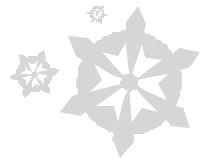


TRENTON SCHOOL

NEWS

December 2011



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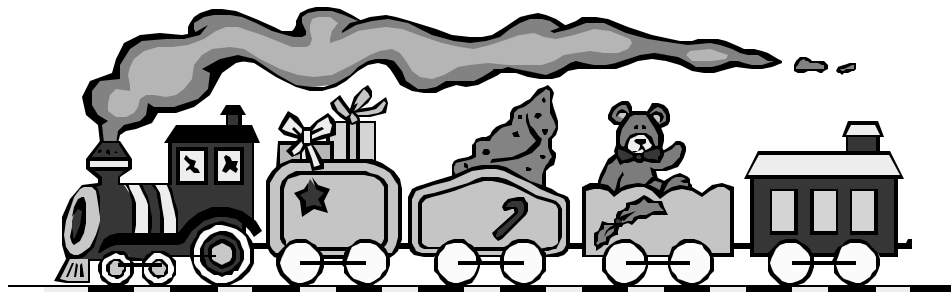
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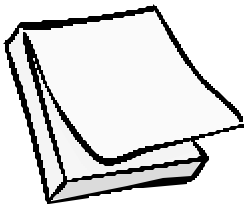
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PTO Post-It



Thank you everyone for your efforts in our fall fundraiser. It was very successful. Our profit is estimated to be \$2,300.00. Thank you to Mary Kuntz for coordinating the fundraiser and to Tami Mohammed for helping with orders. Product pick up is December 6th from 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.



Thanks to all of the teachers and staff who made the Family Math & Reading Carnival such a great success. Thank you also to Mary Kuntz, Penny Yagodinski, Susie Ganske, Colleen Dowe, Holly De Young, and Sara Gruszynski for your volunteering your time to help with this event. Without your help events like this would not be possible.



Plan to participate in the next PTO meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00. We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions. Hope to see you then.



Thanks to all to attended the Culvers Cares Night. Trenton earned \$230.00 and Culver's contributed another \$20.00. This was a fun and easy fundraiser!



Mrs. H is seeking volunteers to assist her in the library. You may choose your own schedule depending upon your availability. Please contact Mrs. H for details.

Late Start

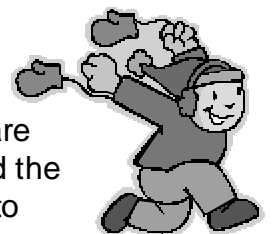
There is a late start Tuesday, December 6th. Classes begin at 10:50; please do not drop students off before 10:45. **Breakfast will not be served.**

Toy Bank Donations

Recently a letter was sent home concerning donating to the Dodge County Toy Bank. As in past years, we will be donating money to this worthwhile cause instead of exchanging gifts in the classrooms. **In addition, this year we are also collecting toys! Our hope is that this will make the students feel like they are participating in giving and caring for others in a personal way.** The focus of this is to make the holidays happy for many children who otherwise may not have a Merry Christmas! If you would like your children to contribute to the Dodge County Toy Bank please send cash donations or unwrapped toys with your child to school. Each classroom has a collection jar where students can make their donations.

Recess Reminder

Please remember that children will be sent outside for recess unless the temperature is -10 degrees with the wind chill factor. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather (hat, mittens, boots, and snow pants). All children are expected to go outside for recess. We believe children need fresh air, exercise, and the opportunities to socialize with their peers. When children need to stay indoors due to illness, a note from home is required.



Student Names in Clothing

Please put your child's name in their winter wear and any sweat shirts that they may bring to school. This would be very helpful to get lost and misplaced items back to the correct students.



Late Arrivals/Student Absences

Trenton Phone: 885-7385

Mrs. Wilber would like to thank the many parents that remember to call the school office each and every time that their child is going to be late or absent from class. It is our number one priority to make sure all our students are safe. Also, a call by 9:15 helps her to provide an accurate lunch count. This ensures that enough food will be provided for the noon hour.

Remember, when children are not accounted for in the morning, Mrs. Wilber does her best to “track them down” with phone calls home. Your calls to the office are so appreciated because they save her valuable minutes at the start of the busy work day.

Distrito Escolar de Beaver Dam

En caso de mal tiempo les sugerimos que por favor llamen a la línea del tiempo en español para asegurarse de si habra escuela o no.



El número es 920-885-7520 ext. 2401



Beaver Dam Unified School District

In case of poor weather conditions please call the weather line to make sure schools will be open.

