

### **Upcoming Events**

-Boys Basketball-Mon. Feb. 3rd &Tues. Feb. 4th *@* 2:30pm-4:00pm

-Cheerleading Thurs. Jan. 30th *@* 2:45-4:00pm

-Tutoring- Tues. Feb. 4th & Thurs. Feb. 6th @2:30-4:00pm

-Student Council Wed. Feb. 5th @2:45pm-3:45pm

-Wildcat Basketball Play Off Game @4:30pm in Lockport, IL

-Jr. High Dance Fri. Feb. 7th *@* 6pm-9pm

-No School Mon. Feb. 10th TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY

-District Spelling Bee Tues. Feb. 11th

- Parent Teacher Conferences Tues. Feb. 11th

Your entire child's school day is important. Please refrain from picking your child up after 1:30pm. This disrupts the educational and dismissal process.

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# Happy Black History Month!

As we welcome the month of February, our school community is excited to celebrate Black History Month. This annual observance is a dedicated time to honor and learn about the rich history, culture, and significant contributions of African Americans to our society. Why February?

Black History Month traces its origins to 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson established "Negro History Week." He chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of two pivotal figures:

- Frederick Douglass: A former enslaved person who became a leading abolitionist and orator.
- Abraham Lincoln: The 16th U.S. president, recognized for his role in the abolition of slavery.

In 1976, this week-long observance expanded to the entire month of February, allowing for a more comprehensive exploration of African American achievements and history.

Throughout February, our school will engage students in various activities and lessons that highlight the importance of African American culture and contributions. We aim to foster an environment where every student appreciates the diverse threads that weave together our shared history. We encourage families to join us in this celebration by exploring resources, having meaningful conversations at home, and participating in community events that honor Black History Month.

> In order to ensure that your child has adequate time for breakfast, make sure to

arrive at school by 7:30am.



If you choose to change your child's mode of transportation home, submit a note in writing to the classroom teacher by 9:00am.

# PBIS COOL TOOL: ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The Cool Tool for the month of February is Arrival and Dismissal. It is important for students to be safe by walking on the right, keeping hands, feet, and objects to themselves at all times, using backpacks before and after school only, keeping all doors closed at all times, and following directions the first time given. Students should be respectful by using school-appropriate language and saying please, thank you, and excuse me. Students should be responsible by coming to school on time, bringing all materials needed for the day, taking important papers home, and keeping cell phones and other electronic devices turned off and in lockers and bookbags.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are hosting our second parent teacher conference for the year on Tuesday February 11th from 12:30-2:30pm. This conference is primarily to address students that are not reaching their academic yearly goals. Please check with your child's teacher to see if you need to set an appointment through Signup Genius.

One great way to practice for the Spelling Bee is to break words into syllables and say them out loud. This helps with pronunciation, memory, and recognizing patterns in spelling. For example, break "incredible" into in-cred-i-ble to make it easier to remember. Keep practicing and have fun!

### Congratulations: SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS 🕇 🍏

1st Place: Duniminu Samuels 2nd Place: Claudia Rosales 3rd Place: Alaiya Goins, Amber Pillman, and Eden Ward

### Word of the Week:

SUBTRACTION- The process of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities. To subtract a number from another number is also referred to as 'taking away one number from another'.



### Attendance Counts Contest EC -86.00% K -88.12% 1-87.13% 2 -87.67% 3 -86.44% 92.70% 4 -89.36% 5 -6 -92.31% 7 -97.94% 8 - winner 98.61%

### Congratulations to our Wildcat Jr. High Basketball Team

Our team advanced to the second round of the regional basketball playoff games. The next game is on Wednesday february Sth at 4:30 at Kelvin Grove Middle School in Lockport, JL.

### Student Council Playoff Dress

**Down Day** Students are encouraged to participate in a sports themed dress down day on Friday February 7th in preparation of the Superbowl next Sunday. Support your favorite Superbowl team by wearing their team colors. Dress in either green and white for the Eagles or red, gold, and white for the Chiefs. The school will be able to vote to predict the outcome of the game.

Uniform: **Reminders** Tops- short/long sleeve gray, navy blue, light blue, black and white polo shirts. Bottoms- black and navy-blue uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts No hoodies

Peanut Free School: Please do not include peanuts or peanut products in your child's school lunch.