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FYI

On the last day of school your child brought home a large manila envelope. Please take a minute to look through it. Included is info about things happening this summer such as Book Bus, Summer Food Service, and summer programs at the Lake County Public Library. There is also important info about next school year like the corporation calendar, supply list, Young Hoosier lists, and more. Some teachers may have added testing data, awards/certificates, or other important information. Report cards will **NOT** be mailed this year. Check Skyward for grades.

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The John Wood Parent Newsletter



Principal Petralia's Page

Dear Families,

As this school year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your family a wonderful break together. To our fourth graders moving on to MIS, please keep in touch! To those not returning due to moves, we will miss you as well. Parents, please remember to withdraw your students in the office before it closes on June 13.

Many times I get asked what I do all summer at John Wood. The answer is: I tie up loose ends from the previous school year and begin planning for the upcoming year. I take time off to spend with family and friends. I reflect and then prepare for the year ahead. This is something I feel is important for all teachers and students as well. Taking a break is really important but staying in the groove, even a little bit, keeps us fresh and ready.

My son just had his Pre-K graduation ceremony and we are getting ready for kindergarten! I took Mrs. Gates's advice and bought a "Summer Bridge" workbook from Sharp School Services for us to work on this summer. He did his first page this morning! It's so important to keep our minds problem solving and working so we stay fresh.

*I hope you have a wonderful summer and I can't wait to SEE YOU IN THE HALLS next fall!
Don't forget to check Skyward for your child's report card!*

*Love,
Mrs. Petralia*

Curt Hoffman Scholarship Winner – Jaden LaRue!

This year's Curt Hoffman Scholarship winner was announced at the MHS Awards Night on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Congratulations to **Jaden LaRue**. We are so proud of your achievements! Jaden visited our fourth graders during lunch recently.

PTO News

The PTO would like to thank everyone who helped with activities throughout the past school year. Our events could not have been the success they were without your help. Whether you donated your time, sent in baked goods, purchased from one of our fund raisers, or even if you only sent in box tops or Coke codes, your participation did not go unnoticed! Thank you for getting involved in your child's education!

Collection Reminder

Remember during the summer months to continue collecting box tops, Coca-Cola codes, and pop-top rings. There will be a Box Tops/ Coke contest shortly after school starts and you'll be ready to help our school! **Please make sure to look at the bright orange paper in the end-of-year envelope that came home with your child on the last day of school. It explains changes that are coming to the Box Tops for Education program.**

Thanks to all who sent in metal pop top rings this year. Thanks to you, we were able to donate about six pounds of pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana!

Facebook & Twitter

Remember to "friend" the John Wood PTO Facebook page or follow us on Twitter! Our Facebook/Twitter administrator will post reminders throughout the summer to help keep you informed.

Good Citizens May 2019

Multi-Grade

Graham Jackson – Miss Cieslak
Isaiah Tufaga – Miss Matthews

ECD

Leanora Faitori –
Mrs. Cade (Miss Dawn)
Daniel Lopez –
Miss McCorkle (Miss Kati)

Kindergarten

Dushica Janakeiveksa –
Mrs. Anderson
Mirielle Serrano – Mrs. Scott
Jamel Ford – Mrs. Shalla

1st Grade

Xander Theodorakos –
Mrs. Matthews
Kaylee Shooltz – Mrs. Pace
Amy Avila – Miss Welsh

2nd Grade

Roxanna Monita – Mrs. Carney
Makaylah Watts – Ms. Foster
Joseph Vanek – Mrs. Marshall

3rd Grade

Ayden Jones – Miss Farver
Ava Moreno – Mrs. Mahy

4th Grade

Lilliana Salinas – Miss Jongsma
Maryssa Flores – Miss Vlassopoulos

Super Citizens

These students have been chosen for being Super Citizens throughout the entire school year.

Multi-Grade

Graham Jackson – Miss Cieslak
Bryce Williams – Miss Matthews

ECD

Coryal Martin –
Miss McCorkle (Miss Kati)

Kindergarten

Nevaeh Mills – Mrs. Anderson
Makayla Edwards – Mrs. Scott
Sarah McCumber – Mrs. Shalla

1st Grade

Isabella Lagunas – Mrs. Matthews
Maite Aylin Gomez – Mrs. Pace
Molly Garreffa – Miss Welsh

2nd Grade

Kemiyah Pulliam – Mrs. Carney
Adam Koszyk – Ms. Foster
Abigail Velasco – Mrs. Marshall

3rd Grade

Landon Trama – Miss Farver
Annalise Yanez – Mrs. Mahy

4th Grade

Reese Luedtke – Miss Jongsma
Brandon Pulliam – Miss Vlassopoulos

Important Reminder

As this school year ends, please remember to settle all debts to the school. This includes book rental, cafeteria charges and any library fees that are still owed.

Checks must be made out to "John Wood School" and must have your driver's license number on the check. Payments can also be made online through your child's Skyward account.

Consider depositing extra money in your child's lunch account. The money in the account will be held for next school year, no matter which Merrillville school they will be attending, and it will be one less thing you will need to pay for in August.

If you need to pay in person, our school office will only be open through June 13, 2019. Our office will be open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Paper Recycling

We would like to remind you that the yellow and green recycling bin in the front parking lot will continue to be accessible during the summer months. Abitibi Paper Retriever® is a free, community-based program, with thousands of collection points, including schools, places of worship, non-profit organizations, libraries, and small businesses. Abitibi Bowater pays these organizations for their paper recycling efforts, while diverting millions of tons of paper from landfills. Our recycling bin is accessible 24 hours a day. Tell your friends and neighbors about our program so we can earn even more money for our school.

