

TRENTON SCHOOL NEWS



October 2011

Dear Trenton Families:

It's been a busy school year so far at Trenton! Our Trenton Second through Fifth grade students just finished MAP Testing or Measures of Academic Progress. We give students MAP tests to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of math and reading. (Grade 2 also takes a language test.)

Your child took the tests on a computer. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth.

Each school year, students in grades 2 – 9 take the tests in September, January, and May. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. Preparation for the MAP test begins in kindergarten and continues through grade 5. Following the first testing period in September, your child and his/her teacher will set individual goals for their math and reading instruction. Those goals will be shared with you during the October Parent/Teacher Conferences. You will also receive the testing results after the midyear testing period in January and the final testing period in May.

We are truly excited to be in a district that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. By partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, access the Document Library at www.nwea.org and download the online Parent Toolkit from the web site.

Another important note: Mrs Leonard (Grade 5 Teacher) and Miss Brack (Grade 1 Teacher) will be the interim principals for Trenton School when I am not in the building.

Each year we focus on Seven Pillars of Character. Attached you will find a description of each of the pillars and the behaviors we are trying to reinforce in our students. Thank you for the wonderful job you are doing to help all our students become good citizens!

Debra Lins

Trenton Principal

The Six Pillars of Character

(Definitions for Young People)

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Be honest.
Don't deceive, cheat or steal.
Be reliable—do what you say you'll do.
Have the courage to do the right thing.
Build a good reputation.
Be loyal—stand by your family,
friends and country.

RESPECT

Treat others with respect; follow the
Golden Rule.
Be tolerant of differences.
Use good manners, not bad language.
Be considerate of the feelings of others.
Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone.
Deal peacefully with anger, insults and
disagreements.

RESPONSIBILITY

Do what you are supposed to do.
Persevere: keep on trying!
Always do your best.
Use self-control: be self-disciplined.
Think before you act—consider the
consequences.
Be accountable for your choices.

FAIRNESS

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.

CARING

Be kind.
Be compassionate and show your
Care.
Express gratitude.
Forgive others.
Help people in need.

CITIZENSHIP

Do your share to make your
school and community better.
Cooperate.
Stay informed; vote.
Be a good neighbor.
Obey laws and rules.
Protect the environment.

The Goal of Character Education

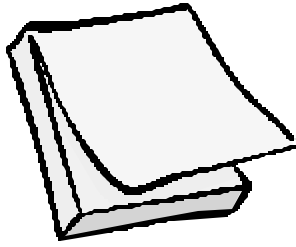
The goal of character education is to build in the young attitudes, habits, instincts and predispositions toward doing what is right because it is right, not because it is advantageous.

Teach and show:

1. The ability to discern right from wrong and propriety from impropriety.
2. The commitment to do what is right and proper.

In most of the ethical problems we face, we know what we should do. We know what is right. The issue is: Are we willing to do what is right when it costs more than we want to pay?





PTO Post-Its



Trenton t-shirt design is due by Friday, Oct. 7th. PTO will judge the designs at the October 11th meeting.



Thanks to all who shopped at the bookfair on Thursday, September 22nd. Thanks to Holly De Young and Missy Gritzmacher for organizing the event.



We will be having a fundraiser again this fall. Details will be sent home at the end of the month. The PTO chose Recheck's cookie dough and Nature's Vision.



Be sure to check the teacher's wish list for new items this month.

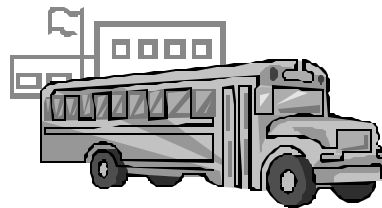


The next PTO meeting is October 11th at 6:00 pm.

Bus Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

Please remind your child to:

- Stay seated
- Keep hands to self
- Use indoor voices
- No food or drink



Also, if you haven't already done so, you may want to write your child's name on their backpack! This really helps us return them to their rightful owner when they are left behind on the bus.