The number is 920-885-7520 ext. 2400

Extra Student Clothing

We have had several Kindergarten and 1st grade students who have had toileting accidents. Please make sure your students have extra pants and underpants at school to change into. If your child has worn some of the back-up clothes home, please return them; we don't have many extras. Also, if you should have pants that your children have outgrown please send them to the school office; we would gladly add them to our back-up supply.

Hemos tenidos algunos estudiantes en el Kindergarten y el primer grado que han tenido accidentes en los pantalones. Por favor asegurece de que su hijo/a tiene ropa extra para cambiarse. Si su hijo/a se ha puesto la ropa que tiene de repuesto en la escuela, por favor mande otra muda extra limpia. La escuela no tiene extras. Tambien si su hijo/a tiene pantalones que se le ha quedado pequenos, por favor mandelo a la escuela. De esta forma podremos aumentar nuestro surtido.

Dear Parents,

As cold weather returns and the holidays approach, some families may find themselves without electricity, heat, food, etc. Below is a list of some community resources if you or anyone you know might be in need of assistance

Food

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council
134 S. Spring St.

Contact: Letty Castillo at 885-9559

Pantry hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m.

St. Vincent De Paul Society (Dodge County Food Pantry)

316 S. Spring Street

Phone: 885-6971

Pantry hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9-12

Must call before 11:00 (earlier is better) to request food

Heat, Electric, Power

Energy Services Inc. for Dodge County

107 Henry St., Suite 1

Phone: 887-7990/ To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-506-5596

Hours: Monday – Friday 8-12 and 1-4:30

Note: This is a one time per year grant, based on income, for heat and electricity.

CA Plus (Alliant Energy program)

*working out payment plans with Alliant Energy

Phone: 1-800-975-5785

Help with Rent, Emergency situations, Car repairs

St. Vincent de Paul Society 885-6971

316 S. Spring Street

Note: You need to call for an appointment for an interview, Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Salvation Army 887-5348

Note: You must leave a message at this number, and you will be called to set up an appointment. It could take up to one week for an appointment.

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council

134 S. Spring St.

Contact: Letty Castillo at 885-9559

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9-4:30 and Friday 9-3

Note: No car repairs but applications available for car loans.

Renewal Unlimited applications available for rent, utility, property tax, security deposit, and mortgage assistance.

Homeless

New Beginnings Homeless Shelter

Contact: Letty Castillo at 885-9559 or the shelter at 885-3999

Note: An intake appointment is needed with Letty.

Medical Help for Adults Without Insurance

Church Health Services

308 Oneida Street

887-1766

Household income less than 185% of federal poverty level, must not have insurance, and must call first to request an application.

Clothes for Kids

Located in the basement of the Hotel Rogers in Beaver Dam on the corner of Spring St. and Maple Ave. Clothes for Kids provide free children's clothing and some personal items.

Hours: Tuesdays 10-4 and Thursdays 12-6 p.m.

887-7308

Dodge County Human Services and Health Department

Call 386-3760 for assistance and information on Food Stamps, Child Care Subsidies and Medical Assistance and 386-3680 for WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program).

Your school's Pupil Services workers are here to help you too. We are available to meet with you about these resources and other community resources depending on your situation. Feel free to contact us anytime throughout the year either by phone, email or stop in at school.

At Trenton, Pupil Service workers are:
Heather Krumnow, School Psychologist

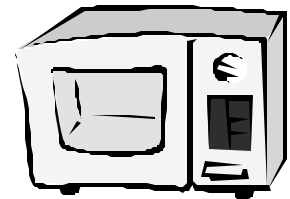
Susan Comello, School Counselor
Louise Wilson, School Nurse

Nut Allergy Reminder

During the holidays many of us like to share special treats with our friends and classmates. We would like to remind you to make sure that any foods that are brought to school do not contain nuts or nut products such as peanut butter. This is a serious health and safety issue. We would like to thank our Trenton families for being so understanding and cooperative.

LUNCH REMINDER

Please do not send lunches to school with your children that need to be warmed up. Our kitchen staff is very busy during lunch and are unable to warm up food.



START SAVING ALUMINUM CANS!!

The Beaver Dam Kiwanis have offered to organize an aluminum can drive this Spring to benefit Trenton Elementary School!!! Isn't that great! All we have to do is save aluminum cans! Look for more information in the Spring.

Beaver Dam Unified School District

Friend of Education Nominations

Do you know an individual or organization who has made an outstanding contribution to the students of the Beaver Dam Unified School District? Nominate them for a **Friend of Education** award.

Each year, the Wall of Fame Committee honors up to 5 **Friends of Education** at the Wall of Fame Banquet. The district also displays plaques listing each year's **Friends of Education** on the Wall of Fame display at the High School.

