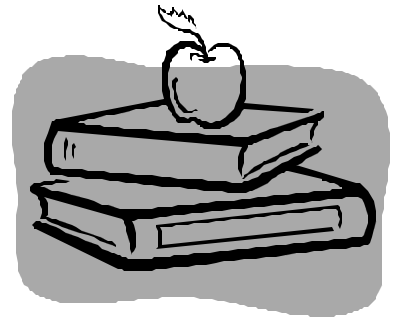




# TRENTON SCHOOL NEWS



September, 2011

Trenton Elementary School is off to a terrific start with 121 students and a terrific team of educators! We appreciate the amazing parental support and communication so that we are aware of transportation, education and medication needs of students as they change. We will do our best to keep you informed of what is coming up to help you help your child(ren) be prepared. We appreciate when you are able to let us know as well when things might be changing in your child's world.

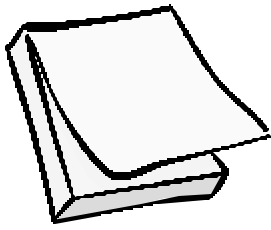
Some new and exciting things at Trenton include our new staff. Please welcome Mrs. Sarah Bille to Kindergarten, Miss Vanessa Papke is back from a long term sub in Kindergarten in the spring and is now teaching Second Grade. Ms. Jessica Mallow (pronounced like Mallo Cup...my favorite candy) joins us as Third Grade teacher, and transferring from Washington Elementary to round out our teaching staff is Mrs. Paula Letkewicz. They join our two veteran teachers, Miss Karen Brack, First Grade and Mrs. Laura Leonard, Fifth Grade. Miss Brack and Mrs. Leonard will also be helping out as "acting Principal" when I am out of the building. In addition, we have some new and returning Traveling and Pupil Services staff. These new staff include, Mrs. Stephanie Moore, School Psychologist, Ms. Maria Kubota, ELL Tutor, Ms. Anna Peterson, ELL Teacher, Mrs. Julie Grenon, LST & Reading Recovery. Kudos to all of our new and returning staff!

Also new is how the Trenton school day begins. Beginning at 8:30AM, students are welcome to enter the building. Students enter the building quietly, hanging their backpacks on their hook. Those taking breakfast, go directly to the breakfast line and take their tray into the cafeteria where they are supervised by Mrs. Merrill. Those students not taking lunch go directly outside to recess, without stopping in their classroom. Students having breakfast head outside once they have eaten. Fourth & fifth grade students come in from recess at 8:45 and class begins at 8:50 as usual for them. Kindergarten through third grade students come in at 8:55 and begin class at 9AM. If you want your child(ren) to have breakfast, please let their teacher know, so that we can gently encourage them to eat before going out to recess.

You may have heard about our new Trenton Behavior Boot Camp. This is part of our Positive Behavior Interventions System and really is about setting the tone with expected behaviors in 7 school areas: Classroom, Playground, Hallway, Bathroom, Lunch, Library/Computer & Bus. You may have seen the bus driving around at 2PM recently. We are practicing safety and good character in all of these areas. Our focus is: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. Students receive 20 minutes of instruction, demonstration and Q & A in 6 of these areas and teachers are addressing classroom behavior with their individual classes. Our hope is that by setting the tone and addressing potential behavioral issues and classroom disruptions, we will be able to spend more time helping ALL Trenton Students become more academically successful.

Thank you for giving the staff at Trenton Elementary an opportunity to serve your children in the 2011-2012 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or any of our staff at your earliest convenience.

Debra Lins, Principal



# PTO Post-Its



**Root Beer Float sale** On August 13, student and parent volunteers had the opportunity to gain additional funds for Trenton by hosting a Root Beer Float stand at Recheck's Food Pride. The students had the opportunity to build their communication, money management, and food service skills. Trenton PTO collected \$146. Thank you to the following families for donating their time: The Gabel family, the Gritzmacher family, the Gruszynski family, the Saniter family, and the Schraufnagel family. This was a fun and educational experience.



**PTO Meeting** The next PTO meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. There will also be a budget meeting at 5:00.



**Open House and Book Fair** Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Trenton Open House and a Scholastic Book Fair from 5:30 until 7:00 PM. Watch your child's backpack for a note next week.



