



Shamrock Springs News

November 7, 2025

Principal's Perspectives

Dear Shamrock Families,

This week has been a wonderful one at Shamrock Elementary! We had an outstanding turnout for our parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for taking the time to meet with our teachers and engage in meaningful conversations about your child's progress. Strong partnerships between home and school are essential to student success, and we're grateful for your involvement.



Trimester Grades & PowerSchool Access

Final grades for the first trimester will be available soon. You can view them through Powerschool. If you haven't yet set up your PowerSchool account, please reach out to Teresa Stephens at stephenst@wws.k12.in.us for assistance.

Scholastic Book Fair & Family Night

Our Scholastic Book Fair continues this week! Don't forget to join us for **Family Night on Tuesday, November 11th from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. It's a great opportunity to shop for books and start thinking about holiday gifts for loved ones. We hope to see you there!

Veterans Day Program – 4th Grade Performance

This upcoming week we'll be celebrating Veterans Day. Tuesday, November 11th, our fourth-grade students will host a special Veterans Day program to honor all veterans and active-duty military

members. The event begins at **7:00 PM in the gym** and promises to be a heartfelt and memorable performance. We invite all fourth grade families to attend and show support. Fourth grade students should arrive by 6:15 pm and report to the cafeteria. The Front Door will be open. Fourth grade families will be getting more detailed information soon.

Cooler Weather Reminder

As temperatures continue to drop—Monday's high was forecasted at just 37 degrees with talk of snow—please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. A sweatshirt tucked into their backpack is always a good idea for those chilly Indiana mornings.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are proud to serve such a caring and engaged school community.

Have a great weekend!

Robb Hedges

Principal

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Invitation to the High Ability Programming Meeting

WWS is inviting all families and community members to attend the first Broad-Based Planning Committee (BBPC) meeting of the year for our High Ability (HA) programming.

Meeting Details:

- **When: Thursday, November 13th**
- **Time: 1:00–2:15 p.m.**
- **Where: WWS Administration Building (19500 Tomlinson Road Suite B, Westfield, IN 46074)**

The BBPC serves as an advisory group that helps review and strengthen our district's High Ability programming. This first meeting will focus on our identification process, assessments, qualification criteria, and how our programming aligns with neighboring districts. The committee will also review this year's goals and outline plans for ongoing program evaluation. All are welcome to join the conversation as we continue to enhance opportunities for our High Ability learners.

Introducing our New Counselor Ms. Santel

**HELLO
HELLO**

I'm your school
counselor
Ms. Santel

After nine years of teaching, this will be my second year as a school counselor and my first year serving students and families at Shamrock Springs! Here are a few facts about what I do at school:

WHAT SCHOOL COUNSELORS DO

I teach whole-class lessons on topics like friendship, feelings, and problem solving. I also run small groups where students build skills like conflict resolution and emotional regulation. I meet individually with students who may need short-term support with grief, changes, or big feelings.

WHAT SCHOOL COUNSELORS DON'T DO

School counselors are highly trained educators who support student well-being, but I am not a therapist. If a student needs ongoing or intensive mental health services, I'm happy to help connect families with outside resources.

HOW I HELP

Think of me as an extra layer of support — a trusted adult in your child's corner. I'm here to help all students feel seen, heard, and capable. Whether it's through group work or quick check-ins, my goal is to build kids up with tools that last.

WHY I LOVE THIS WORK

Helping students feel capable, connected, and confident is my favorite part of being a school counselor. I believe every child deserves someone in their corner — and I'm proud to be that person at SSES.

You can contact me via email at santela@wws.k12.in.us

Nurse's Notes

Dear Parents,

As we move into cold & flu season, I want you to have the most current WWS exclusion policy. This should guide you in questions regarding illness, when to stay home and when your child can return.

Here is a link for review/reference:

[When to stay home from school](#)

Thank you for your attention to this and for doing your part in keeping us all healthy this year.