Be sure to notify the office if you will be picking your child up from school. Parents are asked to come into the building to pick-up their children and to check-out with Mrs. Smith.

Parents are reminded that there will be no school on the following dates due to the state teacher's convention.

**Thursday, October 27
Friday, October 28**

Target Fundraiser

Who doesn't love shopping at Target? It's one of those stores where you go in for a toothbrush and come with an armful of great buys! Now you can help Trenton every time you shop there! If you have a REDcard, sign up for their Take Charge of Education program, and every time you spend money at Target a portion will be donated to Trenton. We've received over \$850 from them over the years. Just go to Target.com and type in Take Charge of Education in their search blank. It will bring up the information you need to designate your REDcard purchases toward our school. Don't have a REDcard? You can sign up to get one at the same website. What an easy way to help Trenton!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

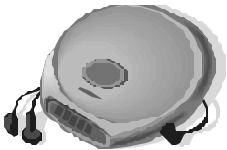
There is no better way to support your child's education than by attending parent/teacher conferences this month. Fall conferences provide important two way communication. You will leave with a better understanding of your child's current school performance. Your child's teacher will gain a deeper understanding of your child as a person from your keen parental insights.

If you have not turned in your appointment preference sheet please turn it in as soon as possible. Please make every effort to attend your child's scheduled conference.

Conference requests:

1. Be on time. Conference schedules are tight with very little room for late arrivals.
2. Remember that conferences are brief. A typical conference lasts approximately 15 minutes. If you feel you need additional time, please ask for a follow-up session.
3. One conference per child. Multiple household families are asked to attend the same conference.

Trading Cards



At Trenton School, we say no to trading cards...Pokeman collections etc. Please discourage your child from bringing these and other valuable items such as **CD players, ipods, game boys, cell phones**, etc. to school. These items will be held in the office until a parent can pick them up.

SHAPED RUBBERBAND BRACELETS ARE ALSO BECOMING A DISRUPTION TO THE SCHOOL DAY.

Security Reminder

Trenton school utilizes a security system that includes a surveillance camera and an intercom. The front door will always be locked. Parents, and other visitors, who wish to enter the building during the school day need to push the buzzer to the left of the doors. Office staff will then ask you to check-in at the office immediately upon entering the building. All visitors, including parents, need to sign in at the office. The procedures help us secure your child's safety. Thank you for cooperating.

National Fire Prevention Week

In observance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 10 – 15, the Beaver Dam Fire Department presented fire safety programs for our Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Kindergartners were able to see the ladder truck up close. Grades 1 through 3 were shown a new fire safety video during an assembly led by one of Beaver Dam's fire fighters.

Students were sent home with fire safety materials and a homework project. They were asked to draw a fire escape route for their house. The route should be practiced and the map signed by a parent and brought back to school. There will be a drawing from the returned maps for a ride to school in a fire truck!

Pet Policy

Just as a reminder:

In order to ensure the health and safety of students and staff, pets should not be brought into the school building, nor should they be left outside unattended.

If a student desires to bring a pet to school for a special occasion or area of study, this needs to have prior approval from the teacher or principal.

Vision Screening

Vision screening will be done at Trenton Elementary school on October 20, 2011. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will be screened. Kindergarten students will be screened for both vision and hearing in January. Students in other grades may be screened throughout the school year for hearing and vision concerns at the request of teachers or parents. Hearing and vision screening is done by the Health Services Supervisor/School Nurse.



This vision screening DOES NOT replace a professional eye examination. It is designed to detect those children who may have a vision problem. Because young children do not always know how well they should see, it is important their vision be checked.

If there is any concern about your child's vision results a note and referral form will be mailed to you. A referral does not mean that your child needs glasses or treatment; however, it does mean your child should have a complete eye examination.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this vision screening, please contact our school nurse, Louise Wilson RN, BSN, MS, NCSN at 885-7470 ext. 1138.