**Summer Reading Program** Please return all summer reading sheets by Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The top reader in each class will receive a \$10 gift card for the book fair. All children who participated will receive a prize.



**Meet and Greet** Thank you to all of the teachers who made the Meet-N-Greet a warm and friendly event. All the teachers did a lot of preparation and the children were really excited for the first day of school.



**Trenton Wishes** Please look at the Teacher's Wish List and Items needed, located in the front entrance next to the bulletin board. Some of the current wishes are: 1<sup>st</sup> grade -AA batteries and portable CD players; 2<sup>nd</sup> -grade AA batteries, CD or tape players, and dryer sheets; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade -small Dixie cups, 4<sup>th</sup> grade -AAA Lithium powered batteries, Kindergarten -dry erase markers and buttons for sorting.



**Volunteers** Trenton PTO is seeking volunteers to help throughout the year. Volunteers are needed for the following things: collection and submissions of all save and earn items, Popcorn Fridays, help with Christmas bags, dances, game night, family events, and tallying orders & distributing fundraisers. A sign-up sheet will be coming home soon.



**Save and Earn List** Please continue to earn funds for Trenton PTO by saving the following items:

1. Recheck's receipts
2. Kemp's Milk Caps
3. Box Tops for Education
4. Our Family Barcodes & Labels for Learning
5. Kwik Trip Milk Caps (tops of bags, too)
6. Piggly Wiggly receipts
7. Campbell's Soup Labels

## Trenton Welcomes You

A total of 20 kindergarten children are new to Trenton School. Additionally, we would like to welcome all families new to the Trenton School community.

## Welcome New Support Staff Members

Joe Posthuma.....Custodian  
Georgia Henes-Hembree.....Teacher Aide

## **SAFETY FIRST!!**

**Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. PLEASE notify the school office in writing or by telephone if :**

- 1. Your child is NOT riding the bus home (PLEASE include the name of the person who will be picking your child up).**
- 2. Your child is supposed ride the bus home.  
(and normally they do not).**
- 3. There is ANY change to your child's regular schedule.  
(arriving late or leaving early).**

## Late Starts

The first late start for this year will be on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 10:50 A.M. Please do not drop your children off before 10:45. **NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ON LATE START DAYS.** Please do not arrive early.

## In Appreciation



Mrs. Wilber, our school secretary, would like to thank all the families that returned registration fees and school forms in such a timely and considerate manner. If you have not returned your student's packet yet please complete the registration materials and send them along with registration fees, and semester milk money to school as soon as possible.

## New Staff Bios

### Mrs. Bille, Kindergarten Teacher

I would like to take the time to introduce myself and tell you a little about me. My name is Sara Bille and this is my ninth year teaching kindergarten. Previously I taught two years in Green Bay and have spent the past 6 years in Monroe, WI. I am originally from Singer, Wisconsin, a small town thirty miles east of here. I got my undergrad from UW-Green Bay and also have a masters in technology from Marian University. My husband is also a teacher and will be teaching this year at Beaver Dam Middle School. We have two children, Ava who is 4 and will be starting 4K this fall and Ryan who will turn two at the beginning of September. We are excited to be joining the Beaver Dam community and I am excited to be a Trenton Tiger!

### Miss Papke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Welcome back Trenton students and families to a very exciting school year! I graduated from Marian University in May 2010. To start out the 2010-2011 school year, I was the Kindergarten aide at Trenton, then after about three weeks I left Trenton and taught fourth grade for seven months at a different school in the Beaver Dam district. I returned to Trenton in March as the Kindergarten teacher and finished out the year here. In my free time, I enjoy to reading, spending time with my family, and the outdoors. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many students and families throughout the school year. It is my number one goal to help all students grow academically, and become independent, successful individuals. If you ever have any questions/ comments please feel free to contact me. I look forward to another wonderful year here at Trenton Elementary!

