



Merry Christmas Edition - December 1, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year to spend time with family and reflect on the blessings that we have received. It is also a time to share these blessings with others which is what our West Branch Intermediate School family recently did with our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Along with the Middle School, we collected almost 3,000 food items to support West Branch families in need. We will be asking for support for Christmas during our upcoming Penny Wars which will start as soon as we return from Thanksgiving Break on November 24th and continue until December 4th. We are in a war with the Early Learning Center to see who can collect the most money. All proceeds will go to support West Branch families during the Christmas season.

Being part of a community which shares so readily with others is one of the reasons that I am glad to be a principal in the West Branch School District.

While many of our students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Christmas, we still have much teaching and learning to accomplish during December. Please encourage your child(ren) to remain focused until Christmas break.

Let's have a great Warrior month!

- *Principal Schlueter*

## Penny Wars!

The West Branch Intermediate School is in a [Penny War](#) with the Early Learning Center. Students are encouraged to bring in pennies and place them in the WBIS container to count toward our total. They are encouraged to bring in silver and bills to be placed in the ELC container to count against them. All money collected will go to support West Branch families during the Christmas season.

## Mark Your Calendars!

11/29-12/9 Penny Wars

12/9-12/10 Secret Santa

12/15 Christmas Concert - 9:30 am in High School Auditorium

12/16 Interim reports

2/19 Warrior Explosion

12/20 - Young and Alive

12/20 Holiday Parties

12/21- 1/2/23 Christmas Break

1/3/23 Return to School

1/16/23 No School - MLK Day

1/26/22 End of 2nd Quarter

1/27/21 No School- Teacher In-service

## Secret Santa

The [Secret Santa](#) Shoppe will be Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th, at the West Branch Booster Hall (former roller skating rink). Please sign up for a time online.



# Thanksgiving Food Drive

The students and staff of West Branch Intermediate School donated 1,476 food items for the food pantry at the school. Together with West Branch Middle School, the donation amounted to almost 3,000 items. Thank you for your support. These items will go to serve needy members of the West Branch community.



# Army Veteran Visits Classroom

Sergeant Major (SGM) Thomas McMillan, a veteran and grandfather of third grade Kiana Coker, was unable to attend the school's Veterans Day assembly last week. Therefore, he made a special visit to his granddaughter's class.

The third grade students had the opportunity to hear about SGM McMillan's 26-year Army career, answering many questions the students asked along the way.

SGM McMillan shared what all the badges on his uniform were and how he earned them. He discussed all the different types of jobs you could have by joining the Army and what enlistment in the Army could provide, such as free college and the ability to travel.

SGM McMillan also talked about the sacrifices he made being in the Army- missing birthdays, anniversaries, births, and other celebrations with his family while he was deployed.



# Ruritans Donate Books

Bev Yaggi and Marybelle Metzgar, members of the West Branch Area Ladies Ruritans, recently paid a visit to Mrs. McInturff's 3rd grade classroom to deliver 25 new books. These books will be shared across the entire 3rd grade at West Branch Intermediate School.

The 3rd grade teachers provided a wish list to the Lady Ruritans and then the Lady Ruritans purchased the books for the school. Mrs. McInturff, 3rd Grade English teacher, coordinated the process with the Lady Ruritans and then invited them into her classroom to deliver the books. The students were very appreciative and expressed their appreciation by writing thank you notes to the Ruritans, thereby, improving their writing skills in the process.

These books were purchased through funds donated by the following Ruritan Clubs: West Branch Area Ladies Ruritans, Damascus Ruritans, Beloit Ruritans, Goshen Ruritans, and Knox Ruritans.



# Veteran's Book

Victoria Jones, a 4th grade student at West Branch Intermediate School, went above and beyond the call of duty to honor her principal, Mr. Fritz Schlueter, for Veterans Day. She did this by creating a book about veterans to present to Mr. Schlueter. Victoria said that she wrote the book because she was thinking about the upcoming Veterans Day and decided to create the book for Mr. Schlueter because she knew that Veterans Day is special to him.

Schlueter, an eight-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, said that he appreciated the gift that Victoria presented him, but did not realize what it was when he received it. After reading her book, titled *I Respect the Veterans*, he was blown away by the message of the book and the time and effort it took to create it.

Victoria dedicated this book to her principal. In the book she writes that veterans are heroes and she hoped that Mr. Schlueter would have the best Veterans Day ever. She spent a lot of time creating the book and artwork to go with it. This project has created a spark in her to write more books in order to inspire others and make their day better.

# WARRIOR PRIDE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



Lillie Myers, Addi Bryte, Madelynn Nitz, Chevy Yeater



Hezekiah Trainer, Brandt Stryffeler, Riley Miller, Kymperleigh Flickinger, Kaiya Toothman



Nolan Wolford, Brinley Smith, Mallory Miller, Claire Mumaw

## ABC Specials Rotation

### December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <b>A</b>	2 <b>B</b>
5 <b>C</b>	6 <b>D</b>	7 <b>E</b>	8 <b>A</b>	9 <b>B</b>
12 <b>C</b>	13 <b>D</b>	14 <b>E</b>	15 <b>A</b>	16 <b>B</b>
19 <b>C</b>	20 <b>D</b>	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School
26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School