



TRENTON SCHOOL NEWS



November 2011

Dear Trenton Parents,

Trenton Elementary School along with the Beaver Dam Unified School District will be taking the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam from October 24 through November the 25th. This standardized assessment is required of all school districts in the state. The third and fifth grade students will be assessed in math and reading, while the fourth graders will also take a language, writing, science, and social studies exam. I know that our students will rise to the challenge and do their very best. Our goal is that every Trenton 3^d, 4th, and 5th grade student achieves proficient or advanced scores in all subject areas.

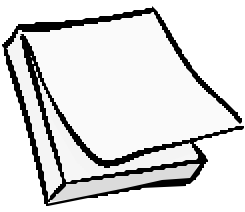
Here are some tips that you can do to help your child prepare for the assessments:

1. Read the Student/Parent Pre-Test Guides you received at conferences.
2. Answer any questions your child might have.
3. It is **important that your child be here**. Do not schedule appointments that might interfere with testing.
4. Make sure your child gets **plenty of sleep**.
5. Provide or purchase breakfast for your child.
6. Challenge your child to give his/her best effort.

Students who are ill on the testing days will be tested later in the testing period. Results are planned to be delivered in May. If you have questions about the testing, please feel free to call me at Trenton School 885-7385.

Respectfully,

Debra Lins
Principal



PTO Post-It

Trenton PTO Meeting

The next meeting of the Trenton PTO is TUESDAY, November 8th at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the school office. All parents of Trenton students are welcome! Come and find out how you can be a part of this year's school events. The meetings last just over 1 hour.

Culver's Night

Monday, November 7th, Trenton staff will be participating in a fun new fundraising opportunity. We will be partnering with Culver's Restaurant for *Culver's Cares Night*. Bring your family and friends to Culver's November 7th between 5:00 and 8:00 pm. Trenton staff will be there to serve your food, wash tables, greet you at the door, and one of our teachers will be dressed as Scoopie! Proceeds will go toward field trip expenses.

We will also be selling Culver's Calendars for \$5. These Calendars have two \$1 off coupons every month.

Thanks to Parents

Thanks to our parents who brought food for the teachers during conferences...it is appreciated!

Upcoming Fundraiser

This month we kick off our fall fundraiser....Reчек's Cookie Dough and Nature's Vision. Order forms and payments are due Tuesday, November 8th.

Math and Reading Carnival

Trenton PTO and staff would like to invite your family to the *Trenton Family Math and Reading Carnival*, Monday, November 14th from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. Teachers will have math and reading games and activities to do and Trenton PTO will provide hot dogs and popcorn! Bring your camera and take a picture of your student(s) as a Carnival Strong Man or as a Trapeze Artist!

Trenton Wishes

Trenton PTO has a "Trenton Wishes" pocket banner on the wall of the school entryway. Teachers place note cards with small items that are needed for the classroom in their Trenton Wishes pocket. Some items currently Wished for are: Disposable camera, stopwatch or kitchen timer, AA batteries new or used CD or tape players, playdough, bingo daughbers, colored sand, and dry erase markers. If you are able to make any of these wishes come true, it would be much appreciated.

No School Dates

School will not be session on **Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25**, due to Thanksgiving.



Elementary Band and Orchestra Concert

The Elementary Band and Orchestra Concert will be held **Tuesday, November 22nd**. The concert begins at **6:30 PM** and will be held at the **Beaver Dam High School Auditorium**.

Vocal Music Concert

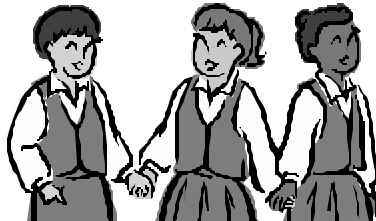
Trenton children in grades 1-5 will have their annual vocal music concert on **Thursday, December 8th**. The concert begins promptly at **6:30 P.M.** and will be held at the **Beaver Dam High School Auditorium**.

Please arrive at 6:20. This will allow plenty of time for families to find auditorium seating. Please take care of restroom needs prior to being seated.

Good concert etiquette is expected of all:

1. Arrive on time. Coming late is rude and disrupts both performers and audience.
2. Young children should not be allowed to run in aisles or play on steps during the performances. This is very distracting.
3. Remain in attendance for the entire one hour show. Making a hasty departure after your child performs is very disrupting and dispiriting.

All 1st through 5th graders are expected to attend the concert as this is an extension of Music class. If your child is unable to attend please provide the school with an excuse before the day of the concert.



Hats, Mittens, and Scarves...Oh My!

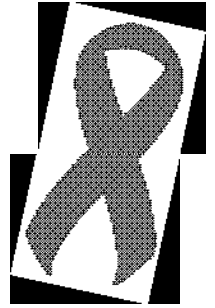


The time is here that children start wearing cold weather clothing. **Please take the time to print your child's name or initials on each article of clothing.** It's a little thing that makes a big difference and saves time in a teacher's day.



Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to the Beaver Dam Unified School District elementary students whom placed 1st-3rd in our “It’s up to ME to be drug free” take home poster contest in honor of Red Ribbon Week, October 23 – 31, 2011. The winning entries can be viewed on the district website (Home/ Recent News or <http://www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us/district/drugfreemessages.cfm>).