### Ms. Mallow, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

My name is Jessica Mallow and I am the new 3rd grade teacher! I am so excited, because this is my first full time teaching opportunity! I graduated in January of 2010 from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee Wisconsin. While studying in Milwaukee I worked very closely with a few high performing elementary schools located in the heart of Milwaukee. I also did work in MPS and the surrounding districts. For three years during college I taught English as a second language classes for kids in grades K-5 on the South side of Milwaukee. I was also given the distinct privilege to travel to New York City and work with students in Brooklyn, the Bronx and Harlem. Coming to Trenton Elementary School has been a big change for me, but I am loving EVERY minute of it! I am, however, used to the country life. I grew up on a farm in Ixonia, Wisconsin which is directly between Watertown and Oconomowoc. I am currently living in Watertown with my dog Kobi. I feel honored to be working here at Trenton because of the wonderful community and supportive families I have met! I look forward to a great year!

### Mrs. Letkewicz, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

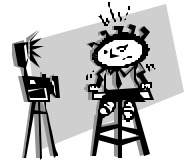
I am a Graduate of UW-Whitewater. My teaching career started as an 8th grade science teacher at Beaver Dam Middle School. I then taught 4th grade for 6 years at Washington Elementary. You would likely find me busy playing with my 4 children, enjoying reading, cooking, and keeping busy with different projects when and if I have free time.

### Mrs. Henes-Hembree (Mrs. H), Teacher Aide

Before coming to Trenton Elementary, I was at Beaver Dam Middle School as a Library aide. I have a B.S in Education grades 1 – 8 with a Library Media minor. It will be fun to work with your children to help them achieve their learning goals and have a great year.

## Picture Day

On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> all students attending Trenton School will have their picture taken. More information about price and packages will be forthcoming.



## Changes to lunch prices

Student lunch prices have gone up to \$2 per lunch. Other meal prices have not changed; current prices are as follows:

Breakfast: Student breakfast - \$1.05      reduced – 30 cents      visitor – \$1.50

Lunch:      Student lunch- \$2      reduced – 40 cents      visitor - \$2.75

Purchases of individual cartons of milk are 30 cents for all students.

## Food Allergy Alert

We currently have children enrolled at Trenton School *with severe and life-threatening* food allergies to peanuts (and nut products such as peanut butter).

Because we hold the safety of each and every child in high regard, we have instituted a few precautions. These include a peanut/egg free eating table for affected children as well as hand washing stations at the lunch tables for all children.



Additionally, all parents are asked to follow these safety tips:

- When packing peanut butter sandwiches or lunch/snack products containing nuts, REMIND your children to wash hands thoroughly after eating.
- When packing peanut butter sandwiches or lunch/snack products containing nuts or eggs, REMIND your children to eat away from the peanut/egg free safety table.
- Forbid your child from eating snack and lunch foods on the bus where safety precautions cannot be monitored.
- Think substitutions. When bringing birthday treats, for example, consider fruit snacks as opposed to peanut butter cookies.
- Be aware that children with these food allergies are affected by touch as well as ingestion.

Be aware that even some products that do not contain peanuts may have been manufactured in peanut contaminated areas. For example: plain M&M's use the same manufacturing lines as M&M's with peanuts.



September 2011

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](http://www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us) and on [www.wbevradio.com](http://www.wbevradio.com) and [www.wxroradio.com](http://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***

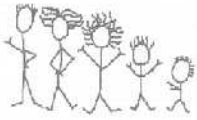
Early dismissal is not an option we like to use unless conditions are expected to get worse throughout the day. This is primarily due to the fact that many parents work and the children are safer at school. Please try to have a plan in place to handle late starts and early dismissals. It is helpful if 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.

Sincerely,

Stephen Vessey  
District Superintendent



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**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](http://www.beaverdam.k12.wi.us) sitio web del distrito y en [www.wbevradio.com](http://www.wbevradio.com) y [www.wxroradio.com](http://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

## **Family Email Addresses**



Trenton Newsletters and other information that is sent home through the Trenton Office can be E-mailed to families for your convenience. This is especially helpful for students of 2 household families. If you, or your child's second household would like information sent home electronically, please send the E-mail address to Mrs. Wilber in the Trenton office or send an E-mail to [Wilbert@bdusd.org](mailto:Wilbert@bdusd.org).

## **Thank You**

A big Thank You to our numerous volunteers who helped to make our school grounds beautiful for the school year. This list includes the many parents and families that helped out on the two clean up nights sponsored by the PTO. Your support is truly cherished!



