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NO SCHOOL
Friday, Feb. 18th
and
Monday, Feb. 21st
Winter Break/
Presidents' Day

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The John Wood Parent Newsletter



Principal Petralia's Page

by Mrs. Petralia

We are embarking upon a very important time of year for students and teachers- ILEARN and IREAD time. Third and fourth grade students will begin the ILEARN in the middle of April into the middle of May. IREAD also takes place in March for third grade students. It is imperative that students are in the right mindset, especially when they have such an important task in front of them. To best prepare our students, they need at least 8-10 hours of sleep nightly, a healthy breakfast, and no distractions. As we all know, adequate sleep can make or break our day as adults. It's also very important for our kids. Toys, shoes that light up, and other novelty items will distract children at school at any point during the school year. Being at school daily and on time is also very important. If your child must miss school due to an illness, please communicate with our secretaries immediately so we can begin planning when he/she can make up missed tests. Thank you for helping us and your child do his/her best at school!

Just a few reminders, drop off is on the East side of the building from 7:35-7:55. The door will close when the bell rings at 7:55. Students arriving to school after the bell rings will need to be brought to the front of the building, Door A. A parent will need to bring the child into the building and sign them in. Car riders arriving to school after 7:55 will be marked tardy.

Thank you for your teamwork!

Kindness Week

In recognition of National Random Acts of Kindness day on Thursday, February 17th, we are celebrating a Kindness Week at John Wood with a Spirit Week.

Monday, February 14th – “Your favorite character is kind!”

Wear Disney/superhero/your favorite character

Tuesday, February 15th – “Dreaming of kindness!”

Wear your pajamas

Wednesday, February 16th – “Peace, love, kindness!”

Wear tie-dye

Thursday, February 17th – “Everyone at John Wood is kind!”

Wear purple/spirit wear

Mrs. Rassbach's Reflections

by Mrs. Rassbach, Dean of Students

I am looking forward to what is happening at Wood this month. We start off with celebrating Valentine's Day with the students on the 14th. This was one of my favorite classroom activities to work on with my students, because it allowed for kindness to be spread throughout the room. We move forward to celebrating Presidents' Day and having a few days off as well. Then we get to celebrate something that does not happen often - Tuesday the 22nd. This will be 2-22-22 a bunch of 2s. It will be fun to see everyone participate in this day with ties, tutus, tie-dye or tiaras.

One of the things I miss the most about being out of the classroom is reading to students. This was important to me as a parent as well. Taking a few minutes each night to read to your child is super important for their growth as students.

5 Reasons You Should Read to Your Child Every Night

1. Build a stronger relationship. Reading a chapter to your child before bed is an excellent one-on-one time.
2. Increase vocabulary. Exposing your child to language is proven to help expand their vocabulary.
3. Introducing morals.
4. Fertilize their imagination.
5. It's FUN!

Bus Drivers Needed

The Merrillville Community School Corporation is looking for bus drivers! Will pay to train. Interested? Contact the Transportation Department at 219-650-5311

FACES

by Mrs. Ooms, FACES

Hello! My name is Nicole Ooms. I am the new **F**amily **a**nd **C**ommunity **E**ngagement **S**pecialist at Wood Elementary. I wanted to introduce myself to the families of Wood, because I hope to begin having lots of productive communication with you soon.

My husband and I recently moved to Demotte with our one-year-old son. Before living in Demotte, I worked in an Indianapolis school for five years, serving as a teacher and as a social worker.

I am very excited to be starting in this new position. I look forward to getting to know all the students and becoming familiar with their families. As the FACES representative at Wood I will be reaching out to families to discuss student needs, student successes, student attendance, and parent/family involvement at school. My hope is to offer effective open lines of communication with every parent or guardian involved with their child's success at Wood Elementary.

New Staff

A few new people have recently joined our staff at John Wood School! Welcome to our family!