We want ALL your:

Newspapers
Magazines
Office & School Papers
Shopping Catalogs
Mail

Please do NOT include:

Cardboard
Phone Books
Plastic
Glass
Metals
Trash

Upcoming Events

June 10

Report Cards

Report cards will NOT be mailed this year. You will be able to access your child's report card on Skyward next week.

August 13

Meet the Teacher Night

Come tonight and meet your child's teacher. The school bookstore will be open this evening.

August 14

First Day of School

Today begins a new school year for all students. This is a full day of school.

Young Hoosier

The following is the complete list of students who have read and tested on all of their Young Hoosier Books during the past school year. Congratulations to all of these students. They were recently recognized during morning announcements.

2nd Grade

Karsen Martin, Matthew Mathias

Mrs. Marshall

Brendon Johnson, Anthony Thomas

3rd Grade

Serenity Bishop, David Mihal,
Olivia Tanzymore

Major Saver Update

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's Major Saver Fundraiser. This fundraiser was a corporation-wide event with all students in grades K-8. Money collected by this fundraiser went to the Merrillville Education Foundation. Half of the money that the MEF received from our sales will be returned to our school. The other half will be used to fund grants for classrooms and other projects throughout the year.

Fifteen of our students sold enough cards to qualify for a limo ride and pizza lunch!

Limo/Pizza Winners

McKayla Edwards, Ka'Mari Oliver,
Maanav Shah, Sofia Foster,
Aliyah Lagunas, Lucas Mahy,
Madalyn Mican, Ian Moody,
David Gavin, Savanna Ortiz,
Joseph Rodriguez Vazquez,
Kya Layne, Landyn Scott,
Jayden Smith, Tony Woods

Perfect Attendance 2018-2019

The following students had perfect attendance for the third trimester.

Kindergarten

McKayla Edwards
Oluwadarasimi Jimoh
Sarah McCumber
*Sebastian Ortiz
Mariah Williams

1st Grade

Amy Avila
Avery Renk

2nd Grade

Lilianna Batista
*Tamryn Brandon
Alaina Conn
Landon Connors
Derrick Ferguson
*Izaiha Frost
Roxanna Monita
Anthony Salinas
Jordyn Triplett
*Fatoumata Turay
*Jian Peng Zheng

3rd Grade

Brooke Bishop
Rayan Ezzat
Madalyn Mican
Ava Moreno
Tithi Prajapati
Cassidy Pupek
Aiden Rager
Leilani Rodriguez

4th Grade

John Groff
Reese Luedtke
Brandon Pulliam
*Aubrey Salinas
Anthony Thomas

* - indicates
Perfect Attendance
for all three
trimesters.

3rd Grade Honor Roll 3rd Trimester 2018-2019

3rd Grade

Miss Farver

A/B Honor Roll

*Daisy Huisar
*Peyton Powell
Malaya Randal-Stinson
*Jori Terpstra
*Landon Trama
Mason Wilson

Mrs. Mahy

A/B Honor Roll

Piper Denisiuk
Isabella Freeman
*Katie Hurst
Fiona Mick
David Mihal
*Ava Moreno
Lee-Aniyah Robinson
Olivia Tanzymore
Haleigh Tucker
Annalise Yanez

4th Grade Honor Roll 3rd Trimester 2018-2019

4th Grade

Miss Jongsma

A/B Honor Roll

Isaac Aguayo
Lyric Dumas
Freyja Goodman
*Anthony Hankel
Michael Hill
Aidan Luskey

Miss Vlassopoulos

A/B Honor Roll

Yalitza Briggs
John Groff
Brenden Johnson
Tessa Johnson
*Aubrey Salinas
*Tony Woods

* - indicates Honor Roll for all three trimesters.

Community Service

Throughout this past school year, we have done several school-wide community service projects. Below is a list of all the projects we did this school year.

By doing community service projects, students are learning kindness, compassion, and respect. We are teaching them how to be responsible citizens when they are adults. They are learning that you are never too busy to do a kind act for someone else.

Talk to your children at home about these service projects. Discuss why it is important to do projects like these. Encourage your children to continue to do service projects and acts of kindness during the summer. A list of suggested acts of kindness is on this page.

September Hurricane Relief

Students brought in monetary donations in order to participate in special Spirit Days throughout the week. All money was sent to the American Red Cross to assist with relief from Hurricane Florence.

October Coats for Kids (and Families)

Students donated gently used coats. We collected an all-time high of 116 coats!

November Food Drive

Non-perishable food and personal care products were donated to the Ross Township Food Pantry.

December Toys for Tots

Students were asked to bring in new, unwrapped toys for those less fortunate.

January/February Haven House

Non-food items, mostly personal care and cleaning products, were collected for Haven House in Hammond.

March
Riley Children's Hospital
Students participated in a Penny War and raised almost \$700 for Riley Children's Hospital.

April
Food Drive
Students brought in non-perishable food and personal care products which were donated to the Ross Township Food Pantry.

10 Simple Acts of Kindness

Here are ten simple Acts of Kindness that don't cost a penny and many take very little time or effort!

- See someone with their hands full? Hold the door open for them.
- Return someone else's cart at the store.
- Pick up litter in your neighborhood.
- Write a thank you note for your mail carrier.
- Make friends with someone new on the playground or in your neighborhood.
- Write friendly messages on the sidewalk with chalk. It will put a smile on the faces of those who are walking past.
- Read a book to someone. You can read to a younger sibling, or to an elderly neighbor. Everyone loves having a book read to them!
- Tell someone how much you love them.
- Clean up your room without being asked.
- Smile at everybody. It's contagious.

*From all the staff of
John Wood School,
Have a safe and restful summer!*