Halloween Candy

Please keep Halloween candy at home. It is counter-productive for students to bring candy to school. They become upset to their stomachs, behavior is affected, and it can be distracting.

IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION PLEASE SAVE THIS LIST

Snack List for Eating Around a Peanut or Nut Allergic Child.

At Trenton Elementary School we are trying to be more peanut/nut aware. This means avoiding having foods in school containing nuts and peanuts as these can cause **life-threatening allergic reactions** for some students. Here are some suggestions of what would be a healthy snack for your child to bring that would not pose a problem.

This is NOT a list of "safe snacks" for peanut allergic children, rather a safe list for non-peanut allergic children to eat around a peanut allergic child. Please note, products and their ingredients can change at any given time. Always read the ingredients before you purchase a product.

100 Calorie packs: Cheese Nips	Keebler Graham Crackers
100 calorie packs: Lorna Doones	Kelloggs Gripz (Sunshine Cheezit and Chips Deluxe)
100 calorie packs: Mister Salty chocolate covered pretzels	Kelloggs Nutrigrain Bar (fruit flavors)
100 calorie packs: Oreos	Kelloggs Nutrigrain yogurt Bar (strawberry or vanilla)
Caned/Individually packed fruit (peaches, pineapple, applesauce, etc)	Kelloggs Rice Krispie Treats (regular and strawberry)
Cheerios (plain, fruity, multigrain or apple cinnamon)	Quaker Life or Cinnamon Life Cereal
Cheese sticks	Rold Gold Pretzels
Cheez-It Crackers (cheddar, white cheddar, or jack)	Saltine crackers
Cheez-It Party Mix	Special K cereal
Cinnamon toast Crunch	Special K snack bar (chocolate, strawberry, vanilla)
Cocoa Puffs	Kraft American cheese slices
Crispix cereal	Nabisco Newtons (fig or strawberry)
Farley or Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks	Nabisco Teddy Grahams (Chocolate, Vanilla, Honey)
Fresh Fruit	Nabisco Toasted chips (Ritz original, Ritz Cheddar, Wheat Thins)
Fritos	Nabisco Wheat Thins
Fruit Loops	Quaker Oatmeal Squares Cereal (cinnamon or honey)
Go-gurt	Oceanspray Craisins
Handi-Snacks (Ritz Cheese and Crackers, Premium Breadsticks and cheese, Oreo cookie and crème)	Oysterette Crackers
Honey Maid Graham Sticks (Cinnamon, honey, chocolate)	Peperidge Farm goldfish, pretzel fish
Jello	Pop-Secret/Orville Redenbacher popcorn
Jello Pudding	Sunmaid Raisins
Jello gelatin/fruit cups	Tostitos
Keebler Club Crackers	Triscuits
	Vegetables
	Yogurt

(NOTE: Most Lance brand cheese crackers are made with peanuts and therefore, not safe.)

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUT PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL FOR LUNCH OR SNACKS
THERE ARE STUDENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES AT SCHOOL.**

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 would like to invite you to the following information nights this school year. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the following events.

2011 – 2012 Calendar of Parent Information Events

Location: Educational Service Center
Large conference room
7-8 PM

October 11, 2011 Middle School Principal: Tonya Broyles-Brouillard
Standards Based Grading

High School Principal: Mark DiStefano
Update on Courses offered and Accelerated Math Progression

January 10, 2012 Director of Student Services: Brian Rabe
Serving High Ability Students in an RtI Model (Response to Intervention):

Director of Teaching and Learning: Sandra Garbowicz
Update on Teaching and Learning in the BD Schools

March 13, 2012 Counselors:
Elementary: Ellen Garner
Middle School: Jenny Addison
High School: Nate Wilke
Transitions

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

For more information contact:

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Beaver Dam Unified School District
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Human Growth and Development Library Resources

The State of Wisconsin encourages all school districts to provide students in grades kindergarten to 12 with human growth and development (HG&D) instruction. The purpose is “to promote accurate and comprehensive knowledge in this area and responsible decision making and to support and enhance the efforts on parents to provide moral guidance to their children.” (Wisconsin Statute 118.019)

In the Beaver Dam Unified School District, Human Growth and Development curriculum is emphasized at the 4th and 5th grade levels. Each year parents of students in grade 4 receive a copy of the district’s Human Growth and Development Mission Statement and Guidelines. Prior to the beginning of the unit, parents of students in grade 4 and 5 receive notice of the HG&D curriculum used in their child’s grades. Parents are invited to preview all instructional materials before classroom presentations.

