

TRENTON SCHOOL NEWS



February 2012

Dear Trenton Parents:

Please remember to check on your son and daughters' winter clothing, and make sure they have mittens, boots that fit, a warm hat, snow pants, etc. as we endure another month or so of cold weather. Students recently finished a series of assessments of their academic skills including, Fountas & Pinnell Reading Benchmarking, Measures of Academic Progress (or MAP tests taken on the computer) and AIMSweb Math and Reading assessments. These mid-year checks help us to determine how we can better serve all of our Trenton Elementary Students and ensure academic success. MAP test results were sent home recently and the other assessments will be covered at our Parent-Teacher Student Lead Conferences on March 13 & 15th.

Attendance is an important topic to address at this time. It is important to have each student in school as often as possible for their academic success. We ask parents to minimize appointments, vacations and other days out of school whenever possible. We encourage you to make those appointments after school hours or on days such as February 24th when there is no school due to teachers' convention or Spring Break coming up in March. It is also important to bring back a doctor's slip when a student is out of school for a doctor, dental, counseling or other related appointment. Wisconsin law allows parents to excuse a student for up to 10 school days per school year for any reason, and after that, a medical excuse is appreciated.

The Character Pillar for the next two months (February & March) is FAIRNESS. We reinforce the following: Play by the rules, take turns and share, be open minded; listen to others, don't take advantage of others, don't blame others carelessly. We thank you for supporting our efforts to reinforce good character in our students in school, home and community.

Thank you for your continued support of Trenton Elementary School. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

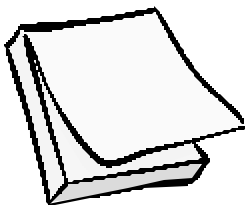
Debb Lins, Principal

January Character Award Winners



January's Trustworthiness Character Pillar Award winners are: Soraya Cardenas, Mason Ferron, Dominic Kikkert, Karina Felan, Christy Castellon, Courtney Gruszynski, Emma Goodman, Lailah Wilson, Roger Velez, Raina Borgardt, Paige Posthuma, Emily Gabel, and Hannah Wingers. These students have demonstrated exceptional Trustworthiness, congratulations!

February's Character Pillar is Fairness. Please help us in encouraging and rewarding demonstrations of fairness.



PTO Post Its



Next PTO Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00. Hope to see you there...all parents are welcome. It's great to take part in your child's school activities.



Office Depot Gives Back to Schools

Office Depot will give our school credit for 5% of your purchases. We can use this credit toward free supplies! It's simple! When you check-out give the cashier our School ID Number: **70108308**. Office Depot does the rest!



Thank You Parents

Trenton Wishes are requests from teachers for small items that they would like to have for their classrooms. These requests are placed in the Trenton Wishes pockets near the school office. Teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have purchased one of the items requested. Your generosity is truly appreciated. If you are interested in making a classroom wish come true, here are some items currently being wished for: Box of Lucky Charms, medium black pom poms, glitter, glass ball ornaments, men's all white tube socks, buttons, ply-fill, colored sand, cd/tape players.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Have you brought in a can of soup for the SOUPER BOWL yet? This is the last week to do so! Please help us help PAVE, the homeless shelter and the food pantry.



Collectible Items

Items we collect and send in.....Campbells labels, milk tops, Box Tops for Education, Our Family Labels, and Piggly Wiggly receipts. Many thanks to these ladies for their time and efforts.....all our collections make a difference to our budget, so let's keep them busy!



Family Dance

Trenton PTO is sponsoring a Family Beach Dance, Friday, February 10th from 6:00 until 7:30. There will be food, prizes, and lots of fun. Think warm thoughts and join us! Donations will be accepted for the Beaver Dam Police Department's K-9 unit.

Late Start Reminder

Parents are reminded that Thursday, **March 8**, is a Late Start Day. Classes begin at **10:50 A.M.** Buses run approximately 2 hours later than normal. Parents are requested to refrain from dropping their children off at Trenton before 10:45 A.M. Staff will be in meetings and unavailable to let students into the building before 10:45. There will be no breakfast or milk break on late start.

No School February 24

Beaver Dam schools will not be in session on Friday, February 24, to enable teachers to attend the Southern Wisconsin Educational Inservice Organization (SWEIO).

Bringing Personal Items to School

We are still finding that many students are bringing personal items to school. Many of these items are not only distractions to education but also are expensive! We are finding ipods, cellular phones, cameras, video equipment, electronic games, along with small toys and personal care items. These items are found in backpacks, classrooms, and on the bus. These items can and do get stolen! Please, do not allow students to bring them to school; the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students do not need an "emergency" cell phone at school.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is set for **February 15th, 16th and 17th**. All elementary schools in the district will hold registration at the same time. Parents must register for kindergarten at their neighborhood school.

Parents of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012 need to register their child for kindergarten during this week. Please stop in the Trenton School office to complete the forms between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. If you are unable to register your child during registration hours, please register your child on Thursday, February 16th at Washington Elementary School from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

A birth certificate is required to verify age. Immunization records are also requested at this time. It is not necessary for children to come to registration.

If you know other parents who have kindergarten children for next year, please pass this information along to them. An accurate projection of kindergarten enrollment helps the school district plan for an adequate number of teachers and classrooms.

Parent /Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will be held March 13 and 15. There is no better way to support your child's education than by planning ahead to attend.

Scheduling notices will be coming home February 15th. Please make every effort to return your form by Thursday, February 23rd.

Spring conferences provide important two way communication between parents and teachers. Combined with semester report cards, parent/teacher conferences help provide a solid understanding of your child's current school performance.



Fundraiser Top Sellers

The Trenton PTO presented awards to the students who had the highest sales for the school fundraiser. McKenna Schwartz took top honors for having the highest sales total, followed by Chloe Bradley, Paige Yagodinski, and Nicholas Ludowese. Congratulations, and thank you for working so hard!!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Child Development Days is a free preschool screener for children age 3 in the Beaver Dam Unified School District. The purpose of the screening is to:

Provide information and materials to support your child's health, learning, growth and development.

Identify children who are experiencing delays and may need further assessment.

Inform parents of community-based resources and services that are available.

Your child will be screened in a child-friendly setting by trained early childhood educators who will be conducting a play-based screening. After the screening is completed you will have an opportunity to speak with an early childhood specialist about your child's development.

Refreshments will be provided and all participating children will receive a gift bag of age appropriate fun materials.

Screenings will be held on **March 1 & 2, 2012** at **Prairie View Elementary School, 510 N. Crystal Lake Road.**

To schedule an appointment please call Rose at 885-7300 ext. 1129

Donations



As one of their Community Service Projects, the Telephone Pioneers have donated school supplies to Trenton School. Representing the retired Telephone Pioneers are Ruth Roebke of Beaver Dam and Clara Dorsey of Oshkosh. Thank you ladies!!

Gifted and talented education (GATE) Advisory Parents

Bridging the GAP between your student, the BDUSD staff, and you.

Our mission: To educate, advocate, and support the students in the Gifted and Talented Education program, their parents, and the staff who work directly with them in the Beaver Dam Unified Schools.

GAP invites you to the following information nights. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the following events.

** Please note the date change on the first event – this was previously scheduled for March 13th. **

Support your child in their **Transition** to the next grade level/ school. Come with questions and ready to learn!! The presenters will be counselors representing the three building levels in the BD district.

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| March 6, 2012 7-8 PM | Elementary: | Elen Garner |
| | Middle School: | Jenny Addison |
| | High School: | Nate Wilke |

May 8, 2012 7-8 PM Michael Cornale – M. S. Ed., NCSP Family Achievement clinic
High Potential – At Risk

“Gifted kids represent our greatest assets but may become our greatest risk. By parenting them and teaching them in a way that harmoniously matches who they are we are not only able to help them develop into who they can be but also support them as they go out into the world.” Michael Cornale

Events will be held at the: **Educational Service Center (ESC)** in the large conference room.
705 McKinley
Beaver Dam, WI

Contact Kathi Wiedenhoef
GATE Intervention Specialist
Beaver Dam Unified Schools
(920)885-7300 ext. 1156
wiedenhoefk@bdusd.org

Weather Announcements

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

HEALTHY & HOMEMADE

Sponsored by Dodge County UW-Extension



Join Dodge County UW-Extension's team of educators for a free, hands-on nutrition class and learn three easy steps to healthy meals. Participants will learn how kids can help in the kitchen, make some easy recipes and sample the results. Each family will take home lots of ideas, recipes and a meal planning calendar. Any member of the community is invited to attend.

Tuesday, February 7, 6 – 7:30 pm. Jefferson Elementary School

Tuesday, February 21, 4 – 5:30 pm. Trenton Elementary School

Friday, February 24 (no school day) 1 – 2:30 pm. Lincoln Elementary School

All three sessions will be the same, so sign up for the session that suits your schedule best.

Please return the clip out below and send to your school office to register. Children and adults will participate in hands-on activities together. Child care will not be provided.

For questions about the program, contact Becky, Jana or Patti at (920) 386-3790.



Return to your school office to register.

I/we will attend Healthy and Homemade at (check one):

- Jefferson Elementary, Feb. 7 at 6 pm
- Trenton Elementary, Feb. 21 at 4 pm
- Lincoln Elementary, Feb. 24 at 1 pm

Names of family members attending (please include ages of children):

Beaver Dam Unified School District Student Health Services

Kristin Chitko RN, BSN,
Nicole Scharfenberg RN, BSN
Louise Wilson RN, BSN, MS, NCSN
Health Services Supervisors

Health Alert Pertussis

Pertussis or whooping cough is once again a concern for our local community. There have been cases reported in the Beaver Dam community and in students and staff. We would therefore ask parents to be on alert for symptoms of pertussis in your children and family members and encourage prompt medical evaluation for symptoms. We also encourage parents to make sure their school-age children are up-to-date on their immunizations, including pertussis. Both these measures will assist in limiting the spread of this disease in our community.

Unfortunately, the re-emerging threat of pertussis is in addition to the normal cold, influenza and gastro-intestinal viruses that are "going around". Because so many of the symptoms (cough, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat) are similar for these diseases it makes it very confusing.

Call your health care provider or seek medical treatment if your child has:

- A persistent cough for more than one week or produces discolored mucus
- Sore throat that keeps him or her from eating or drinking
- Signs of dehydration, like dry mouth and dark yellow urine
- Fever over 102.0 ° F for more than 2 days
- An earache
- Breathing difficulties
- Decreased alertness
- Seizures

Generally pertussis, influenza, or colds are not serious for healthy school-aged children, but complications can occur. Pertussis can be serious in children under 6 months of age and influenza can be serious for the very young and elderly. Therefore it is particularly important to prevent the spread of pertussis and influenza.

As always sick children should not be sent to school. We want to prevent the spread of these contagious illnesses.

If your health care provider suspects pertussis your child will be placed on antibiotics and asked to stay at home for 5 days. This is important to stop the spread of the infection.

If you have questions please contact your health care provider, Dodge County Public Health Department (386-3670), or one of us. Thank you for your diligence in helping to control the spread of infections both at school and the greater community.

Beaver Dam Unified School District Student Services Department

705 McKinley Street

Phone (920) 885-7470

Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Special Education
Psychological Services
Social Work Services

Nursing Services
Federal Programs
Counseling Services

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Dear Parents,

During the months of February and March, a member of your school's Student Services team will be talking to each of the K-5 classrooms about personal safety and protective behaviors. We wanted to make you aware of it, so you can help answer any questions your child may have and continue the discussion at home.