## **Emergency Drills**

During the next two weeks, Trenton staff and students will be practicing how to handle various emergency situations. We will have a drill for fire safety, tornado safety, and a lock and secure drill in case there was ever a situation that required us to lock down the school and make sure that all students are safe. Please reassure your children that practicing when there is no real threat is a great way to prepare for something in the event we need to know how.

## **Character Pillars**

Trenton will again be encouraging good character by promoting one of the character pillars each month. September we will be promoting "Making Good Choices". October's character pillar will be Responsibility. Each month students will be selected who have consistently demonstrated the character pillar for that month. Those students will be presented with an award at an all school assembly. Please join us in encouraging and demonstrating good character.

## Student Access to Electronic On-line Resources (i.e. Internet) Parent/Guardian Information Letter

Dear Trenton Families,

Beaver Dam Unified School District is providing our students access to electronic on-line resources, including electronic mail and the Internet, as a learning tool. As much as possible, Internet access will be planned, previewed, evaluated, and directed by the classroom teacher. Students will be given instruction and guidance in using the technology and they will be directed toward resources appropriate to the curriculum goals.

We believe access to electronic information resources (e-mail, and the Internet) will enable students to explore libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with other users throughout the world. Some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that you as a parent or guardian may feel are inappropriate for your child. The intent of the Beaver Dam Unified School District is to make electronic on-line resource access available for all students to further their educational goals and objectives. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet and other on-line networks and from the opportunities for world-wide communication exceed the disadvantages.

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on computer networks and the Internet just as they are legal, ethical, and in accordance with all school district policies and procedures. General school rules for behavior and communications apply, including Beaver Dam Unified School District sexual harassment policies.

Irresponsible and unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- **Sending, displaying, and/or distributing offensive and/or obscene messages or pictures;**
- **Harassing (including sexually harassing), insulting, or attacking others;**
- **Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks;**
- **Violating copyright laws;**
- **Using another person's password;**
- **Trespassing in another individual's folders, work, or files;**
- **Intentionally wasting limited resources;**
- **Employing the network for commercial purposes;**
- **Accessing inappropriate, obscene, or illegal sources; and using the Internet for any illegal activity.**

These unacceptable behaviors will warrant sanctions in accordance with District and school policy and procedures.

The network is provided for our students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to those students who agree to use the network for instructional activities and to conduct themselves in a considerate and responsible manner. At all times students will act in ways that are legal, ethical, and comply with their school rules and Beaver Dam Unified School District policies and procedures.

It is important to realize that communications on the network are public in nature. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that students and other individuals are using the system responsibly.

As part of the effort to encourage responsible use of this privilege, we are encouraging parents/guardians to discuss with their children the contents of this letter and attached policies. We also wish that you continue this discussion as your children participate in exciting projects in which they are engaged during the school year.

To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students need parental/guardian support. As a parent or guardian of a Beaver Dam Unified School District student you may wish to deny your child access to these resources. By sending this correspondence to you, the District is providing you with information regarding the Internet and notifying you that **unless you object, your child will be provided the Internet as a learning tool. If you object to your child using the Internet, you must fill out the following form and return it to your building administrator prior to the first day of class instruction for the current school year. This parent/guardian restriction must be filed on an annual basis.**

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### Beaver Dam Unified School District Parent/Guardian Restriction of Internet Access

I have read the Beaver Dam Unified School District Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Student Guidelines and wish to have my child **denied individual** access to the Internet:

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, is to be **denied individual** access to the Internet and other on-line electronic networks.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parents:** Please return this only if you **do not** want your child to use the **INTERNET**. Thanks!

# DATES TO REMEMBER!!

## S e p t e m b e r

Tuesday, September 13

PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
Trenton Office

Thursday, September 22

Open House/Book Fair  
5:30 – 7:00

Friday, September 30

Picture Day

## O c t o b e r

Tuesday, October 4

Late Start  
Class begins at 10:50  
**DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 10:40!!**  
No Breakfast will be served

Tuesday, October 11

PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
Trenton Office

Thursday, October 20

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 25

Parent/Teacher Conferences



### 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.