Mrs. Ooms – FACES
Mrs. Headd – ECD Teacher
Ms. Guerrero – ED Para with Mrs. Hannigan

Girls on the Run

Sign-ups are now being held for the spring session of Girls on the Run. All 3rd and 4th grade girls are welcome to join! Practices will begin January 28th and will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:15-3:45 p.m. The spring session will end with a 5k run in May. For more information or to sign up, go to www.gotrofnwi.org.

The C.A.P.S. Program

In January 2015, the Merrillville Town Court with the support of Merrillville Schools launched the C.A.P.S. (Consistent Attendance Promotes Success) Program. After Merrillville Town Court Ordinance #14-32 was passed, it opened the door to establish a truancy court system to support schools, students and their families in addressing attendance, such as being excessively absent and tardy to school.

Research has shown that students who attend school consistently have a greater likelihood of academic success. The truancy court focuses on addressing attendance problems head on by having students and parent(s) share with the Merrillville town court judge their attendance issues and they are given the opportunity to explain their circumstance. The judge then gives the student and his/her family options, which consist of community services and supports, rather than immediate fines traditionally associated with this type of noncompliance. Those options come in the form of community support provided by the Geminus Corporation, while working in tandem with the Merrillville Town Court Judge to provide supportive alternatives.

Here in Merrillville Schools we want all of our students to have the opportunity to experience success on multiple levels, and we believe that the C.A.P.S. program supports Merrillville School students and their families in that endeavor.

Reminder

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to call and let the school office know why a child is not in school. Make sure you call 650-5305 then press 2 before 9 a.m. if your child will not be in school.

Good Citizens December 2021

ECD

Joah Goodman – Miss McCorkle
(Miss Kati)

Multi-Grade

Jimmy Abiona – Mrs. Spoolstra
Curtis Lyons – Mrs. Gates
Dominic Stanley – Mrs. Mansfield

Kindergarten

Greyson Mosley – Mrs. Anderson
Cordney Morgan – Mrs. Scott
Dean Fiste – Mrs. Shalla

1st Grade

Mila Hall – Mrs. Pace
Egypt Lee – Miss Welsh
Allison Koval – Miss Wiley

2nd Grade

Isaac Estes – Mrs. Carney
Claire Lamb – Mrs. Foster
Amelia Dulla – Mrs. Marshall

3rd Grade

Zane Theodorakos – Mrs. Busch
Rylan Dworak – Mrs. Cseke
Arturo Briano-Dominguez – Mrs. Mahy

4th Grade

Eva Arteaga – Miss Jongsma
Kimora Flakes – Miss Vlassopoulos

Good Citizens January 2022

ECD

Zak Dewitt – Miss McCorkle
(Miss Kati)

Multi-Grade

Vivian Smith – Ms. Hannigan
Mason Sweet – Mrs. Spoolstra
Andwele Cook – Mrs. Gates
Margaret Mustain – Mrs. Mansfield

Kindergarten

Jersey Finnearty – Mrs. Anderson
Arya Marquez – Mrs. Scott
Alejandro Gonzales – Mrs. Shalla

1st Grade

Londyn Harvey – Mrs. Pace
Journey Williams – Miss Welsh
Juan Avila – Miss Wiley

2nd Grade

Sydney Wigley-Sims – Mrs. Carney
Mario Valadez – Mrs. Foster
Mason Boord – Mrs. Marshall

3rd Grade

Kaelyn Kitchens – Mrs. Busch
Brooklynn Phillips – Mrs. Cseke
Alonzo Garduno – Mrs. Mahy

4th Grade

Kaleb Jefferies – Miss Jongsma
Antoni Babel – Miss Vlassopoulos

Emergency Communications

In cases of inclement weather or other emergency situations, there may be times when school needs to be cancelled or delayed. In those cases, information will be broadcast over various Northwest Indiana and Chicago television and radio stations. MCSC also uses a variety of additional ways to notify parents.