Red Ribbon Week is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States. Millions of people come together to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education.



The student’s drug free messages were distributed throughout the community with the support of Piggly Wiggly, Recheks Food Pride, and Walgreens.

Together, we can make a difference!

September and October Character Award Winners



September – Making Good Choices

Kaitlyn Puetz, Ian Fuentes, Elise Zahs, Giovanna Luciano, Steven Salazar, Aleiah Pillsbury, Jennifer Mora-Ponce, Josh Delgadillo, Makenzi Gritzmacher, Xavier Quintana, and Abigail Petrack.



October – Responsibility

Nick Kuntz, Brody Kienast, Jacqueline Cano Daniel Lugo, Hannah Palzewicz, Shyla Woods, Shane Lapen, Sofia Mohammed, Amani Severson, and Brandyn Zahs. Elizabeth Gallagher and Jennifer Mora-Ponce also received the October Responsibility award.

The Character Pillar for November is Respect. Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule; be tolerant of differences; use good manners and good language; be considerate of the feelings of others; don’t threaten, hit or hurt anyone; deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.



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

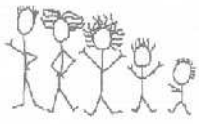
When the wind chill reaches the 35 degrees below zero level for the length of the day, then school is usually canceled. If the conditions are expected to improve during the day, then school may not be canceled. It is important that you work with your children so they dress for the conditions.

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 de 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.

Hasta al día información meteorológica en español, llame: 920-885-7520 #6.

Sincerely,

Stephen Vessey

District Superintendent

Trenton Treasures

Trenton 5th grade students operate Trenton Treasures, our school store. The store is open once a month during lunch. Students who have earned Character Cash can spend it at the school store or students can bring money from home; no more than \$2 is allowed.

Students can earn Character Cash by being caught in the act of demonstrating any one of our Character Pillars. This is a great way to reward good character and to provide an opportunity for students to participate in the school store without having to bring money.

Picture Retakes



Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th.

Please return your current photo package.

There is a \$5 fee for retakes.

Inclusion Leads to Student Success

When I think of my most successful school years, they weren't only successful because of the subjects being taught; it was because of the teacher. Since our teachers know that the relationship they build with your child will correlate to your child having success, they are always looking for ways to improve the connection between students and themselves and also improve relationships between students. It just makes sense that when kids are happy they learn better.

The research done on the brain by C. Pert "Molecules of emotion: The science behind mind-body medicine." (1997) certainly helps explain why students' emotions dictate how well they learn. In layman's terms the brain has more than one way information can travel. When a person is calm the brain takes the route through the hippocampus (center of learning) and then into the cerebral cortex (center of long term memory and thinking). However, when a child or adult is upset and trying to learn, the information bypasses the hippocampus and goes directly to the thalamus relay station which then sends it on to the part of our brain that helps us cope with fear (amygdala), never giving the new information a chance to go through the center of learning or on to long term memory or thinking.

In short, when kids feel included and accepted they are in a calmer frame of mind which means they can learn more easily. This is why many of our elementary teachers are utilizing a program called Tribes, TLC. Not only does this way of teaching encourage acceptance and inclusion but also gives teachers more ways to teach the same information. Tribes helps students learn and apply information, since the Tribes process is designed to teach to multiple learning styles. From your children's point of view, it's just fun!

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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. Please have paper and pencil available for information. It could take up to one week for an appointment to be arranged.

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. The hours for intake are Monday-Thursday 9-4:30 and Fridays 9-3 at 134 S. Spring Street.

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. Please allow an hour for shopping and bring a form of identification along. (Anything with your name and current address is accepted)

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 (School Counselor, School Nurse, School Psychologist, and School Social Worker) 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 a Pupil Services worker anytime throughout the year by calling your child's school, and ask the main office for a Pupil Services worker.

Class Directory

Trenton families are reminded that class directories are available upon request from the school office. This is a voluntary list and not all the children's names will be listed. These directories are helpful when planning social events for your child. **As mentioned in the school handbook, we discourage the distribution of invitations on school grounds. Making contact by mail or phone helps protect the feelings of those not invited.**

Student Accident Insurance

The school district does not provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school. If you wish, you may purchase Student Accident Insurance through Student Assurance Services, Inc. If you wish to purchase this insurance coverage, application forms are available in the school office.

Important Dates

Monday, November 7	Culver's Night 5 – 8 P.M.
Tuesday, November 8	PTO Meeting 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 8	Fundraiser orders and payment are due
Friday, November 11	Popcorn Friday
Saturday, November 12	English/Spanish conversation Group 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Monday, November 14	Trenton Family Math and Reading Carnival 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, November 16	Picture Retakes
Friday, November 18	School Store
Tuesday, November 22	Elementary Band & Orchestra Concert 6:30 at the High School Auditorium
Thursday, November 24	NO SCHOOL
Friday, November 25	NO SCHOOL
Thursday, December 6	Late Start (10:50 A.M.)
Thursday, December 8	Trenton Vocal Concert 6:30 P.M. Grades 1 – 5 High School Auditorium
December 23– January 1	No School – Winter Break
Monday, January 2	Classes Resume

“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.