



## Whitehall Memorial Elementary Newsletter, February and March 2017

Hello families of Whitehall Memorial Elementary! As we begin our trek into 2017 and wait patiently for the warmer temperatures of late February and March, there are a few areas I'd like to reference for you and your students.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences-** For future planning, the second and final round of Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on February 16<sup>th</sup>. You should have already received information about your scheduled time from the office. This second round of conferences will run from 11:30 – 7:30 on this day.

**Benchmark Testing-** Our second round of STAR Testing is in progress and it is exciting to see the growth our students are making in our classrooms. Besides providing insight into how each student is achieving and growing, the results become an important piece of information for teachers as they try to meet the individual needs of each of our students. Creating learning opportunities based on the specific information we gather from each student is our focus and would not be possible without these results.

**Tri-mester Update-** Tri 2 began on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and will end on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Tri 3 will end on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Report Cards-** Please keep a lookout for report cards coming home shortly after the conclusion of Tri 2. Report cards will be in the students' daily orange folders. A specific date will be put out closer to the end of the Trimester.

**Outside Dress-** Many students are still arriving at school unprepared for winter weather. Please ensure your child's health by sending hats, gloves, jackets, snow pants, and boots to school. Recesses here at school typically will remain outside until temperatures drop below 0 degrees, regardless of snow.

**Bruce Mound** – On February 27<sup>th</sup>, classrooms in grades two – six will be heading to Bruce Mound for a day of winter fun. Grades 4K – 1 will be participating in an alternative winter fun day here at school. More information to come on these days!

**Spring Portraits** – School-wide spring portraits will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>. All students will have their picture taken, but you are not obligated to purchase. If you do not wish to keep any of the pictures, simply send the packet back to school with all pictures included.

**Easter Break** – As of right now, Easter Break this year will run from April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Calls and Notes** – Remember to give your child a note if after school activities are different than your normal routine. If we do not hear from you, we cannot take your child's word. Likewise, we try our best not to interrupt instruction by transferring calls to your child's teacher. We generally deliver messages during recess, lunch, and prior to the end of the day. If you have a message for your child or your child's teacher, please send a note in the morning if possible. Calling at the end of the day increases chances a communication error could occur since this is a very busy time of the day for the office and classrooms.

**Project Fair** – Save the date!! On the evening of Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the district will be hosting a project fair for families of students in grades 4K-12. Look for more information on this exciting evening!!!

#### **Important Upcoming Dates -**

- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Spring Portrait Day
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Parent – Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, Inservice, No Students
- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, Trimester 2 ends
- Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Project Fair

**Anything Else?** – If you have any questions that were not answered in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to call me at 715-538-4364 or email me at [lisowskid@whitehallsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:lisowskid@whitehallsd.k12.wi.us) with your questions.

Respectfully,



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