



WEST BAY

Better Together

Dec. 2020
&
Jan. 2021



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

West Bay Families,

As 2020 is wrapping up it seems like a good opportunity to reflect on this very different school year and express my sincere gratitude and love for our West Bay families. Thank you for showing unprecedented support to our teachers, students and staff this semester. I'm beyond grateful to be able to be part of such a caring community. Thank you for all you do to support your children and for your ongoing support for our school.

Jen Collet

jcoltvet@epsne.org
Principal

December

- Nov. 30-Dec.4th Distance Learning Week
- 7th PTO ZOOM 6:30
- 8th Picture Retake Day-To order use info below
Mylifetouch.com use ID: EVTRNH2M8
- 18th End of 2nd Quarter
- 21st & 22nd Teacher Inservice
- 23rd-Jan.1st Winter Break

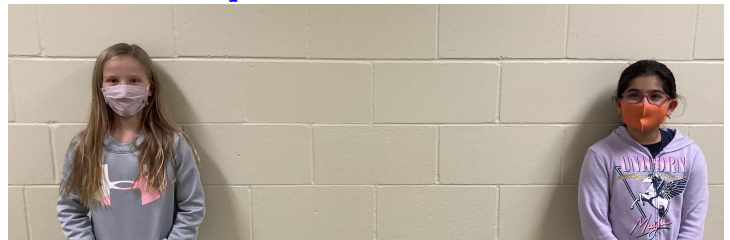
January

- 4th-8th Distance Learning Week
- MAP Testing for Remote Learners
- Dec. 11th-22nd MAP Testing for In-Person Learners
- 18th Teacher Inservice

February

- 1st Inservice Day-No School for students
6:30 PTO Zoom Meeting
- 17th/18th Early Dismissal 2:06-Conferences 3:00-7:00
- 19th No School

District Spelling Bee



- West Bay third through fifth graders participated in a School Spelling Bee. Ananya Prassanna is our school winner, and Presley Keber is our second place winner!
- Ananya went on to represent West Bay in District Spelling Bee competing against third through eighth graders from all 12 Elkhorn elementary and four middle schools.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

District Calendar Link:

[Revised 20-21 District Calendar](#)

West Bay Calendar:

[West Bay Google Calendar](#)

West Bay Web Page

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/westbay/>

West Bay PTO Website:

<http://westbaypto.com/>

Sodexo

lunch account or deposits:

<https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>

Sodexo menus:

<https://elkhornps.sodexomyway.com/landing/>

Double Lunch Permission Form:

<https://forms.gle/Fay1Na4nLV5JgCjd6>

Double lunches are charged \$2.00. You only need to submit this Google form if you are giving your child permission to order a double lunch.

COUNSELING CORNER

Guidance Topics in the Classroom

For the month of October and November students K-5 have been learning about empathy and how to act on it by showing compassion. Some important takeaways from our lessons:

- ♥ *Empathy* is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling. Having empathy helps you be respectful and act in a thoughtful way toward others.
- ♥ People can have different perspectives and feelings about the same situation, and their feelings can change. Noticing others' feelings and thinking about their perspectives will help you have empathy.
- ♥ Knowing people better helps you accept and appreciate their differences. How we differ from others is what makes us unique. Getting to know each other helps us accept those differences and learn new things.
- ♥ *Compassion* means saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care about how another person feels. Having empathy helps you show compassion. These things are key to foster healthy social relationships.

Resources to Help Foster these Concepts

We have some of the most kind and caring students at West Bay but there is always more we can do to promote these concepts. As parents, you have the power to help our students with their social and emotional development. Here are some activities and resource you can use to stimulate your child's learning.

♥ [For Families: 5 Tips for Cultivating Empathy](#)

♥ [Teaching kids to Thrive-empathy](#)

♥ [Teaching kids about diversity and acceptance](#)

♥ [How to teach about cultural awareness and acceptance](#)

♥ Home links from Guidance lessons: These are activities you can do with your child based on lessons taught in Guidance.

[-Kindergarten](#)

[-1st grade](#)

[-2nd grade](#)

[-3rd grade](#)

[-4th grade](#)

[-5th grade](#)

Chromebook Repair Drop-Off During Distance Learning Weeks

During the distance learning weeks, Chromebook repair drop-off will be available Monday through Thursday at **Elkhorn High School**. Chromebook repair drop-off is **by appointment only**.

To get the repair process started parents/guardians/students will go to: <https://forms.elkhornweb.org/help> and sign into the form with the student's epsne.org Google credentials. Parents/Guardians/Students please be as detailed as possible when submitting this form. Upon submission, this will create a ticket in our Help Desk system. All further Help Desk ticket communication will be done via the parent's/guardian's and student's email address (if applicable). Appointments will be made and communicated via the Help Desk ticket/email.

Be in the Know with the West Bay PTO !!!!



