

Wildcat Pride

Belleville Elementary and Intermediate School Parent Newsletter

October 2016



Important Dates/Events

<u>October 2016</u>	<u>October 2016</u>
October 10: Kindergarten Donuts with Dad @ 7:30 a.m.	October 14 3rd Grade Donuts with Dad @ 7:30 a.m.
October 10: Early Release @ 12:30	October 14: Fire Prevention Programs
October 10: Picture Retake Day	October 17: 4th Grade Donuts with Dad @ 7:30 a.m.
October 10: School Board Meeting @ 6:30	October 19: 5th & 6th Grade Donuts with Dad @ 7:30
October 10 - October 14: Fire Prevention Week	October 24: Early Release
October 11 1st Grade Donuts with Dad - 7:30 a.m.	October 28: No School
October 12 2nd Grade Donuts with Dad - 7:30 a.m.	
October 12: Fall Fest	

Welcome Back Families and Students!

As we begin our journey together, we'd like to welcome you to what we know will be an exciting year of investigation, exploration and discovery. While we are very excited to see many familiar faces, we look forward to meeting new families joining our schools.

We are honored to be the principal and associate principal of an amazing group of students and are proud to be a members of an incredible staff. Finally, we look forward to collaborating with our outstanding parents. As always if you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Fondly,
Tammy Kielbasa, Principal
Amy Kraemer, Associate Principal



Monthly Mission Achievements

Each newsletter will feature several classrooms who have engaged in activities aligned with the district's three initiatives; Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL), 1:1 Technology, and Project Lead the Way (PLTW). **All** students take part in lessons aligned with these initiatives daily. We would like to highlight a few of them for you! This month we are excited to share Mrs. Putnam's (6th

Grade), Mrs. Marsha's and Mrs. Kelsey's (4K), as well as Mrs. Kman's (1st Grade) classroom.





Mrs. Putnam's Class

Aligned with the literacy Common Core State Standard relating to demonstrating command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage. Mrs. Putnam's 6th graders analyzed sentence grammar and structure as well as engaged in sentence analysis both independently and collaboratively. Students were expected to apply their new knowledge into all ELA skills. Way to go Mrs. Putnam's students!



Ms. Marsha's & Ms. Kelsey's Class

After interactively reading the text, "The Kissing Hand," within a whole group language workshop lesson, Ms. Marsha's and Ms. Kelsey's 4K classes traced their own hands and cut out a heart to be glued inside a handprint. The students enjoyed the story and project! Way to go 4K!

This lesson was thoughtfully aligned with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) Early Literacy Performance Standards related to showing appreciation of books and understands how print works, using writing and/or drawing to represent thoughts or ideas, as well as showing an understanding of concept words and sequence of events.



Mrs. Kman's Class

After reading the text, Chrysanthemum, during Language Workshop and Reading Workshop, Mrs. Kman's students worked on sequencing the main details of the story in their Thoughtful Logs which is aligned with the literacy Common Core Standard related to retelling stories, including key details, and demonstrating an understanding of a text's central message or lesson. Way to go Mrs. Kman's class!

Referendum 2016

We hope that all families and community members are able to attend one of the district's referendum Open Houses. The first open house took place on September 8th and was an



excellent opportunity for answering questions and clarifying referendum facts. With just over 20 people in attendance, we are hoping that the second open house, taking place on October 5th, will draw many more parents, families, and community members. We hope to see you there! As always, please feel free to contact Mrs. Pam Yoder, district superintendent, for additional information. She can be reached at 608-835-6120, Option 5. Additionally, administrators are more than happy to lead building tours for interested parties. In order to schedule a tour, please contact your child's school secretary at 608-835-6120, Option 3 for the Intermediate School or Option 4 for the Elementary School. Please visit our school district website at <http://www.belleville.k12.wi.us/district/referendum2016.cfm> for additional referendum information, including Open House dates and times, a Referendum Fact Sheet, Presentation and Key Information.



Kids who come to school on time, every day:

- do better in school.
- feel more connected to their classmates and teachers.

Tips for being on time:

- Mornings can be unpredictable. Build in time for that lost boot or un-signed permission slip.
- Start the day right the night before with a consistent bedtime. Wind down with books, not screens. Screen time can make it difficult for children to fall asleep. Kids need at least 8 hours of sleep each night.

When should my child stay home...when should they try school?

- Students should stay home from school if they are vomiting or have a fever.
- Students should try school if they have a headache or stomachache.

Aim for under 10:

- **Aim for missing less than 10 days of school throughout the school year. If your child will be tardy or absent from school, please call the safe arrival phone number at 835-6120.**

School Pictures

If you have not received your child's picture order or have questions regarding their photograph, please contact Empire Photography at **608-257-2941**. You may also choose to email their customer support at customerservice@empirephotography.com. Picture retakes will be on Monday, October 10. As always, if you have questions, please contact your child's school office.



District Initiative Alignment



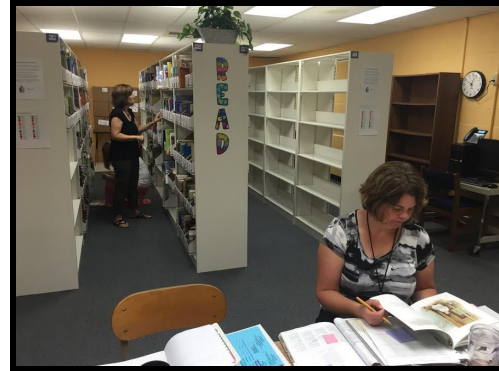
Comprehensive Literacy Model: 4K-6 Literacy Corner

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! We are excited for another year of Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL) Implementation. We are 16 days into the school year and our teachers have already created rich, literate, classroom environments. As we enter our third year of implementation

Language, Readers, and Writers

Workshops are

all in place, classroom libraries are open, and the Thoughtful Log tool is capturing and showing student thinking and learning. Our Literacy School Improvement Goal this year will focus on deepening our



understanding around small group reading instruction and how it's embedded in Reading Workshop and supported by other components of literacy. This small group focused instruction provides differentiated learning to meet the needs of all our students.

Teachers, coaches, and administration will work on this goal during our Monday professional development meetings and during bi-weekly grade level team meetings. We look forward to this new learning.



Belleville is an exciting and wonderful place to be!

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Through PLTW Launch, students become hands-on problem solvers and learn to collaborate with their peers. Students begin each module with an engaging story, which introduces the challenge to students. They will work together to solve the presented problem. Through a series of activities students are challenged to become confident in trying new things, to learn from mistakes, and to apply what they know to find solutions.

PLTW Launch is aligned to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core State Standards for Math and English Language Arts, and International Society for Technology in Education standards. For more information about Project Lead the Way (PLTW) please click on the following link:

<https://www.pltw.org>



