that is needed to register the student on the Six Flags website – sixflags.com/books. If you need another copy, you may ask the teacher for one or call the office.

• **NEW THIS PROGRAM YEAR: The program deadline has been extended.** All reading minutes need to be entered by **April 14** so we can check the reading logs before they are **submitted at 1:00 on April 17.**

If parents don't have computer or smartphone access, students can turn in their paper reading log to their teacher by April 14.

As in previous years, students still must complete 6 hours (360 minutes) of recreational reading to earn one FREE Six Flags ticket. Students can read books, eBooks, magazines, newspapers, or comic books (digital or hardcopy). Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count.

If you have any questions, you may call the office.

CSC Meeting:

CSC meeting will be February 13th at 8:45 am in room 131. Due to IAR testing in March there will be no meeting that month.