



TROJAN NEWS

January 2017



Coming Soon..... Kindergarten Round Up, Thursday April 6, 2017. Registration form is in this newsletter. Please fill out and return to school if you have a child that will be 5 before August 1, 2017.

Should My Child Stay Home?

We regularly field questions in the office regarding sick children and whether they should stay home or come to school. It's a tough call. This time of year many strains of flu and cold viruses are making the way around the community. While it's important for kids to be in school to soak up every possible minute of instruction, we also need kids to be in good health and ready to learn.

To help with this decision, we have guidelines on pg. 12 of the Student/Parent Handbook. Keep your child home from school if any of the following apply:

- Fever above 100.0 degrees
- Acute cold with severe cough
- Vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain, and repeated diarrhea
- Communicable disease such as pinkeye (conjunctivitis), strep throat, chickenpox, etc.

If none of these apply, send your child to school. If they do apply, keep your child home and call the elementary office to let us know. Thanks in advance for your help and efforts.

Special Points of interest:

- Feb. 3 5th Grade Orchestra Trip
- Feb. 7 Study Table
- Feb. 13 PTC Mtg. 3:05
- Feb. 20 Snow Make up Day
No School
- Feb. 21 Study Table

Upcoming Events:

- March 7 Study Table
- March 12 Daylight Saving
Time starts (move your clocks
ahead 1 hour)
- March 16 Family Literacy
Night
- March 21 Study Table
- March 24 Snow Make up day
no school
- March 27 – 31 Spring Break

Head Start

Head Start will be taking applications for 2017-2018 school year. It's a free preschool for qualifying families with children 3-5 years of age. Please call 219-204-0736 to schedule an appointment.

The Day the Violins Came

Squeaks of learning floated through the halls of West Central Elementary School on Tuesday, January 17 and Friday, January 20. After lessons on instrument families in the Music class curricula, students were introduced to the playing basics of the string family when guest speaker Jenny Powell from the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra (LSO) brought in violins to 2nd through 5th grade Music classes.

The LSO's Strings Attached program provides students with a free in-school, hands-on violin experience. Each child is given a ½ size or ¾ size violin to play for the class period.

Powell, an accomplished first violinist with the LSO, presents this program to schools in the greater Lafayette community. Powell has presented to over 10 schools over the past 3 years. It is her first year to visit West Central.

At the beginning of each class Powell played *Loure* by J.S. Bach. She wowed students with the beauty of the violin sound and her playing expertise. Makylah Holle from Mrs. Linback's second grade class commented, "that was awesome" after hearing her play.

Then came the big moment: our WCES students playing the violin themselves. After the demonstration, students were given a small violin, instructed how to hold it, were taught the names of each part of the instrument, and how to use the strings and bow to produce sound.

Besides students really enjoying their musical instrument experience, some teachers also joined in the fun. Marilyn Bernal, a 5th grade teacher said "I really enjoyed the experience because I always wanted to play a violin. My students were excited to have a chance to learn how to hold the instrument and bow while they played a few notes. Thank you to Mrs. DeRoo and the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra for bringing this unique instrument to our school."

Not only did this experience make a lasting memory of the day they got to play violins, but for some West Central graduate it may be a great beginning. Could it be sweet squeaks which one day lead to sweet music in the halls of... Carnegie Hall?

News from your Smart Choice Café

We are joining our Family Literacy theme "*Reading Under the Stars*" Not only reading, but "*Eating Under the Stars*"

Just like you explore the outdoors, explore the foods that you choose for your breakfast and lunch. Take a look at all the choices we have to offer and choose the ones that are going to fuel your body.

When you spend time fueling your body with all the great foods, you will be able to play better, concentrate better, and enjoy your school experience better.

When you enter the cafeteria and the serving line, have fun looking at the decorations that make you feel like you are in a backyard camping, then choose the great foods you can eat.

We are having a great time with this theme and bringing in the high school art class to help us spruce up the cafeteria to make it look like a real camping scene. Our goal is for you to have fun, get some fuel, and enjoy your day. Don't forget about starting your day with a breakfast from the Smart Choice Café. By popular demand we have brought back the Yogurt Parfaits...Choose your favorite breakfast item.

NHS Valentine's Day Fundraiser

West Central High School's National Honor Society is organizing its annual Valentine's Day fundraiser. Students, staff, parents, and relatives can order assorted flowers, cookies, or fruit snacks for their loved ones: carnations for \$2.00 each, large cookies for \$1.00 each, or Fruit Snacks for \$.75 each.

Sales begin Monday, January 23, and run through Wednesday, February 8. High school and middle school students can place orders during lunch. Elementary school students can place orders in the Elementary School Office. Alternately, you can send in the order forms below. The orders will be distributed on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017**.

Show your love for that special person, and thank you for supporting the West Central High School National Honor Society's scholarship fund!

If you would like to place an order see the attached order form.

**WEST CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP INFORMATION**

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Your child must be 5 by August 1, 2017, and you must provide a legal birth certificate. Your child must be fully immunized.

ROUND-UP DAY: Thursday, April 6. Your Round-up session will last approximately two hours. During your session, your child will be given a kindergarten readiness screening and his or her vision will be checked. You will also have the opportunity to meet the principal, counselor, nurse, speech pathologists and kindergarten teachers. School registration forms will also be filled out at this time.

OTHER: The Kindergarten fee will be determined at a later date. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Monday, March 20. If you know of a family who has an eligible child that does not receive a copy of The Communicator or The Trojan News, please ask them to contact the school at 219-567-9741.

PLEASE SAVE TOP PORTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP REGISTRATION
2017-2018**

Please complete this form and return it to the elementary school by Monday, March 20 so we can schedule your child for this exciting time.

Child's Name	Birth Date	Gender
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Parent(s)/Guardian's Name(s)	Telephone Number
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Address of Parent/Guardian Child Resides With

Is your child enrolled in the Medaryville Preschool? Yes _____ No _____

Is your child enrolled in Head Start? Yes _____ No _____

Is your child enrolled in another program? _____

Please check your preferred time for your Round-up session:

Thursday AM _____ Thursday PM _____

NHS Valentines Order Form

Please enclose this order form with payment in a sealed envelope. You may copy this form.



To: _____

Where: (First name) _____ (Last name) _____

K1 K2 K3 KR Teacher _____

1st – 5th Grade Homeroom (5A, 2C, etc.) _____ Teacher _____

Middle School Grade _____ Teacher(s): 5th _____ 6th _____ 7th _____

High School Grade _____ Teacher(s): 5th _____ 6th _____ 7th _____

From: _____

What: (____ cookies × \$1.00) + (____ flowers × \$2.00) + (____ Fruit Snack × \$.75) = Total _____

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