



WB MIDDLE SCHOOL News



Spring Edition - April 1, 2026

Principal's Message

We are starting April with a much earned Spring Break (April 3-6). Our students have been working hard and deserve this short break. Once we return we will be making final preparations for Ohio State Tests. We take the ELA tests first which are administered on April 15th and 16th. Our students have been working hard all year and now will have an opportunity to show how much they have learned. While we want our students to do their best and demonstrate what they have learned, we do not want them to be anxious about the tests. I am confident that our teachers will have their students well-prepared.

I wish all of our students a restful Spring Break and good luck on their state tests. They just need to "Be the Best Version of Themselves!"

Mr. Schlueter

Upcoming Testing Schedule

The following Testing Dates are planned for the Middle School.

It is important for students to be present for these tests. Our teachers are working hard to prepare their students in the hopes that they will approach these tests with confidence.

- April 15-16: Ohio State Test in English/Language Arts (Grades 3-7)
- April 21-22: Ohio State Test in Science (5th Grade only)
- April 28-29: Ohio State Test in Math (Grades 3-7)
- May 11-12: Math MAP Assessments (Grades 3-7)
- May 13-14: ELA MAP Assessments (Grades 3-7)

Please do not plan vacations during these dates so that students can take the state tests.

Mark Your Calendars!

- 4/3-6 Spring Break
(no school)
- 4/7 Report Cards
Paper Copy (gr. 3-5)
Online (all grades)
- 4/15-16 Ohio State Test - ELA
- 4/21-22 Ohio State Test
Science (5th gr only)
- 4/28-29 Ohio State Test -
Math
- 5/1 Festival of Bands
(7pm @WBHS Gym)
- 5/11-12 MAP Assessments
Math
- 5/13-14 MAP Assessments -
ELA
- 5/14 6-8th Choral Concert
(WBHS Auditorium)

Family Bingo

Many thanks to the West Branch PAC for hosting the Family Bingo Night! We played several games and every student went home a winner!



MARCH WARRIOR PRIDE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



Jameson Berry, Charlotte Peters,
Presley Lehman, Emilia Bowman, Jarrett
Wilson



Jake Bandy, Reagan Howell, Jude
Fielder, Avrielle Dickson



Aubri McIlvain, Kendall Patterson, Braden
Spencer, Addy Mccord, Carter Jasinski



Kolby Stratton, Paige Loper, Ellyse Schule,
Liam Wilson



Briella Fotheringham, Hunter Snyder, Alaina
Mason, Kieran Button, Natalie Prendergast



Silver Lyn Burton, Dylan Ridgway,
Hannah Mayeux, Harper Coleman



Leah Stryffeler, Logan Wolsonovich, Melina
Bowers, Harper Lane, Kynleigh Fletcher



Jack Sands, Annika Moore

Dress Code

Parents and Guardians,
Please help us maintain a consistent dress code at West Branch Middle School by making sure that your child's dress meets code. One specific area in which we need your help is with the length of shorts.

Per the West Branch Student Handbook:

"Shorts, skirts, and holes, rips, or tears in pants must be below mid-thigh."

Thank you in advance for your assistance. By working together, we can help our young people meet the standards of dress in our school.



Pi Day

The 6th and 7th grade students celebrated Pi Day on March 13 (The day before 3.14). The students moved through several stations in which they explored circles, radii, circumferences, and their relationship to Pi.



Field Trips

Our students will be taking the following field trips.

- 3rd Grade 5/8 - Farm Field Trip
- 3rd Grade 5/15 - Pro Football Hall of Fame
- 4th Grade 5/5 - Mahoning County Ag Day
- 4th Grade 5/20 - Explore 4H Day
- 5th Grade 5/15 - Carnegie Science Center
- 6th Grade 5/22 - Salem Community Center
- 7th Grade 5/22 - Funtimes Fun Park

Field Days

- Grades 6-7 - May 27
- Grades 3-5 - May 28



Year End Activity Participation Plan

Dear Students and Parents:

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your children each day and truly value the partnership we share with your families. We are proud to celebrate the positive choices our students consistently make. Through our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) program, we recognize acts of kindness and responsibility with rewards such as slushies, t-shirts, and positive notes. It's been inspiring to see so many students choosing to do the right thing!

At the same time, part of learning and growing includes understanding that actions have consequences. As we enter the fourth grading period, we encourage all students to continue demonstrating their best behavior and staying focused academically. This is especially important as we prepare for upcoming state testing, where their effort and concentration will make a big difference. Once testing is complete and we approach the end of the school year, we look forward to celebrating our students' hard work with fun activities such as **field trips** and a **field day**.

Please note this change to our behavior plan: At the start of the 4th Quarter on March 30th, all students will be eligible for the end of the year rewards! It will then be up to each individual student to make positive CHOICES so that he or she can attend these fun activities.

Grades 6 & 7 - End of the year Field Trips

All students will participate in the off campus **field trips** unless he or she earns 4 discipline points during the 4th nine weeks. Students will earn discipline points as follows:

- Out of School Suspension = 4 points
- In School Suspension = 3 points
- Detention = 2 points
- Lunch Detention = 1 point

* You only get eliminated from the field trip if you get 4 points or more.

* All Grades 6 & 7 students will participate in **Field Day**. If a student misbehaves on that day, he or she will be removed for a short time and then returned to activities..

Grades 3 - 5 - End of the Year Field Day

Students will lose time at **Field Day** in 15 minute increments as follows:

- 15 minutes for the first 4 discipline marks.
- 15 minutes for each additional discipline mark.
- Example: If a student earns 5 marks, he or she would miss 30 minutes of field day
 - 15 minutes for the first 4 marks
 - 15 minutes for the additional mark.

* **All students in grades 3 - 5 will go on the end of the year trips with parent permission.**

Our goal is to encourage students to make good choices so that they can be rewarded with Field Trips and Field Day. However, we also want to hold our students accountable for misbehavior.

Mr. Schlueter and Mr. Tafe

Attendance

Parents and Guardians:

It is very important to have you child attend school everyday. If our students are not here, we can't teach them. When students return to school, it can be difficult and stressful for them to make up work while trying to keep up with new assignments. Let's collaborate on student attendance so that all of our students can be the best version of themselves!

Chronic Absence:

A student is Chronically Absent when they have missed 10% of the school year for any reason. This is now 16.2 days at West Branch.

Specials Rotation

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar 30 y	Mar 31 z	1 x	2 y	3 No School
6 No School	7 z	8 x	9 y	10 z
13 x	14 y	15 z	16 x	17 y
20 z	21 x	22 y	23 z	24 x
27 y	28 z	29 x	30 y	May 1 z