

September 29, 2010



LOWPOINT WASHBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT INSIDER

October Calendar of Events

- October 1 H.S. Football with Stark Co. at Midland—7:00 pm
- October 2 Homecoming Dance at Midland H.S.
- October 4 JV Football with Stark Co. H.S.—There—6:00 pm
- October 5 H.S. Golf Regionals
H.S. Girls VB with Peoria Manual—Here—6:00 pm
Sixth Grade to Matthiessen State Park
- October 6 Third Grade Day of Learning at Grant Park
- October 7 H.S. Girls VB with Roanoke-Benson—Here—6:00 pm
EARLY DISMISSAL—11:00 am
- October 8 **NO SCHOOL**—Teacher's Institute
H.S. Football with West Prairie H.S.—There—7:00 pm
- October 11 **NO SCHOOL**—Columbus Day
H.S. Girls VB Tri-County Conference Tournament at Henry
JV Football with West Prairie H.S. At Midland—6:00 pm
- October 15 H.S. Football with Co-op Annawan/Wethersfield at Midland—7:00 pm
(senior class orders for graduation are due)
- October 18 H.S. Girls VB with Peoria Heights—There—6:00 pm
JV Football with Co-op Annawan/Wethersfield—There—6:00 pm
Board of Education Meeting—H.S. Media Center—7:00 pm
- October 19 H.S. Girls VB with Peoria Christian—There—6:00 pm
- October 20 END OF THE FIRST GRADING PERIOD
- October 21 H.S. Girls VB with Woodland—Here—6:00 pm
Third Grade to Snyder Village—9:20-11:00 am
- October 22 H.S. Football with Aledo H.S.—There—7:00 pm
Blood Drive—H.S. Gym
- October 25 H.S. Girls VB Regionals
JV Football with Aledo H.S. at Midland—6:00 pm
- October 27 Fall Harvest Parties for Grades 4-6
Report Card Distribution
- October 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences—5:00-8:00 pm
- October 29 **NO SCHOOL**—Parent/Teacher Conferences—8:00—10:00 am
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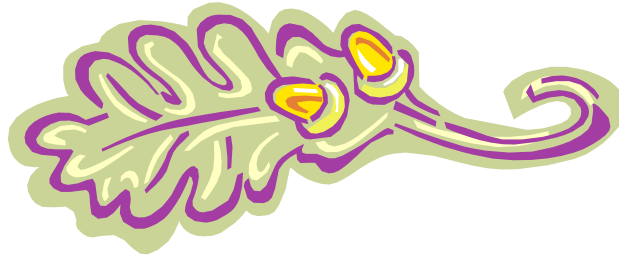
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 28th from 5:00-8:00 pm and Friday, October 29th from 8:00-12:00 noon.

Please call Denise to schedule your appointment at 248-7221

Susan at 248-7087

Betty at 248-7521



MUSIC NEWS

FIFTH GRADE BAND has begun with 20 students signed up and more beginning. Each student has a lesson once a week and band on Friday. Remember we start out with shorter practice times and then build as we build our muscles. Athletes don't run a marathon right away—they must build up to it. Musicians do the same. If you have not yet signed up for band, it is still not too late. Talk to Miss Sunken about band.

TRI-COUNTY CHORAL FESTIVAL will be held on November 2nd at Putnam County High School. Our high school choral members will be part of a 170 voice choir. They will be gone in the afternoon for rehearsal and will perform that evening at 7:00 pm at Putnam County High School. Choir members will be receiving a sheet with all the important details along with the dress code for the evening. The concert will be given in their auditorium which has very comfortable theater seating. I encourage all choir members families and friends to attend. I also encourage the Junior High choir members to attend. The music that has been selected this year is outstanding with something for everyone.



NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who must provide transportation to and from school **because free transportation is not available for their children** may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost, for example, bus fares, or mileage reimbursement for private automobiles at 36.5 cents per mile.

If you can answer yes to the following questions for the 2010-2011 school year, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for providing such transportation.

- 1) Will the pupil be under the age of 21 at the close of the school year?
- 2) Is the pupil a full-time student in grades kindergarten through 12?
- 3) Does the pupil either live 1 1/2 miles or more from school or live less than 1 1/2 miles from school but **must be transported** due to a serious safety hazard approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation? (see following paragraphs.)
- 4) Does the pupil attend a school within Illinois which meets Illinois compulsory attendance laws?
- 5) Did the parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting the pupil to and from school?

If you answered yes to the above questions, lived in Illinois and wish to file a claim, you must go to the school where each of your children is enrolled by June 30, 2010 to complete a claim application. Claim forms should be available from February 2010 through June 30, 2010.

In addition, parent(s)/guardian(s) who have pupils living **less than 1/2 miles** from the school attended must verify that a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic exists by completing an Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards. Parents can obtain a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the county in which they reside **except** parents residing within the City of Chicago. Chicago residents can receive a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777. All applications for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards must be received no later than February 1, 2010, at the office from which the application was requested. Example: ISBE (Chicago residents), ROE (Illinois residents other than those residing in Chicago). The Regional Superintendent of Schools is required to send the Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation within 15 days. The Illinois Department of Transportation reviews and approves or denies the application and returns it to the Regional Superintendent of Schools within 30 days. Upon receipt of the reviewed application, the Regional Superintendent of Schools will mail it to the parent/guardian who requested the safety hazard be verified. **If the safety hazard is approved, the parent/guardian must go to the school the pupil attends and complete the claim form.** Parents who received verification of a safety hazard during and after the 2010-2011 school year, who children attend the same school and live at the same address do not have to reapply for safety hazard verification.

Once all claims are completed at the school, the claim forms will be sent to the Illinois State Board of Education. If your claim is approved, you should receive a check directly from the state for the lesser of the cost of transporting your child/children or the average per pupil reimbursement paid to public schools for transporting regular education pupils. If insufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly, all claims will be prorated.

If you have any questions, please call or come to the school as soon as possible.

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Input to the Board of Education

The District seeks to enhance its communication with those persons wishing to address the school board. Accordingly, the school board designates a segment during each board meeting to recognize visitors and to provide them an opportunity to address the Board. In general, the Board will listen to the presenter and if necessary, ask the administration to review the information presented and report to the Board at a future meeting, if further discussion is needed.

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