-Nurse Lisa

Lisa Morgan, BSN-RN

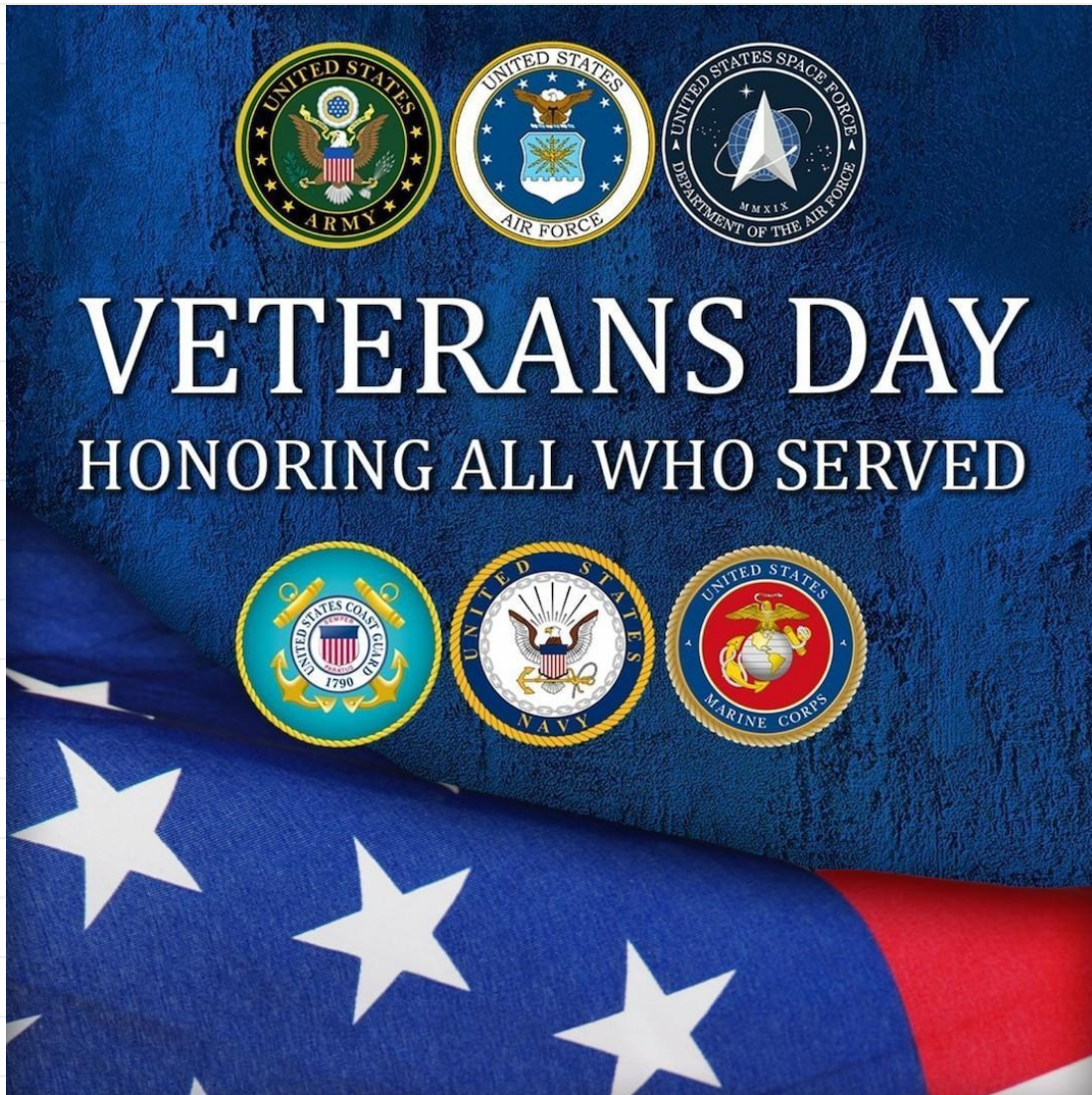
SSES Nurse

morganl@wws.k12.in.us

317-867-7400 (ext. 20005)



4th Grade Presents Veterans Day Musical Salute



The 4th Grade students & Staff at Shamrock Springs would like to invite you to join us as we honor our veterans with "A Musical Salute".

This very special event on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 will feature patriotic music to honor those who have served and are currently serving.

If you would like for your special Veteran to be included in this event please send a photo of them in uniform, name, student relation and branch of service to wheelerca@wws.k12.in.us

Our Shamrock Springs 4th graders have been preparing for our celebration!

Mark your calendars today!

We hope you join us for our "Veterans Day Musical Salute!" at Shamrock Springs Elementary in the gymnasium on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

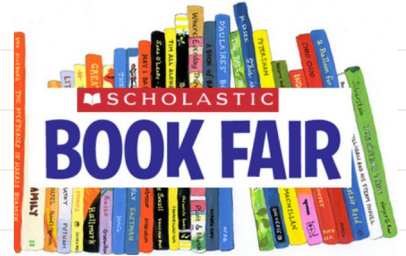
Parking: You are welcome to park in the front lot, gravel lot, or bus lot.
Please enter through the Front Door, Door Number 1.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are so excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair!

Students will be shopping at the fair during their library class

Wednesday, November 5 – Friday, November 14.



Would you like to attend the fair with your child? We would love to have volunteers during the day when the kids are shopping during their library time. If the slots fill up and you would like to volunteer please reach out to Mrs. Tebbe - she would love for you to help out. Please sign up with the genius link [here](#).

Family Night is Tuesday, November 11th from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm. All Shamrock Families are invited! Please join us!

We accept multiple forms of payment:

- Cash
- Credit Card
- Apple Pay
- Ewallet

Not sure how to set up an ewallet for your child? Click [here](#).