Nomination forms are available at:

- ◆ School Offices
- ◆ Educational Service Center
- ◆ Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Beaver Dam Public Library
- ◆ Beaver Dam Piggly Wiggly
- ◆ Rehek's Food Pride
- ◆ District Website:
www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us

Nomination Deadline

All nominations must be received by mail or delivery no later than
February 10, 2012 to
**Beaver Dam Unified School
District
Wall of Fame
705 McKinley Street
Beaver Dam, WI 53916**

Nominations for *Outstanding Alumni* are also being accepted. Nominees must be a graduate of the Beaver Dam Unified School District who has made an outstanding contribution to society, displayed outstanding leadership, is a person of historical significance, or has been a prominent local, state, national and/or world figure.

For more information or to request a nomination form, please contact:
Mary Posthuma at
(920) 885-7470, ext. 1114 or
posthumam@bdusd.org
or visit our website:
www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us

The Beaver Dam Unified School District will honor the Year 2012 Wall of Fame recipients at the Sixteenth Annual Wall of Fame Banquet in April.

Drug Free Community Coalition

Contact: Debra Lins

Trenton Elementary/DSL A Principal & ATODA District Coordinator
Beaver Dam Unified School District
N8954 Co. Tr. W
Beaver Dam WI 53916
Phone 920-885-7385 ext. 4701
linsd@beaverdam.k12.wi.us

Press Release

Beaver Dam Unified School District Concentrates on Peer Pressure in December

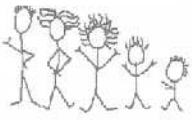
Picture yourself sitting around a holiday table, finishing your last spoonful of mashed potatoes, thinking, “*I can’t eat another bite*”. Then dessert comes. Grandma offers you a piece of her famous pumpkin pie. You kindly say, “*No thank you, I’m so full*”. Grandma insists that you “*Just try it.*” Despite the fact that you are plumb full, you give into the pressure, eat the pie, and feel miserable.

Now imagine your teenager with a group of friends. They are all going to a party tonight where most likely they will partake in risk-taking behavior (e.g. drinking alcohol). Your teen knows they shouldn’t go but the pressure from his or her friends is constant. “*This party is going to be sweet and all the “cool” kids are going to be there.*” What would your teen do? Would they go because they think it is what everyone else is doing or would they have the power to say “*No*”?

We are all faced with peer pressure. However, the pressure kids face through daily interactions with their peers; whether face-to-face, texting, Facebook, or Twitter, can be overpowering. Peer pressure is the feeling that you are being pushed toward making a certain choice – good or bad. Some kids give into peer pressure because they want to be liked or fit in. Others go along because they are curious to try something new and think “everyone is doing it, so I might as well do it too”.

We want our students to know it is okay to stand up for what they believe and not give into peer pressure. During the month of December the middle and high school students will receive daily announcements such as “*Feeling pressured to do or try something you know is not right? Do you think everybody is doing it? WRONG – everybody is NOT! Most Beaver Dam students steer clear of risk-taking behavior. Join the crowd!*”

Please consider talking to your child about the peer pressure they may face in their daily lives. To learn more visit http://www.thecoolspot.gov/peer_pressure3.asp.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Throughout the school year inclement weather conditions may arise. The decision to delay or close school is made prior to 6:00 a.m., based on district policy and procedure and the best available weather information.

Please listen to radio stations WBEV 1430AM / WXRO 95.3FM or WMDC 98FM or watch Cable TV Channel 98 (Charter customers) or 993 (digital customers); Madison TV Channels WISC 3, WMTV 15, or WKOW 27; or Milwaukee TV Channels TMJ 4, WITI 6, WISN 12, or WDJT 58 for the latest weather-related announcements. Weather-related announcements will also be posted on the front page of the district's website www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us and on www.wbevradio.com and www.wxroradio.com. Most television stations also post school closings on their individual websites.

If you feel the weather conditions pose an undue risk for your child, you are encouraged to use your own judgment in making a decision whether or not to send your child to school.

First and Foremost: You Make the Call

You are always the best judge of your own situation and what is best for your child. If school is held, and you find it is safer for your child to stay home or report late, we will strongly support your decision. The district makes a decision prior to 6:00 a.m. about what is best for all students and staff and that decision may not fit your individual situation.

Closing Due to Snow and Ice

The district reviews the weather conditions with Weather Central in Madison. Conversations are then held with the bus transportation company, as well as with individuals who live in various parts of the district and who must drive the roads early in the morning. Safety is always our top priority. Whether or not the conditions will be improving throughout the day is also considered.

Closing Due to Extreme Cold

When the wind chill reaches the 35 degrees below zero level for the length of the day, then school is usually canceled. If the conditions are expected to improve during the day, then school may not be canceled. It is important that you work with your children so they dress for the conditions.