- Delays and closings will be posted on the Merrillville Community School Corporation website at www.mvsc.k12.in.us.
- You will receive an automated call to the phone number you gave us as your primary number in Skyward. Do not change it to “unlisted” or you may not receive important notices.
- You may choose to receive an email notification by registering with an outside service. This site offers the opportunity to sign up for web alerts. The alerts can be provided to any email you provide.
<http://www.cancellations.com/>
- MCSC and John Wood PTO may also post this information on their Twitter and/or Facebook pages.

Many factors go into the decision to have a 2-hour delay or school closing. To read an explanation about how the decision is made, go to the MCSC website. Click on “Parents”, then “Emergency School Closing Information.”

Pop Tab Collection

John Wood School is still collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House of Indiana. Simply remove the pop tab from the aluminum can and put them in your favorite collection container. When you are ready to send them to school, just put them into a Ziploc-type bag and send them with your child.

Good Citizens

Each month teachers choose one student who has exhibited outstanding citizenship during the past month. These outstanding students are honored several ways.

- The student and their parents/guardians are invited to the monthly PTO meeting. In addition to the student being recognized at the meeting, students will receive a slice of pizza and a bottle of water after the meeting. Pizza and water is available for purchase to everyone else who attends.
- The student will be recognized at the school-wide Pirate Power meeting the day following the PTO meeting. They will receive a certificate and a card from Chick-fil-A good for one free meal.
- Beginning with the December Good Citizens, each month all names will be put into a drawing. One winner will receive a certificate for a free meal for the entire family at Chick-fil-A.
- All Good Citizens’ names are published in this newsletter.

December Chick-fil-A family meal winner – Arturo Briano Dominguez
January Chick-fil-A family meal winner – Alejandro Gonzales

PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be Thursday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. As always, everyone is invited, including children.

Box Tops/Coke Codes

Box tops are now completely digital. In the rare case that you may find a physical clip that is not expired, there is no need to send it in. It will cost us more for the stamp than the amount we would get from the clip. The only way for us to receive any money from this program is for you to download the free app and scan your receipts! This will give us the credit immediately!

Continue sending in the Coca-Cola codes found under the cap of most Coca-Cola products. Codes can also be found on the tear-off corner of cases. Did you know that codes can also be found on cases of Dasani water? Look under the cardboard bottom on the inside of the shrink wrap!

Fall Fundraiser

We sincerely apologize for an oversight. We forgot to publicly announce the winners from the Fall Fundraiser! Congratulations to these students! They have already received their prizes.

Top Sellers

1st Place - \$100 cash prize

Mason Russell – 3rd Grade

2nd Place - \$50 cash prize

Nyla Price – ECD

3rd Place - \$25 Gift Card

Mason Riley – 2nd Grade

5 pound bag of

Albanese Gummies

(All students who sold 5 or more items had their name in a drawing)

King Nelson – 1st Grade

Top Selling Class – Pajama Day

Mrs. Busch – 3rd Grade

Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.

Rada Fundraiser

This fundraiser brought in a total of \$255.58 for the Curt Hoffman Scholarship Fund. A total of \$500 is needed each year for this scholarship. The PTO has graciously agreed to make up the difference this year in lieu of having another fundraiser. The PTO is considering having a spirit wear sale this spring to help recoup this money.

Strack & Van Til/ Apples for the Students

We are continuing to collect receipts from any Strack & Van Til store. Receipts will be submitted and we will receive points for every dollar. We will be able to use these points to purchase educational and consumable products for our school. Receipts must be dated between September 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

Popcorn Fridays

Due to the high Covid numbers, our Popcorn Fridays have been temporarily suspended. Once the numbers drop, we will resume this fun Friday treat.

Good Citizens

Each month at our PTO meetings, we recognize the Good Citizens from the previous month. These students will receive one slice of pizza and a bottle of water after our meeting. Pizza and water are also available for purchase to everyone else who attends. Please consider attending one of our meetings and getting involved in your child's school.

Treasurer Needed

Our current treasurer is a pre-school parent who will no longer have a student in our building next year. We are in need of someone who is willing to take over this responsibility for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Curt Hoffman Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from MHS who attended John Wood Elementary School for a minimum of three years. Students who were in the Honors Program are eligible provided they lived in the John Wood School district during those years.