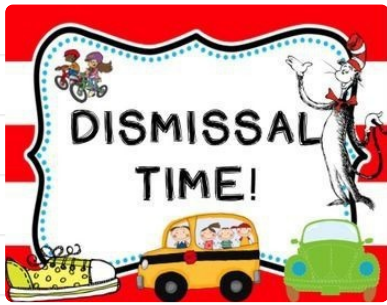
Consumable Fees

We want to remind our families that consumable fees have been posted. Please visit PowerSchool to view fees and make payments. **Consumable Fees are due by November 15.** For more details, please visit our webpage below.

<https://www.wws.k12.in.us/departments/business/consumable-fees>

Dismissal Changes

The safety of the children is always our top priority and we are always looking for ways to improve our processes to make sure that everyone is safe. One of the areas that we have been reviewing is our pick-up and dismissal procedures, and this is where we need your help. Every time your child has a change in dismissal, we (the office) must be notified. You may do this by:



1. Calling the office directly up until 1:30 PM each day. ***Please do not leave dismissal changes on the attendance line. If your child attends BAC, don't forget to notify them, too.***
2. Using Talking Points to text the office and your child's teacher.
3. Sending a note to your child's teacher and to the office with the

dismissal changes.

4. Emailing the office staff at:

stephenst@wws.k12.in.us

grayc@wws.k12.in.us

We understand that during the day, schedules may change and life happens. In the event of a dismissal change after 9:00 AM, please call (317-867-7400) or email the office directly. ***Please DO NOT email or call your child's teacher during the day with dismissal changes.*** The teachers are very busy and may not have the opportunity during the day to check voicemail or emails. Also, if there is a substitute teacher in the classroom, they **WILL NOT** have access to the teacher's voicemail or email. *We also ask that you DO NOT call after 1:30 PM with dismissal changes.* We appreciate all of your help making sure that all of the children are safe.

PTO News!

Dance Marathon

We need your help! To sign up, click on the graphic below or use the QR code!

Weekend Back Sacks

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to announce that we will continue to offer food support again this year for families who can benefit from this assistance with the Back Sacks Program! Through this program, our

goal is to help feed our kiddos on the weekends when school breakfast and lunch is not available. We are so thankful to Open Doors of Westfield and Merciful HELP in Carmel for helping make this happen.

At the end of each week, your child will receive a small sack of food in his or her backpack. The sack will have two small breakfast meals, two small lunch meals, as well as a couple of snacks and drinks. All foods are shelf-stable, which means they do not need to be refrigerated. Examples of items are cereal, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, spaghettios, dried fruit and crackers. The food is collected and distributed by Merciful HELP and Open Doors.

If you would like your child(ren) to participate in the Back Sacks program, please fill out this [GOOGLE FORM](#).

If you have any questions please contact me at millerj@wws.k12.in.us

Thank you,
Justin Miller
Student Mentor

Westfield's Holidiay Giving Program

WHS Rock Shop!



Westfield High School now has an apparel shop! It's called the WHS Rock Shop and offers many wonderful items for sale. You can click [here](#) to visit the web site and order!

Want to help Westfield families with the click of a button? The Purposity app allows you to anonymously purchase clothing and home essentials for students that were identified by our school counselors.

[Click here to help a Westfield family](#)

The Rock Strong Award presented by the Westfield Education Foundation is a quarterly award, given out at each school and operations to recognize teachers, instructional assistants, instructional coaches, building secretaries, bus drivers, substitute teachers, food service staff and operations staff for the great work they do for our children and our community!

Each quarter, all schools and operations will review nominations from staff, students, families and the community and select someone who represents its values and culture to receive the Rock Strong Award and a special gift.

[Click here to nominate someone](#) now. It only takes a minute!

Free/Reduced Application Information

Free/Reduced Lunch Application

To fill out an application for free/reduced lunch, please click [here](#).

Lunch Menu

To download the menu, click [here](#)!

Community Resources



2024 Community Board Main Flyer (1).pdf

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4.2 MB

Safe Visitor

Become a Substitute Teacher!



K - 10:30 AM -11:00 AM
1st - 11:05 AM -11:35 AM
2nd - 11:50 AM -12:20 PM
3rd - 12:25 PM - 12:55 PM
4th - 1:00 PM -1:30 PM



Monday - D Day
Tuesday - E Day
Wednesday - F Day
Thursday - A Day
Friday - B Day



Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 3:15 PM



Please download the hand out below to get more detail about attendance at Westfield Washington Schools.



Understanding Attendance.pdf

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54.3 KB



Shamrock Springs Elementary

Website: <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/domain/213>

Location: [747 West 161st Street, Westfield, IN, USA](#)

Phone: 317-867-7400

Attendance Line: 317-867-7400, ext. 20001 (or push 1)



Vickie Perry

Vickie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters