



# TRENTON SCHOOL NEWS



**January 2012**

Trenton Elementary School encourages good character every day by using character cash, character violations and having monthly themes and character assemblies. The Beaver Dam Unified School District board policy includes helping to develop good character in each and every student who attends our classes. December's theme was caring. Donations to the Toy Bank are just one way students, staff and even parents can show how they are caring individuals. Our Third grade class demonstrated caring by sending Holiday Greetings to children who spent Christmas at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Fourth grade students gave gifts from the heart by writing kind letters to each other.

The Character Pillar for January is trustworthiness. Please help to encourage your child to continue to explore ways to ensure that they are trustworthy and reliable. Have a wonderful new year!

Debra Lins  
Trenton Principal



## **Dodge County Toy Bank, Inc.**

P.O. Box 438, Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Dear Students,

Thank you very much for your very generous contribution of toys and \$62.02 to the Dodge County Toy Bank. Your gifts will help make Christmas more joyous for children and families who otherwise may not have had any gifts to open on Christmas morning.

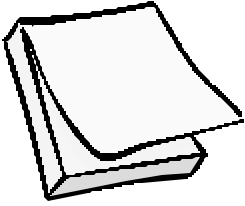
Thank you for remembering these children and deciding to help them; your efforts are to be commended.

On behalf of the Toy Bank committee members, I wish you each a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Christmas vacation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pat Frankenstein".

Pat Frankenstein  
Treasurer



# PTO Post Its



**PTO Meeting** The Trenton Parent Teacher Organization will meet on **Tuesday, January 10th**. Come join us in the school office at 6:00 P.M. The PTO would love to see more parents and hear your ideas.



**Trenton Wishes** The Trenton PTO would like to let you know (remind returning families) about the “Trenton Wishes” wall hanging near the front door of the school. This is a great opportunity for those of you who would like to contribute small items to your child’s classroom. Just check the pocket marked for your child’s grade level. From time to time, it will contain slips of paper listing items needed. If you see something you’d like to contribute, remove the slip and bring in the item. Thanks for supporting our school!

Current items being Wished for: colored sand, new or used CD players, disposable cameras, poly-fill, buttons, men’s white tube socks, glass ball ornaments, glitter, and dry erase markers.



**Souper Bowl of Caring** The Souper Bowl of Caring is Coming! It’s our chance to give locally, but also be part of a national movement. Details will be sent home soon. The event will run January 23<sup>rd</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Family Movie Night** Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, the movie will be CARS 2. Watch for details in the near future. We will be having popcorn and accepting donations for PAVE.

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## **NO SCHOOL**

School will not be in session on **Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20**.

## **MRS. WILBER**

Mrs. Wilber has decided not to leave Trenton for the Grant Secretary position that she had previously accepted. Her heart belongs to the students and staff at Trenton!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Milk Money**

Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, we will be piloting a new system for recording and charging Morning Milk. Students will have the choice each day if they want to have milk at milk break. If they do want milk the computer system will charge your family lunch account for the milk. We will not be collecting Semester Milk Money for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This way students will be charged only for the milk that they take each day and not for the entire semester.

## 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



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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

### Doctor's notes

Sometimes a student does not feel good and parents ask that the student stay inside for recess or sit out of gym. A note from a Physician is required to keep students in from recess or gym. If you are waiting to hear from your doctor about your child's condition, your child can stay in for recess or sit out of gym for one day.

#### Emergency Contact Information

It is extremely important for us to have the correct contact information for parents and local emergency contact phone numbers in case a parent cannot be reached when a child is ill or injured. If you need to change your contact information, please call the office.

#### Winter Clothing

Students are required to go outside during recess unless they have a note from their Doctor. Please make sure that children come to school with snow boots, snow pants, hats, mittens and coats.

If your child does not have the winter outdoor clothing that they need please let us know and we will help you to find what they need.

**Please put your child's name in their winter clothing!!**

### **\*\* Attention Parents \*\***

John Underwood recently presented *Life of an Athlete/Life of Excellence* to parents, students, and community members in Beaver Dam. His striking message made an impact on many parents and students from across the consortium of schools including, Beaver Dam, Dodge Land, Horicon, Hustisford, Lomira, and Waupun.

We strongly encourage all parents to view this powerful presentation posted on the district website @ <http://www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us/district/johnunderwood.cfm> or on the "Home" page under "Hot Topics".

Also check out invaluable information regarding sleep, caffeine, and nutrition on the John Underwood page (found under District/ATODA).

Underwood's research demonstrates the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on the developing brain and student performance. In his presentation, you will see striking brain scan information (and the effects of alcohol/drugs on the brain.)



Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (GRAA)

**Lifestyle Matters,  
Lifestyle Counts**

## Report Cards Distributed

Report Cards will be distributed at the end of the school day on **Thursday, January 26**. Trenton School issues report cards at the end of each semester. Parent / teacher conferences are held in October and in March. We believe that having both written and face-to-face discussion regarding student progress offers a nice balance.

Report cards are a great opportunity for parents to show pride in your child's academic growth and to encourage your child to work hard. Here are a few additional tips:

**Talk It Over.** Where your child did well, say "Wow! You did great in math!" If a grade isn't so good, ask "What are some things you can do to bring this up?"

**Set Goals.** List each subject your child wants to do better in and the improvements he will shoot for. Hang the goals in the kitchen or their room.

**Develop a Plan.** How can your child reach these goals? Write a plan for adjusting study habits. Include ways you, as parents, can help.



Fitness Greetings to All,  
The Beaver Dam Unified School District Physical Education and Health Departments, and our Beaver Fitness Fever Community Partners are teaming up this year to get through our long Wisconsin Winter in top physical condition and we would love for you to join us! As part of our on-going effort to improve the overall wellness of our K-12 students, emphasize healthy eating, participation in daily physical activity and help students and their families to develop healthy lifestyles for a lifetime we are kicking the New Year off right with the Beaver Fitness Fever Family Fitness Flurry!!

**The Goal:** We are working together with our partners to create six weeks of daily Family Friendly Fitness and Nutrition opportunities all over the community!

**Starting January 27, 2012 and running until March 10, 2012**

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information and the 6 week calendar of events!! No better time to make a change, create a healthy habit, spend some time with your loved ones, and get some physical activity than now!

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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](mailto:posthumam@bdusd.org) or visit our website at [www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us](http://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.*

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## Friend of Education Nominations

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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
- ◆ Rechek's Food Pride
- ◆ District Website:  
[www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us](http://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](mailto:posthumam@bdusd.org)  
or visit our website:  
[www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us](http://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.*

## Beaver Dam Unified School District Health Services

Kristin Chitko RN, BSN      Nicole Scharfenberg RN, BSN      Louise Wilson RN, BSN, MS, NCSN  
Health Services Supervisors  
705 McKinley St. Beaver Dam, WI 53916(920) 885-7300

### **Health Alert/Bulletin**

Your child is being sent home today because he/she is displaying flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and /or fatigue). This does not mean he/she has the flu virus. Please contact your family health care provider for advice.

**The Beaver Dam Unified School District Health Services are asking parents to support the recommendations of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and keep children home with any influenza (flu) like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue).** You should contact your health care provider by telephone. Parents are encouraged not to bring your child to the health care provider's office before calling unless symptoms are severe/life- threatening.

If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include: Fast breathing or trouble breathing; Bluish skin color; Not drinking enough fluids; Not waking up or not interacting; Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held; Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough; Fever with a rash.

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include: Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; Sudden dizziness; Confusion; Severe or persistent vomiting .

**Flu is spread in the same way that cold viruses are spread, Therefore GOOD HAND WASHING IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

Also encourage your children to use the following prevention measures:

- cover all coughs and sneezes,
- washing hands frequently and especially after coughing, sneezing, and blowing one's nose,
- avoid touching of nose, mouth, and eyes, and
- proper disposal of all contaminated tissues.

Your child may return to school when they no longer have symptoms of the flu. If they had a fever then they must stay home until 24 hours after the fever is gone without use of Tylenol® or Ibuprofen® .If you send your child to school with any flu like symptoms they must have a written medical excuse that says it is safe for them to be in school. This medical excuse may be faxed to the school. No students with fevers will be allowed in school. Students will likely be home 3-5 days. Ill students should not attend alternative childcare.

## Important Dates

<b>January 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>PTO Meeting</b> <b>6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>January 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>School Store</b>
<b>January 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Movie Night</b> <b>6:30 – 8:00</b>
<b>January 19 &amp; 20</b>		<b>No School</b> <b>District In-service</b>
<b>January 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Report Cards Distributed</b>
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Popcorn Friday</b>

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<b>February 6</b>	<b>Parade of Bands</b> <b>7:30 HS North Gym (5<sup>th</sup> grade)</b>
<b>February 14 Tuesday</b>	<b>PTO Meeting</b>
<b>February 10 Friday</b>	<b>School Dance</b>
<b>February 15 – 17</b>	<b>Kindergarten Registration</b>
<b>February 16 Thursday</b>	<b>Orchestra String Fling (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)</b> <b>High School @ 7:00</b>
<b>February 24 Friday</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

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### “Let’s Talk”



Please tune in to the Beaver Dam Unified School District's "Let's Talk" radio program on WBEV 1430 AM on the third Thursday of each month from 11:10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. when Superintendent Steve Vessey will talk about district topics. Call-ins are welcome and encouraged during the program.