Early Dismissal

Early dismissal is not an option we like to use unless conditions are expected to get worse throughout the day. This is primarily due to the fact that many parents work and the children are safer at school. Please try to have a plan in place to handle late starts and early dismissals. It is helpful if your children are aware of the plan.

Your Understanding and Cooperation is Appreciated

For every person who is happy with a weather-related decision, there is someone who is unhappy. We appreciate your understanding of the difficulties and the timing of our decision. Your support in helping your child get to and from school safely on winter days is sincerely appreciated.

Estimados Padres:

A través del año escolar las condiciones atmosféricas pueden incrementar. La decisión de retrasar o cancelar la escuela se tomara antes de las 6:00 de la mañana y será basada en la póliza del distrito en la mejor información disponible del tiempo.

Por favor escuche la estación de radio WBEV 1430AM / WXRO 95.3FM o WMDC 98FM o vea el canal de televisión 98 (clientes de Charter) o 993 (clientes digitales); canales de Madison WISC 3, WMTV 15, o WKOW 27; o los canales de Milwaukee TMJ 4, WITI 6, WISN 12, o WDJT 58 para las recientes informaciones relacionadas con el tiempo. Anuncios relacionados con el clima también se publicarán en la página principal de www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us sitio web del distrito y en www.wbevradio.com y www.wxroradio.com. La mayoría de las estaciones de televisión también posterior cierre de escuelas en sus sitios web individuales.

Si usted cree que las condiciones atmosféricas plantean un riesgo indebido para su niño, use su propio juicio y tome la decisión de enviar o no enviar su hijo a la escuela. Aquí le mandamos algunas recordatoria sobre el cambio del tiempo.

Sobre todo: Usted decide primero

Ustedes son los mejores jueces para decidir lo mejor para su niño. Si hay escuela pero usted siente que es mas seguro de que su hijo permanezca en el hogar o esperar un poco mas tarde, nosotros los apoyaremos en su decisión. El distrito tomara una decisión antes de las 6:00 de la mañana pensando en lo mejor para todos los estudiantes y los empleados, esa decisión puede que no encaje con su situación individual.

Cerrado por causa de la nieve o hielo

El distrito repasa las condiciones atmosféricas con la central del tiempo de Madison. Nos ponemos en contacto con la compañía de autobuses, así como los individuales que viven en diferentes partes del distrito y tienen que conducir temprano en la mañana. La seguridad es siempre nuestra prioridad principal. Si las condiciones del tiempo van a mejorar durante el día esto será tomado en consideración.

Debido a un frío extremado

Cuando la frialdad del viento alcanza los 35 grados debajo del nivel cero para todo el día, generalmente no habrá escuela durante todo el día. Si se espera que las condiciones mejoren durante el día, la escuela posiblemente no cerrara. Es muy importante que usted se asegure que su niño esta abrigado para las condiciones del tiempo.

Cancelar la escuela temprano

El cancelar la escuela temprano no es una opción que tenemos el gusto de utilizar a menos que se espere que las condiciones empeoren a lo largo del día. Esto es sobre todo debido al hecho de que muchos padres trabajan y los niños están más seguros en la escuela. Por favor tenga un lugar donde su niño pueda ir en caso de que la escuela empezara mas tarde o se cancela temprana. Es beneficioso para su niño que sepa de este plan.

Su Comprensión y Cooperación es Apreciada

Por cada persona que esta contenta con la decisión tomada relacionada con el tiempo, hay otra persona que no lo esta. Nosotros apreciamos su comprensión en la dificultad en tomar una decisión en un tiempo sincronizado. Su apoyo en ayudar a su niño a ir a la escuela y volver a casa si ningún incidente es sinceramente apreciado.

IMPORTANT DATES

December Pillar of the Month.....CARING

Tuesday, December 6	Late Start – Classes begin at 10:50. No Breakfast Served
Tuesday, December 6	Fundraiser pick-up 3:30-5:30
Thursday, December 8	Trenton Holiday Concert grades 1 – 5 High School Auditorium @ 6:30
Friday, December 9	Last day for Dodge County Toybank Donations
Friday, December 9	School Store
Saturday, December 10	English/Spanish Conversation Group 9:00 – 10:30
Tuesday, December 13	PTO meeting at 6:00
Thursday, December 22	Visit from Santa
December 23 – January 1	No School
Monday, January 2	School Resumes



Character Awards

The Character Pillar for November was Respect.

Trenton staff selected students who demonstrated respect to Sergio Salgado, Dalton Bednarek, Ana Tamayo, Caleb Mark, Parker Posthuma, Kaitlyn Palzewicz, Parker Dowe, Jack Duax, Colt Kocinski, and not pictured are Sydnie Chapman and Chloe Bradley.

Congratulations.