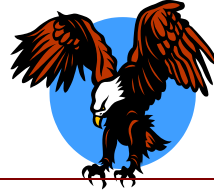


WPA: Watch Us SOAR

Weekly Newsletter



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Administration Notes

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." Jim Rohn

Welcome back! It is difficult to come back from break motivated to jump into learning. After staying up late and sleeping in during vacation, many students are having a hard time staying motivated in class. Our educators are teaching interesting lessons, and keeping positive attitudes to pass on to students. By completing our tasks daily, whether it is work or school, we can create the right habits. Please help your children by checking your daily e-mails, staff webpages, and looking through your children's backpacks with them to be sure notes home, assignments, permission slips, or other communication between school and home are getting read. We strongly believe school and homework responsibility belongs to the students, but we can all use a little help staying motivated and creating good habits.

Students have another two four-day weeks coming up. Next Friday, January 13th, staff will be in school for a Professional Development day so there will be no school for students. School will also be closed on Monday January 16th, in honor of Martin Luther King.

Next week our students will begin EdVision testing again. We are looking for academic growth from the fall testing to now. This information will help teachers decide what concepts have been mastered and what concepts need review and/or further instruction. Please encourage your children to do their best on these tests since we use the information to inform our instruction, and CMU uses it to measure our academic success.

The end of the second period, January 27th is quickly approaching. It's really hard to believe we are nearly half way through this school year! We need to stay focused and motivated on the bottom line-student success-in which we all play a part.

Mrs. Shemes



Drum set for sale : Sound Percussion (Black 5 pc. set) \$405
Please call Mrs. Anthony at 810-265-8691 if interested.

Carpooling needed for a 1st grader in Fenton. Please call the office at 810-695-4710 if you are able to help. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 1/5/12 Assembly
K—3rd 1:00—1:30pm
4th—6th 1:45—2:15pm
Arrive 10 minutes before scheduled assembly
 - Tuesday—1/10/12 PAC - Parent Advisory Committee Mtg. 3:45pm
In Mrs. Ostrowski's Classroom
Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month. Childcare will be in Mrs. Cummings room.
 - 1/19/12—Board Mtg. 6:30pm
 - 1/13/12—No School—Staff Devel.
 - 1/16/12—No School—
Martin Luther King
 - **Friday 1/20/12—\$1 Jean Day**
 - 1/27/12—End 2nd MP -
1st Semester
- ****February—Count Day 2/8/2012****
- Winter Break 2/17—2/20/12



SOAR Corner

**"The paths you choose
now can affect
you forever."
Sean Covey**

**Make responsible
choices at all times.**

Edvision Testing: January 9th-20th. EdVision Performance testing is a program required by Central Michigan University that students 3-8th must complete. Students are tested in both reading and math, and testing results allow teachers to monitor their student's progress in both of these subject areas. This program is essential to maintain accreditation with CMU. Please encourage your students to do their very best!

Sports Corner

**7th & 8th Grade Boys
Basketball Players
Please return your
jersey and shorts back to
Mr. Erickson as soon as possible.**



**Girls Basketball
Practice Begins:
January 11, 2012**

4th—6th Grade 3:30pm—4:30pm
7th & 8th Grade 4:30pm—5:30pm

Dress Code Reminder

No black shirts/pants/skirts/sweaters can be worn this year, unless you purchased a black top with the WPA logo on it. Those are the only black tops permitted. If you wearing a long sleeve shirt under your polo it must be the same color as the polo. (white with white, blue with blue, etc.) Uniform colors are light blue, dark blue, white, burgundy, and blue or khaki pants—no leggings.

**Your student may pay \$1 and wear appropriate jeans with no holes on
Jean day January 20th.
Enjoy!!!**

Mr. Tiggart is in need of 1 and 1/2 gallon containers or tubs to help with school store. Thank you in advance for your help!

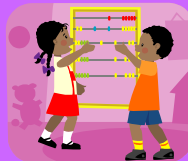


ATTENTION

If you have not yet paid for your student(s) monthly Transportation or for their Breakfast/Lunch bill we are asking that **you do so now.**

We will be going through the accounts to verify you are up to date and current. Please feel free to contact **Mrs. Morgan** to verify your Transportation bill and **Ms. Schepper** for your Breakfast/Lunch bill at 810-695-4710. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help WPA pop popcorn, make copies or laminate papers. If you would be willing to donate some of your time please sign-up on the sheet that is located on the bulletin board. Thank you!

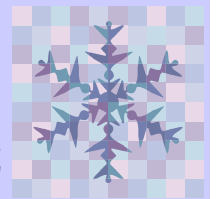


If your child needs a math tutor please contact Heather Duhon (Mrs. Duhon's daughter) @ 810-406-6014 to make arrangements. Thank you!

**Popcorn Fridays
Each bag is \$.50 and due by
Thursday to Classroom teachers.**



PICTURES AND DVDS OF
THE DANCE
PERFORMANCE
WONDERS OF WINTER ARE
STILL AVAILABLE.



ORDER FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE
OR CONTACT MS. LICHTENBERG.

Suggestion Box

Each month, WPA will be conducting a survey from parents, staff & students about a variety of topics.

The suggestion box, survey, and pencils are located outside the main office. Feel free to share your opinions!

You can now visit our school website where you can submit your answers! www.wpacharterschool.org