Interested seniors need to fill out an online application and submit two letters of recommendation. The application can be found at <https://sites.google.com/mvsc.k12.in.us/scholarships-page/home>. The deadline to complete applications is April 29, 2022.

This scholarship was created in memory of Mr. Curt Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman was principal of John Wood School from 1989-1998, when he lost his battle with cancer.

Drop-off Reminder

For your child's safety, we strongly suggest that your child ALWAYS gets out on the curb side of the vehicle. Getting out on the traffic side puts your child into a dangerous location where someone may not see them.

Please remember that when dropping off at the curb in the morning, you must stay in your vehicle at all times. When parents pull up to the curb, then get out of their car either to assist their child or to drop something off, even a brief delay quickly causes traffic to back up and create an unsafe situation.

If you must get out of your vehicle FOR ANY REASON, please pull into a parking space and walk your child to the sidewalk.

In addition, please stay in the single file line while waiting to drop off. Do not create a second line. We do not want children stepping out of their vehicle and walking between cars.

Remember that the safety of our students is our primary concern as they are arriving at school. We appreciate your cooperation.

A Few Words from the Nurse's Office

by Nurse Julie

Practice Good Health Prevention

I want to say thank you for doing your part by keeping your child home when they are ill. With our winter season still in full swing, we want to try to keep everyone safe and protected during this cold and flu season.

Remember to help protect and strengthen our own immunity by eating nutritious foods which include foods that contain vitamin C, making breakfast a priority, taking daily walks and being active, sleeping 8-10 hours a night, and finally implementing healthy hygiene habits in homes as well as at school by washing hands and wearing masks.

Immunizations, COVID-19 vaccination & tests

On March 15th, Merrillville Intermediate School and Merrillville High school will be holding an immunization clinic. See the flyer attached to the end of this newsletter. The flyer includes instructions on how to register.

Anyone age 5 and older may now schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. [Click here to register](#). If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance, call 211. Walk-in appointments are also accepted at most vaccination sites, but registration is encouraged to ensure the appropriate dose is available at your chosen location.

More information can be found on these links:

- [Benefits of Vaccination for 5-15 year olds](#)
- [Vaccine News Bulletin](#)

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free and can be ordered at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Need to find a testing site?
<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/covid-19-testing-information/>

February is National Children's Dental Health

It is important to care for your child's mouth and teeth. So, please remind your child to brush their teeth for 2 minutes at least twice a day, floss daily and visit the dentist every 6 months to prevent cavities and other mouth condition

Important Information

It is vital that we have your current home phone number on file in our office. When we have two hour delays and school cancellations due to weather conditions, we have an automated system that is used when we need to notify you quickly with important information. If we have an incorrect or disconnected number, you may not get the notice.

Please do NOT go into the Skyward system and change your phone number to "unlisted". If you do, you will not receive crucial automated calls.

Winter Recesses

During the winter months our students go outside whenever the actual temperature or wind chill temperature is 15° or above (as long as the playground is in an acceptable condition). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with a winter coat, boots, hat, gloves or mittens, and scarf. If you need assistance providing these items for your child, please feel free to contact our social worker.

The winter months also bring more requests for students to stay indoors for recess. The handbook states that if a student needs to stay inside for more than three days, a doctor's note is necessary.

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday
Buddy Blue Day
Wear blue to remind you to be a buddy!

Every Thursday
Early Dismissal
1:15 p.m.
Please plan for your child to be home approximately one hour earlier on this day.

Every Friday
Pirate Pride Day
Wear John Wood spirit wear, Merrillville spirit wear, or even just purple to show support for our school community! Everyone who wears purple will have their name in a weekly drawing. One winner will be pulled from each grade level to win a small prize.

February 18-21
Winter Break/Presidents' Day
No School

February 21
Lake County Read-a-Thon Ends
Today is the last day of the Lake County Public Library Read-a-Thon. Please collect your money and turn it in to Mrs. Echols promptly.

