



**Week of
March 3, 2025**

Wildcat Weekly



Upcoming Events

- No School Mon. Mar. 3rd CASIMIR PULASKI DAY
- Tutoring- Tues. Mar. 4th & Thurs. Mar. 6th @2:30-4:00pm
- Regional Spelling Bee Tues. Mar. 4th @ Southland Prep
- Handbook Committee Meeting Wed. Mar. 5th
- IAR Testing Begins Tues. Mar. 11th (6th-8th grade)
- No School Mon. Mar. 24th-28th Spring Break
- IAR Testing Begins Tues. Apr. 1st (3rd-5th grade)

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the amazing contributions women have made throughout history! From science and art to politics and sports, women have played an important role in shaping our world. This year's theme, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," highlights the powerful role women play in teaching, mentoring, and leading, shaping the minds and futures of people across all ages.

Did you know Women's History Month started as just one week? In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the first Women's History Week to honor the contributions of women in the United States. Soon after, schools and communities across the country wanted more time to celebrate, and by 1987, Congress officially made March Women's History Month.

This month, we'll be learning about inspiring women from the past and present who have made a difference. Whether it's Amelia Earhart soaring through the skies, Malala Yousafzai standing up for education, or Katherine Johnson helping astronauts reach space, their stories teach us about courage, perseverance, and creativity. Let's honor the brave, brilliant, and bold women who have shaped history and continue to inspire us today!

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.

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: HALLWAY BEHAVIOR



The Cool Tool for the month of March is Hallway behavior. It is imperative that students are silent (at a level zero) in the hallway, especially during testing. Excess noise disrupts the learning environment. Ditching class or leaving class without a pass is unacceptable. It is not only unsafe but we have found an increase in bullying, vandalism, and cell phone usage when students are found ditching class. Students should walk on the right side of the hallway and if traveling without their class, have a pass from a staff member. Talk with your child about the Cool Tool and help us reinforce a positive school/home connection.

IAR SUPPORT

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is a standardized test for students in grades 3–8, measuring proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Here are some guidelines to help prepare effectively:

1. Understanding the Test Format

- ELA: Includes reading comprehension, writing, and language skills.
- Math: Focuses on problem-solving, reasoning, and conceptual understanding.
- Question Types: Multiple-choice, short answer, and technology-enhanced questions.

2. Study Strategies ELA:

- Practice reading different types of texts (fiction, nonfiction, poetry).
- Work on summarizing and analyzing passages.
- Develop essay-writing skills with clear structure and supporting evidence.

3. Study Strategies Math:

- Focus on multi-step word problems.
- Review key math concepts, including fractions, algebra, and geometry.
- Use mental math and estimation techniques.



Staying Healthy during Flu Season

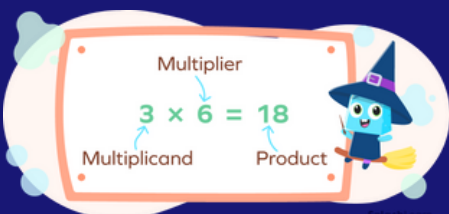
Keeping our students and staff well is a top priority, and together, we can help prevent the spread of illness. Tips to follow:

- ✓ Keep your child at home if they have a fever that is not stable without medicine or have thrown up in the last 24 hours.
- ✓ Wash hands often – Encourage your child to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes – Using a tissue or the elbow helps prevent germs from spreading.



Word of the Week:

PRODUCT- the result of two or more numbers when multiplied together.



Attendance Counts Contest

EC -	82.00%
K -	90.44%
1 -	92.43%
2 -	87.24%
3 -	88.96%
4 -	88.47%
5 -	92.62%
6 -	90.23%
7 - winner	98.24%
8 -	97.57%

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.