These lessons are part of the district's personal safety curriculum and include topics in physical and sexual abuse, strangers, safety, networking, appropriate and inappropriate touches, and other related topics. The topics and presentation is adapted to the age of the children. The overall goal of this unit is to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations. It encourages open communication with one's family and emphasizes family safety rules.

These lessons will also stress to students the importance of learning/knowing certain information about themselves. In the event of an emergency situation, it would be very important for a child to know such information as their phone number, address, etc.

We will be discussing the importance of knowing this information, appropriate times to share this information, and how it helps them be more responsible for themselves.

Together, we can help your children learn protective behaviors to help keep them safe. If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on this topic, please feel free to call your child's school and ask for a member of the Student Services team to contact you.

Departamento de Servicios de Estudiantes

Febrero 2012

Queridos Padres,

Durante los meses de febrero y marzo, un miembro de los servicios de estudiantes va a hablar en las clases de K-5 sobre seguridad personal y comportamiento protector. Queremos que usted este informado sobre ello para que de esta manera poder responder a cualquier otra pregunta que su niño tenga y continúe la conversación en casa.

Esta lección es parte del currículo de la seguridad personal e incluye temas de abuso físico y sexuales, personas desconocidas, seguridad, networking, cuando tocan apropiadamente o desapropiadamente y otros temas relacionados con lo mismo. Los temas serán adaptados según la edad de los niños. En general la meta de esta unidad es reconocer y tratar los peligros potenciales. Anima a tener una comunicación abierta con la familia y enfatiza las reglas familiares.

En esta lección acentuamos a los estudiantes la importancia de aprender/saber cierta información sobre ellos mismos. En caso de emergencia, sería muy importante que el niño supiera estas informaciones como el número de teléfono, dirección, etc. Nosotros hablaremos sobre la importancia de conocer esta información, momentos apropiado para compartir esta información y ayudarles a como ser más responsables.

Juntos, podemos ayudar a sus niños a aprender comportamientos de protección para su seguridad. Si tiene alguna pregunta o si le gustaría tener más información en este tema, por favor llama a la escuela de su hijo/a y habla con una persona de los servicios para estudiantes.

Beaver Dam Unified School District

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Open Enrollment

APPLICATION DATES
FEBRUARY 6-24, 2012
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 24, 2012
NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M.

The Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school in another school district. Families who might be moving out of the Beaver Dam Unified School District and wish for their children to continue attending in the district, need to complete an open enrollment application for each child.

Apply online through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website at

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

Paper applications are also available.

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

NOTE
This is not the same procedure as applying for an In-district Elementary School Attendance Waiver. These forms are available in May.

Important Dates

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| Friday, February 3 | Souper Bowl of Caring ends |
| Monday, February 6 | Parade of Bands 7:30 @ High School North Gym 5th grade band members participate |
| Tuesday, February 7 | PTO meeting @ 6:00 |
| Friday, February 10 | School Store |
| Friday, February 10 | Trenton Family Beach Dance 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm |
| February 15, 16, & 17 | Kindergarten Registration 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. |
| Thursday, February 16 | Kindergarten Registration @ Washington Elementary 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| Thursday, February 16 | Orchestra String Fling Concert 7:00 P.M. High School South Gym 4th & 5th grade Orchestra members participate |
| Friday, February 17 | Popcorn Friday |
| Tuesday, February 21 | Healthy Eating/Cooking Class 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm @ Trenton |
| Friday, February 24 | NO SCHOOL |

March

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| Tuesday, March 6 | PTO Meeting @ 6:00 |
| Tuesday, March 8 | LATE START (10:50 A.M.) |
| Friday, March 9 | School Store |
| March 13th and 15th | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Friday, March 16 | Popcorn Friday |
| March 19th – 23rd | Spring Break – NO SCHOOL |