



**Week of
March 10, 2025**

Wildcat Weekly



Upcoming Events

- Tutoring- Tues. Mar. 11th & Thurs. Mar. 13th @2:30-4:00pm
- Staff Meeting Wed. Mar. 12th @2:30-3:45pm
- 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)

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Throughout history, women have played a crucial role in shaping the world of science and technology. From the early days of discovery to modern advancements, their contributions have led to groundbreaking inventions, life-saving medicines, and technological innovations that we rely on every day. However, for many years, women faced challenges in being recognized for their work, and their achievements were often overlooked. Today, we celebrate and encourage the next generation of young scientists—both girls and boys—to explore their curiosity and make their own discoveries!

Some of the most inspiring figures in science and technology were women. Marie Curie, for example, was a physicist and chemist who won two Nobel Prizes for her work on radioactivity, leading to advances in medical treatments. Katherine Johnson, a mathematician at NASA, helped send astronauts to space with her brilliant calculations. More recently, women like Dr. Jennifer Doudna have pioneered gene-editing technology, which could help cure diseases. These incredible women show that anyone, regardless of gender, can change the world through science and innovation.

Encouraging girls to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields is important because diverse ideas and perspectives lead to better discoveries and solutions. Schools, families, and communities can support this by providing opportunities for hands-on learning, science clubs, and mentorship from role models in STEM careers. By fostering a love of science and technology in all students, we ensure that the future is filled with even more brilliant minds ready to tackle the challenges of tomorrow. Let's continue to inspire young girls to dream big and believe that they, too, can be the next great scientists, engineers, and inventors!

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.

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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:

QUOTIENT- The number we get when we divide. The answer to a division problem.

$$\frac{a}{b} = c$$

Attendance Counts Contest

EC -	72.50%
K -	90.24%
1 -	88.78%
2 -	88.12%
3 -	88.59%
4 -	83.98%
5 -	92.95%
6 -	92.25%
7 -	98.72%
8 -	96.98%

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.