President- Mikhala Fehringer
Vice President- Amy Snodgrass
Treasurer- Lisa Fochler
Secretary- Melissa Erdei
Community Liaison- Savannah Garvey

Stay Connected with West Bay's PTO

- Website: www.westbaypto.com
- Facebook: West Bay PTO
- Email: westbaypto@gmail.com

UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS

Monday, December 7th, 2020- 6:30 pm

Monday, February 1st, 2021- 6:30 pm

Please join us for our upcoming PTO meetings via ZOOM. Meeting ID = 580 816 5497
Passcode = 468988

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO PTO meeting in January!

YEARBOOK

Parents please submit any photos for the yearbook via email at westbayyearbook@gmail.com

Please encourage your student(s) to create a design for the cover of this year's yearbook. The winning entry will be featured on the front cover and other contest entries will be featured elsewhere in the book. Stay tuned for more details and submission deadline.

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

Our wonderful West Bay teachers and staff members will be taking home a holiday pie over Thanksgiving break on behalf of the PTO. This small token of appreciation is well deserved as we are ever so grateful for all of their efforts this year !!

UPCOMING FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

RUNZA

17505 Gold Plaza

Tuesday, December 8th 4-8 pm

Don't miss the next Family Fun Night at Runza.... 15% of proceeds will be donated to West Bay PTO! Don't forget to mention you are supporting West Bay Elementary when checking out.

MARCO'S PIZZA

16718 Harrison Street & 1904 N. 168th Street

January 12 & 13TH - ALL day- BOTH dates

Dine in, carryout, or delivery are all available and will count towards the fundraiser! Have pizza delivered for the family & support our school at the same time!

November's Family Fun Night at Oscar's Pizza & Grill raised \$225! Thank you West Bay families for participating!

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

Thank you to all the families that have signed up to make the holidays just a little bit brighter by participating in this year's Celebration of Giving Mitten Tree program. There is still time to participate. Help make wishes come true!

How to help:

1. SIGN UP for a "mitten"/wish by visiting the sign-up genius on the PTO website at www.westbay.com
2. PURCHASE and WRAP the gift(s).
3. LABEL each gift with a sticky note referencing the assigned "code" (found on the sign-up) as well as the gift description. (i.e. NF8 B- Boy's size L sweatpant or NC22 D- Walmart Gift Card \$50)
4. DROP OFF the wrapped and labeled gifts before or after school on December 8th or 9th inside the school front door vestibule in the designated bins. Contact Katy Bode at 312-399-8520 with any questions.



WEST BAY



TIGER TICKET WINNERS

These students were caught doing something great at school! Students who follow the school rules 1. BE SAFE 2. BE RESPECTFUL & 3. BE RESPONSIBLE are rewarded and recognized with TIGER TICKETS. Each week these tickets are deposited in the office where we draw names for paw pencils or erasers and a certificate. Way to go Bengals!

KINDERGARTEN

Grey Meronk	Kyler Krumweide
Reese McGee	Logan Zaversnik
Olivia Pauley	Maleah Yao
Corbin Fehringer	Leah Lin
Derek Feuquay	Reece Mohlman
Owen White	Lily Kang
Rosie Evans	Addison Roberts
Annie Phillippe	Jordyn Bingham
Lauren Dowell	

FIRST GRADE

Nora Skaggs	Rishaan Bhakar
Jordynn Gallinger	Wyatt Gustafson
Sean Griffis	Coen Johnson
Everett Roberts	Evalyn Dudzinski
Rylan Bousquet	Andrew Johnson
Jonas Bond	Braxton Sublett Adams
Celia Bell	Reid Feeney
Charlotte Clzek	

SECOND GRADE

Micah Plouzek	Kinsley Halpine
Grady Charvat	Zack Taylor
Lilly Frey	Nolan Kasinger
Ameen Ahmed	Santiago Valdivia
Sam Jahn	Vanessa Irvin
Eleanor Arnold	Kysen Beber
Hadley Latham	Anastasia Pauley
Liam Scearcy	Graham Dinsdale

THIRD GRADE

Kate Bode	Ava Bryant
Kylar Lanoha	Kayden Minton
Jack Pesek	Luke Mullen
Gabi Wilson	Jett Josoff
Caleb Johnson	Reese Bousquet
Olivia Boll	Cora Heinz
Ryan Colvin	Joslyn Hudnall

FOURTH GRADE

Rylan Meier	Dylan Neily
Libby McMahon	Dempsey Richter
Lila Murphy	Siddharth Rai
Sam Neily	Wyatt Newmyer
Gabe Carey	Nolan Cooper
Isabelle Hill	Sam Neily
Allie Ogren	

FIFTH GRADE

Campbell Hoeft	Drew Jackson
Ryleigh Deaton	Cooper Smith
Kylie Holloway	Finlee Goeser
Eli Evans	Bailey Regier
Eisley Rich	McCaden Houg
Riley Newman	Harrison Hunt
Charlie Dizona	