The Beaver Dam Unified School District has additional and supplemental resources for both students and parents in each of the school libraries. The book *What’s the Big Secret? Talking about Sex with Girls and Boys* by Laurie Krasny Brown, illustrated by Marc Brown is available to all students.

The following books are available to fourth and fifth grade students and may be checked out by younger students with parental permission. These include: *Changes in You and Me, a Book About Puberty, Mostly for Boys* by Paulette Bourgeois and Martin Wolfish, MD; *Changes in You and Me, a Book About Puberty, Mostly for Girls* by Paulette Bourgeois and Martin Wolfish, MD; and *Love and Sex and Growing Up* by Eric W. Johnson.

Other highly reviewed resources include: *The What’s Happening to My Body? Book for Boys* by Lynda Madaras with Dane Saaverda; *The What’s Happening To My Body? Book for Girls* by Lynda Madaras with Area Madaras; and *It’s Not the Stork! A Book About Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families, and Friends* by Robie H. Harris. These are available for student checkout with parental permission.

Parents are encouraged to utilize any of the district’s resources. Parents may check out materials for their own information or to be utilized and shared with their children at home. If parents have questions regarding the Human Growth and Development curriculum please contact your child’s teacher, school nurse and/or Louise Wilson, elementary health coordinator.



October 23 – 29,

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Mark your calendars!

Elementary Activities:

- **Friday, 10/ 14-** Take home poster contest entries due. Details will be provided to the students in art class. Winning posters will be distributed throughout the community.
- **Monday, 10/ 24** – “Sock it to drugs” – wear mismatched or crazy socks.
- **Tuesday, 10/ 25** – “Better things to do than drugs” – wear your favorite sport/ activity.
- **Wednesday, 10/ 26** – “I believe in ME to be drug free” – wear red.

2011-12 Trenton Popcorn/ School Store Schedule

<u>Popcorn</u>
October 14
November 11
December 16
January 27
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18

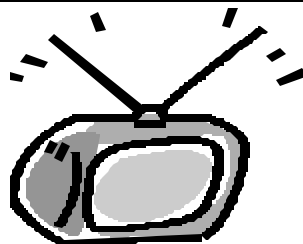
<u>School Store</u>
October 21
November 18
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 9
April 13
May 11

Trenton Elementary Music Schedule

Tuesday, November 22	Elementary Band & Orchestra	6:30 @ H.S. Auditorium
Thursday, December 8	Trenton Concert grades 1 – 5	6:30 @ H.S. Auditorium
Monday, February 6	Parade of Bands	7:30 @ H.S. North Gym
Thursday, February 16	String Fling	7:00 @ H.S. South Gym
Monday, April 2	All District Choral Festival	7:00 @ H.S. North Gym
Tuesday, May 15	Elementary Band & Orchestra	6:30 @ H.S. Auditorium

Beaver Dam School District Television Channel

Beaver Dam Schools Message Board is on channel 98 for Charter Cable customers and also to channel 993 for digital customers.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 11	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 Trenton Office
Thursday, October 13	KinderConcert @ 10:30 Students will be bussed
Friday, October 14	Popcorn Friday
Monday, October 17	4 th Grade Horicon Marsh Field Trip
Thursday, October 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 20	Vision Screening Grades 1, 3, & 5
Friday, October 21	School Store
Saturday, October 22	English/ Spanish Conversation Group
Tuesday, October 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, October 25	Fundraiser kickoff

“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.