



Bulldog Bulletin

Washington School Parent Newsletter

Beaver Dam Unified School District

Learning for a Lifetime

January 4, 2012

Dear Washington School Families,

We have had a great first few months of school at Washington Elementary School. Students have come to school ready to learn and have been displaying proper respect toward themselves and others. Our staff is working hard to create high quality learning activities for our students. I have had the opportunity to observe many classrooms and review a great deal of student work. As a result of these experiences, I have been able to see that there is quality education going on at Washington School. We will work hard to ensure that this quality continues throughout all that we do.

In addition to providing a strong focus on the academics, we also work very hard at making our school a safe, caring environment for both our students and staff. While our number of character violations has dramatically decreased this fall we want to encourage you as parents to continue to have quality conversations with your children regarding the value of good school behavior. As parents you can also support our efforts to encourage positive behavior in the following ways:

1. Reinforce with your children the value of following school rules.
2. Discuss with your children that bullying is wrong and that they need to treat all people with dignity and respect.
3. Contact school personnel should your child share that he/she is being bullied in our school.

Always call if you have any concerns regarding your child's education or safety while at school. We want to know about this information and we will do whatever we can do to make this situation better for your child.

We have had a great first half of the school year and we are confident that this will continue throughout the year. With students, staff and parents working together great things will continue to happen for students in our school. I appreciate the opportunity to work with your children on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Martha Hyke

Martha Hyke
Principal



600 Grove Street
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
(920) 885-7376

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is set for February 15, 16, and 17. We ask that parents of next year's kindergarten students stop at Washington School Office to complete registration forms. All elementary schools in the district hold registration at this same time, and we ask that you register at your home school. Washington will also be hosting an evening session on Thursday, February 16 from 4:00—6:00 p.m. We will host the evening session of registration for any parent in the district that may have difficulty coming in for kindergarten registration at their home school during the day time hours. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012 should register their child for kindergarten any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on one of these days at their home school. A birth certificate is required to verify child's age. Immunization records are also requested at this time. It is not necessary for children to come to registration. Parents should register for kindergarten at their neighborhood school. If you know other parents who have kindergartners 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.

Congratulations

Safety Patrols for the month of December:

Summer Jordan & Kyle Kasper



"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 fourth 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.

January's Character Education Pillar is TRUSTWORTHINESS:

A Trustworthy Person:

- Tells the truth
- Keeps promises
- Is dependable
- Is a true friend
- Makes good choices and does the right thing

January's Conflict Resolution Lesson is FINDING FAIR SOLUTIONS

- Stop and cool off.
- Talk and listen about what each of you needs.
- Brainstorm solutions.
- Choose the idea(s) you both like best.
- Make a plan—go for it.



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!

Emergency Weather Information

The best way for families to keep informed about weather related school closings, late starts, or early dismissals is to listen to one of the local radio stations - WBEV (1430 AM) or WXRO (95.3 FM). The first announcements start by 6:00 A.M. You may hear that school will begin at the normal time, be cancelled or start two hours late.

On delayed start weather days, classes at Washington will begin at 10:30 A.M. Breakfast will not be served on late start days. The delayed starts for all schools will be two hours later than usual, so start times vary by building. Bad weather may also result in an early dismissal and will be announced on the radio. Please discuss childcare arrangements in advance of bad weather days so that your child has a safe plan and our phone lines remain open for emergency calls.

Weather Line Information

The Beaver Dam Unified School District has a weather line available. Please call 920-885-7520 extension 2400 for current information about school cancellations or delayed starts. The message will be updated as soon as possible on inclement weather days.

English Line: 920-885-7520 ext. 2400

Spanish Line: 920-885-7520 ext. 2401

El Distrito Escolar de Beaver Dam tiene una línea del estado climatológico del tiempo. Por favor llame a número, 920-885-7520 ext 2401, para información al corriente sobre las escuelas y clases cancelaciones y cuando haya un horario más tarde que normal. Si hubiera cualquier cambio, este mensaje será actualizado lo más pronto posible.

La línea Inglés: 920-885-7520 ext 2400

La línea Español: 920-885-7520 ext 2401

After School

If you come to pick your child up after school, please make arrangements where to meet outside.