February 22
2-22-22 Day
Celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime day. On this special "Twos" day, wear a tie, tutu, tie-dye, or tiara while doing special "2" activities throughout the day.

March 3
PTO Meeting
6:00 p.m., Cafeteria
All parents/guardians are welcome! See our article on page 4.

March 4
End of Second Trimester
Today is the end of the second trimester. You may view your child's grades on Skyward the following week.

March 7-18
IREAD Testing Window
All third grade students will take the IREAD test. Attendance is important on these days. See Mrs. Petralia's article on the first page of this newsletter.

March 13
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Remember to set your clocks **FORWARD** one hour.

March 21-25
Disability Awareness Spirit Week
Watch the calendar for special spirit days as we conclude Disability Awareness Month.

March 22
Spring Pictures
Photographers will be at John Wood this morning to take fun and casual portraits. Only students who pre-order online will have their photo taken. More information will come home as we near this date.

Clothing Requests

Do you have clothes that your children have outgrown? We are always looking for backup clothing for the office. Occasionally children have “accidents” or slip and fall into mud or water. We try to provide clean, dry clothing for the child so that they can get back to class quickly. As you are beginning to go through the closets looking for items to put into your garage sale, try to keep us in mind. **We are particularly in need of sweatpants and new, unused underwear (especially smaller sizes for our K-1 students).**

When selecting clothing for young children to wear to school, please be mindful of buttons or buckles that are sometimes difficult to undo. Many of the “accidents” result from the child not being able to undo their clothing quickly enough.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

December/January Attendance

As we continue to encourage good attendance, we would like to recognize the classes with the highest percentage of attendance during the months of December and January.

December

Mrs. Busch – 3rd Grade – 96.15%

January

Mrs. Cseke – 3rd Grade – 96.83%

These classes had the honor of having the “Beary” attendance trophy in their room for the month following their outstanding attendance and each student received a small prize. Congratulations to these classes for successfully staying healthy!

Tips for Staying Healthy

Keeping your family’s immune system strong is especially important this time of year. Getting enough sleep, eating a healthy diet, drinking lots of water, managing stress, and staying active are all ways to naturally boost your immune system.

Hand washing is the easiest and most effective thing your family can do to keep healthy. Teach your child that they should soap their hands for as long as it takes to sing the “Happy Birthday” song twice. Remind them to wash frequently, especially after using the restroom and before eating.

Remind your children to keep their hands, fingers and other objects out of their nose, eyes, and mouth. These areas are entry points for germs.

Finally, remind them to cough or sneeze into their upper sleeve or arm and not into their hands. If they do cough or sneeze into their hand, they should wash their hands right away or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Gold Note Dismissal Forms

A signed and dated “Gold Note” is needed from the parent if:

- your child is going anywhere other than their regular after-school destination.
- your child is going home with another student. (We will also need a note from that parent.)
- your child will be picked up instead of riding the bus.

Please refrain from calling at the end of the day with verbal directions. Things get hectic, and messages are not always received on short notice. Changes should be made no later than 1:00 p.m. (12:00 p.m. on Thursdays).

If there is no note, students will go home on the bus as usual.

Extra Gold Notes are available in the school office and on the school’s website.

Facebook/Twitter

Did you know that our John Wood PTO has a Facebook page?
www.facebook.com/johnwood.pto

The PTO tries to keep this updated with reminders of things happening at John Wood School.

You can also follow our Principal, Mrs. Petralia, and our MCSC Superintendent, Mr. Brown, on Twitter!

Mrs. Petralia’s Twitter
@PrinPetralia

Mr. Brown’s Twitter
@MerrillvilleSu3

Reminder

Remember to bring the following to school EVERY DAY!

- Clean mask that fits (consider keeping a spare or two in your child’s backpack).
- Water bottle
- Charged device
- Device charger

Disability Awareness Month

ADA. PFL. IFL. What is this, a tech site?

