



# TROJAN NEWS

## October 2018



### Voting as an Act of Teaching

On Tuesday, November 6 our nation will elect leaders at the town, township, county, state, and federal levels. The results of this election are consequential for every man, woman, and child, both now and into the future. Don't take this privilege for granted! Show your children how much you care by electing great people to shape your children's future world.

In the history of civilization, few societies have enjoyed free and fair elections for such a prolonged period of years. It's a rarity. Teach your children how valuable and precious this is. Talk to your kids about the voting process. Take time to explain the values and priorities underpinning your choices. If possible, have them sit at the polling place waiting area while you cast your vote. Allow them to see the process in action so they understand how simple it is to join when they come of age.

After the election there are lessons to be learned about gracious winning and losing. If your preferred candidates are victorious, share with your children that your vote made a difference. If your preferred candidates lose, be gracious to the winners. Use it of an example about how we can still work together as a society. And remind your child you can contact your legislator by phone, mail, or email to voice your appreciation or concerns at any time.

We are blessed to enjoy a free and fair democratic process. Help your child appreciate the privilege, understand the process, and be better prepared to take part and perpetuate it. After all, when we're old, our kids will be running things. They will do what we taught them to do.

### **Special Points of interest:**

Oct. 30- Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive 7:30-1:30

Nov. 4- Daylight Saving Time ends (move your clock back one hour)

Nov. 5- Gym & Swim starts

Nov. 12- PTC Mtg. 3:00

Nov. 13- Body Safety- Parent Meeting

Nov. 13- Student Council Dance 6:00-7:30

Nov. 16- Mobile Dentist

Nov. 21-23- Thanksgiving Break/No school

### **Upcoming events:**

Dec. 3-7 Holiday Shoppe

Dec. 7- Donuts with Dad

Dec. 10-PTC Mtg. 3:00

Dec. 11- Christmas Program

Dec. 24- Jan. 4 Christmas Break

Jan. 7- 1<sup>st</sup> Day back for Students

## West Central School Math Incentive

**Goal and Objectives:** Students who know their math facts have a greater capacity of working memory to expend on story problems and longer math problems. Automaticity of math facts will improve students' levels of math success. Scores will go up and the world will be a better place.

**Assessment Plan:** 1 - 5 students will have monthly goals to meet. The assessment will be completed on the last Friday of each month. It will be a paper/ pencil test with 100 problems in 5 minutes. Kindergarten will be based on number recognition, counting, comparing numbers, and math facts.

- October-** Grade 1 - Addition facts up to numbers of 5  
Grade 2- Addition facts up to numbers of 10  
Grades 3 - 5- Addition facts up to numbers of 12  
Kindergarten- Recognizes numbers to 10
- November-** Grade 1- Subtraction facts within 5  
Grade 2- Subtraction facts within 10  
Grades 3 - 5- Subtraction facts within 24  
Kindergarten- Count by 1's to 20
- December-** Grade 1- Addition facts up to 10  
Grade 2- Mixed Addition/Subtraction within 10  
Grades 3 - 5- Mixed Addition/Subtraction within 24  
Kindergarten-Compare within 10

Goal for Grades 1 - 5: If children are able to reach the goal of 90% passing 2 out of the 3 months, then they will be recognized at a basketball game in January.

- January-** Grade 1- Subtraction facts up to 10  
Grade 2- Addition facts up to 18  
Grades 3 - 5- Multiplication facts up to 12's  
Kindergarten- Recognizes numbers to 20
- February-** Grade 1- Addition facts to 18  
Grade 2- Subtraction facts within 18  
Grades 3 - 5- Division facts with divisors up to 12  
Kindergarten- Add and subtract to 5
- March-** Grade 1- Subtraction facts within 18  
Grade 2- Mixed addition and subtraction within 18  
Grades 3 - 5- Mixed Multiplication and Division facts up to 12's  
Kindergarten- Counts to 100 by 1's
- April-** Grade 1- Mixed addition and subtraction within 18  
Grade 2-Mixed addition and subtraction within 18  
Grades 3 - 5- Mixed Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication/Division  
Kindergarten- Add and subtract within 10

Goal for Grades 1 - 5: If children are able to reach the goal of 90% passing 3 out of 4 months, they will get to attend a Magician convocation.

Sailing through our facts. 1 sail boat with name and fact mastery per month if mastered.

# 2018 Family Literacy Night

## Enchanted Forest

### Let Your Imagination Grow!

Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- FREE Supper served from 5 - 6:30p.m.
- FREE Books for all Elementary Students
- Listen to real life Children's Author, **Shannon Anderson**, read a story, buy her books, and get her autograph!!!
- Play "Once Upon a Bingo" - The WCE version of Bingo!
- Take a family photo at the Photo Booth!
- Create a Unicorn!
- Have fun climbing the Beanstalk, Big Foot Race, and much more!
- Dress up as your favorite book character!
- All events close at 7 p.m.

#### Featured Student Artists

Each year, Ms. Zeyen displays the artwork of several of her top Art students. The colorful creations of fifth grader, Kaleb Adams, have been on display the month of October. Jaydin Payne's art will be featured for the month of November. If you get the chance, stop by the back doors and check out the bulletin board featuring the works of some of our talented young artists!

#### Gym/Swim

Gym/Swim begins **Monday, November 5**. An information paper will be sent home with details of what they need and what to expect. Anyone willing to help our K-2 students will need to fill out a background check form.



## The Enchanted Forest Book Fair is NEXT WEEK, October 29-November 2!

Question: "Why should I buy books from the book fair?"

Answer: We get **55%** back to buy books for our students!!!

Classes will be attending the fair during their regularly scheduled library time. You are invited to go shopping with your child during that time or during their lunch recess (those times were sent home last week).

The All For Books coin drive is back. Students can drop silver coins for a chance to win a prize. There will be a fish tank filled with water with a cup in the bottom. Pennies are for practice, but silver (quarters, nickels, and dimes) gets a prize if they land in a cup. All of the money raised for All For Books will be matched by Scholastic, and they will donate books to a children's charity. We get books from the fair in the total amount of money collected; double win!

We will also be having dress up days next week in honor of the book fair and to create some excitement for reading. See the list below for the different days. Students that participate will be entered in a drawing each day for a poster from the fair, so they have 5 chances to win.

**Monday: Matchy Matchy Monday**- Dress just like your BFF (can be more than 2 dressed the same)

**Tuesday: Troll Hair Tuesday**-wear crazy hair

**Wednesday: Enchanted Wednesday**-Dress up as your favorite book character

**Thursday: Read My Shirt Day**-Wear a shirt you can read (school appropriate)

**Friday: Unicorn Friday**-Wear tie-dye, rainbow, or unicorn attire

Thank you to our PTC parent volunteers! Without you, our fair wouldn't be as successful. Your help is greatly appreciated!



It's fall again and it's time for the annual Elementary Student Council Turkey Twist Dance! Students bring your favorite adult and bust a move! Please join us on November 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at our very own West Central Elementary gym. We will have all kinds of fun with a photo op, music, glowsticks, and plenty of dancing! The admission cost is \$2 per person or \$8 per family. We will be selling popcorn (50 cents), water (\$1), and glow sticks (50 cents). All proceeds will go to Student Council Fund to help improve our West Central experience.