Playground Supervision

Playground supervision begins each morning at 8:15. For the safety of our students, please do not have them arrive before 8:15.

PTO

Happy 2012 to everyone! The next PTO meeting is Jan. 10th at 6:00PM in the multi-purpose room. Free babysitting is available. Watch for information on our next family fun night at the end of Jan.

Sandy Dray
PTO president

PTO sponsored Y Event

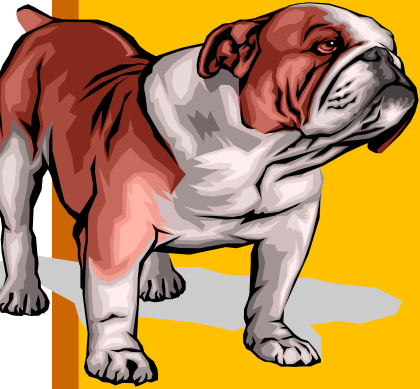
Friday, January 27 - Family fun event at the YMCA from 6:00 until 8:30 p.m. .

The Loft: 6 - 7 p.m. Open Gym: 6 - 8 p.m.

Open Swim (Family Aquatic Center): 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Washington School Family Fun Night at the Y



Sponsored by the Washington PTO
and the YMCA of Dodge County
All Events and Healthy Snacks are
free for Washington families

Friday, January 27, 6-8:30 p.m.

YMCA of Dodge County
220 Corporate Drive, Beaver Dam, WI

Move! The Loft, 6-7 pm

Play! Open Gym, 6-8 pm

Family Adventure Pool
6:30-8:30 pm

**All children attending the Family Fun Night must be
accompanied at the event by an adult.**

Washington School Family Fun Night at the Y

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The Loft (ages 8 to 16)

6-7 pm

In 2010, the Beaver Dam Unified School District and community partners were awarded a PEP Grant focusing on child and youth fitness. The Y is a proud partner of the grant program, and is excited to announce that through this grant, the Program, YOUTH WELLNESS: THE LOFT is entirely FREE to all BDUSD students, and is open to all Dodge County community youth for a nominal fee.



Youth ages 8-16 can get involved with awesome, new equipment including the iJoy, Lightspace Play Wall, Interactive Web Racing/Rowing, Freedom Climber, Absolo and more! The Loft is motivating, challenging and interactive. Come check it out at the Washington School Family Fun Night!

Family Open Gym (all ages)

6-8 pm

The gym will be divided with a curtain to accommodate younger kids on one side and older kids on the other. Basketballs and scooters will be available, families provide the fun!



Children 7 and under must be actively supervised by an adult while in the gym. All other YMCA gym rules also apply to Family Fun Night activities. Please see rules posted in the gym.

Family Adventure Pool (all ages)

6:30-8:30 pm

Enjoy play time in the Y's Family Adventure Pool. This pool has many exciting features for all ages including the 0' depth area, fountains, water slide, lazy river and more!

All children must be actively supervised by an adult guardian IN the water. Children 5 years old and younger must be WITHIN arms reach of an adult guardian at all times.



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.

Stephen Vessey
District Superintendent

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

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.

Beaver Dam Unified School District

EVERY STUDENT · EVERY DAY · ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tuesday, January 10	P.T.O. Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Multipurpose room - childcare provided
Friday, January 13	2nd Semester milk money due - \$26.40
Thursday, January 19	NO SCHOOL - In service day
Friday, January 20	NO SCHOOL
Thursday, January 26	Progress Report Day
Friday, January 27	P.T.O. sponsored YMCA Event 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the YMCA
Monday, February 6	Parade of Bands - 7:30 p.m. High School North Gym
Tuesday, February 7	P.T.O. Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Multipurpose room - childcare provided
Friday, February 10	Katie McKy - Writer/Speaker K-5
Tuesday, February 14	Valentine's Day Classroom parties 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 15	Kindergarten Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 16	String Fling - 7:00 p.m. High School South Gym
Thursday, February 16	Kindergarten Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, February 17	Kindergarten Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fridays	School Spirit Days - Wear your Bulldog/Spirit wear or blue/gray