Don't get intimidated by the acronyms. When it comes down to it, people with disabilities simply want to be addressed with understanding and respect – just like anyone else. But it's still important to inform yourself on systems of speaking, because language is important in communicating that essential respect. "What you call people is how you treat them," in the words of Nick Marcellino, brother of the nine-year-old girl for whom Rosa's Law, passed in 2010, was named. That law replaced the term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability," which is great. But there are plenty of other phrases to look at carefully and be mindful in our use of them.

Person First Language (PFL) is the structure you're probably already familiar with. This is the school of thought that guides you to say about your friend, "He's a person with diabetes," rather than "He's a diabetic person." You put the "person" first in your language.

But what if he doesn't like that? There's a growing countermovement within the disability community that would rather put a person's disability front and center in our language, using what's called Identity First Language (or IFL). IFL advocate Emily Ladau puts the reasoning behind it like this: "'Disabled' is so much more than a descriptor. It is an identity and culture unto itself. It is a source of pride. So, I am disabled. I am disabled just as much as I am a brown-haired, brown-eyed, glasses-wearing female. It is part of me. It is part of who I am."

So, which one is right? Neither and both. Language, like culture, is always evolving, and the best way to proceed is probably to ask individuals on a case-by-case basis how they'd like to be referred to.

Chances are, they'd rather you just use their actual name, anyway!

If you don't know or can't ask the preferences of the individual or group you are writing or speaking about, it's probably best to use people first language as the default. For example: Deaf people prefer identity first, while people with intellectual disabilities prefer people first. For more specific community preferences, check out these excellent guidelines from the [National Center on Disability and Journalism's Disability Language Style Guide](#).

- *Person-First Language* – "My friend is a person with a disability."

- *Identity-First Language* – "My friend is a disabled person."

- *Safest default* – *Person-first*

- *But* – *you can generally just ask the person.*

(Oh, and 'ADA' is the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability. But you probably already knew that!)

---This is from <https://www.unite2include.org/the-right-words/>

<https://www.in.gov/gpcpd/>

Disability Awareness Month at John Wood

March is Indiana Disability Awareness Month. Our Special Education staff will be doing educational projects and announcements throughout the month. There will also be a bulletin board contest between the classes.

We will have a "Spirit Week" the week of March 21st. This year's theme is "Exceptional Comes in Many Colors". Each day the students and staff will be asked to wear a different color.

Monday, March 21st
Wear Yellow

Tuesday, March 22nd
Wear Green

Wednesday, March 23rd
Wear Red

Thursday, March 24th
Wear Blue

Friday, March 25th
Wear Purple

Coming in next month's issue:

3rd and 4th Grade Honor Roll

Perfect Attendance for the Second Trimester

Updates from Specials Teachers and more!

School Immunization Clinic



Date: **March 15th**

Time: **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Location: **Merrillville Intermediate School**

If you would like to have your child participate in the immunization clinic, please complete the online form at: patients.vaxcare.com/registration

Enrollment Code: **IN65942** Select **Merrillville Intermediate School-3/15**



We accept and bill all insurance (commercial, Medicare, Medicaid). There is no cost to those without insurance. If your insurance does not cover the vaccine or requires a copay, the coalition will absorb that cost.

Children who participate in the clinic will be vaccinated with all CDC recommended vaccines. We will consult the state immunization registry to assess the immunization needs of each child. If you would like to refuse a specific vaccine, please contact the Indiana Immunization Coalition at least 48 hours prior to the event: clinic@vaccinateindiana.org or call 317-628-7116. We will not initiate the COVID-19 vaccine series without explicit parental request, but we will complete the COVID-19 vaccine series if it has already been started.



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School Immunization Clinic

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Date: **March 15th**

Time: **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**

Location: **Merrillville High School**

If you would like to have your child participate in the immunization clinic, please complete the online form at: patients.vaxcare.com/registration

Enrollment Code: **IN65942** Select **Merrillville High School-3/15**



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