

WEST BAY



December 21/January 22

West Bay Families,

As we move into the cold winter months please send warm outerwear to school with your children. We will continue to go outside for walking club and recess as often as possible. We will stay inside if the real feel temperature falls below 15 degrees, precipitation is falling or the playground is covered in ice or deep snow.

Please take note of the important upcoming dates. I hope you have a wonderful winter break that is filled with fun family time! Thank you for all of your support in 2021!

-Mrs. Coltvet

District Calendar Link:

- [21-22 Calendar](#)

West Bay Calendar:

- [West Bay Google Calendar](#)

West Bay Web Page:

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

West Bay PTO Website:

- <http://westbaypto.com/>

District COVID Updates:

- [EPS Covid-19 Information](#)

Lunch Menus:

- [Sodexo Link](#)
- [Double Lunch Permission Form](#)

December

1st-17th **MAP Testing**: Your child's teacher will share a schedule of specific dates for testing sessions.

6th **PTO** 6:30 PM

21st **End of 2nd Quarter**

22nd-31st **Winter Break**

January

3rd **Inservice** - no school for students

4th **Students first day back after break!**

7th **Report cards go home!**

17th **Inservice** - no school for students

24th **Kindergarten 22-23 Registration Opens**

27th **Music Programs**

- 4th Grade (6:00)
- 5th Grade (7:00)

February

7th **PTO** 6:30 PM

10th **2nd/3rd Grade Music Programs**

11th **Valentines Day Parties 2:15**

16th **Conferences** from 3:00-7:00

2:06 dismissal

17th **Conferences** from 3:00-7:00

2:06 dismissal

18th **No School!**

Box Tops for Education

A Fundraiser Supporting West Bay's Student Council

Proceeds from Box Tops are used to buy indoor recess games and books for classrooms. In the Spring, Student Council sponsors and student leaders organize a Family Literacy Night.



BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo! Be sure to check the full list of participating products, as some are not labeled.



SCAN

YOUR RECEIPT

Tap the scan button to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN

CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

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DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



Earnings & FAQs \$0.10/Box Top + Bonus Offers | Scan Receipt Within 14 Days



Receipts for qualifying products are accepted from both in-store and online purchases. The app is the best way to scan and submit receipts. Plus, the app always has the latest listings of qualifying products and details on all bonus offers ~ bonuses really do add up! It is not uncommon to see bonus offers that are held multiple times per year by a variety of stores which provide 50 bonus Box Tops for the purchase of five General Mills products – which equals \$5. You can also link your Box Tops account with Boxed, a bulk shopping service, to earn even more at select times throughout the year.

What if I find a traditional Box Top on a product? If you find it and it still has a valid, unexpired date, then you can submit these clipped Box Tops yourself by following directions at:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/Coordinator-Submit-Box-Tops>

Isn't General Mills just a bunch of cereal? Of course, you can get cereal like Cheerios, Kix, Lucky Charms, and Wheat Chex. But there is actually a whole host of other participating brands that have qualifying General Mills products; including: Larabar, Nature Valley, Annie's, and Old El Paso, just to name a few. Outside of the app, the next best way to see a full list of participating products is from the official Box Tops site: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page>.

What if I ordered groceries online and don't have a physical receipt to scan? No worries! Just forward the exact e-receipt that you were emailed to: receipts@boxtops4education.com within 14 days of purchase. Regardless of whether you scan a receipt or forward an e-receipt; it is considered a best practice to provide the full image, rather than a partial receipt that only shows applicable purchases. Emails to Box Tops will not result in unsolicited emails from other companies.

What happens if I scan my receipt, but it doesn't flag any of the valid purchases? This can be frustrating when and if it happens. Sometimes, you can just follow the prompts on the app to scan the barcode of the product(s) in question and that will generally work right away. Other times, you may have to escalate the issue by sending your full receipt image and expected earnings to the Box Tops for Education Team at: btfesupport@genmills.com.

Thank You for Supporting West Bay's Student Council!








West Bay Student Council Sponsor

Mrs. Sadowski, Mrs. Koeneke, & Mrs. Simrod

Note from the Nurse...

As cold/flu/covid season ramps up, please continue to make sure that you and your children are practicing healthy habits like getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of water, [hand washing/sanitizing](#), social distancing. Thank you for screening your children daily and keeping them home when they don't feel well. In addition to [symptoms of Covid...](#)

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100 degrees F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

-Health Screens-

Health screens in the areas of height/weight, dental, hearing, and vision have been completed on all K-4th, 7th, and 10th grades students as well as students new to the district. Parents will be notified of abnormal results by a referral letter.

If you receive a referral letter, please visit the applicable health care provider and return the bottom part of the form to the office.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Page, RN/BSN

epage@epsne.org

2021-2022 STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Congratulations to this year's West
Bay Student Council Winners!

4th Grade:

Brooklyn Robertson
Cali Kerres
Lucy Mathis
Ava Bryant
Colt Thielen
Victoria Brown
Olivia Milone
Abby Acquazzino
Jameson Kelsay
Ellie Beyer
Sahana Iyer

5th Grade:

Rylie Smith
Gavin Gleue
Leyton Michaelis
Caitlyn Swafford
Grace Cota-Trader
Lila Murphy
Sloane O'Mara
Rielle Fisher
Hunter Hairston
Camaryn Anzalone
Allie Ogren



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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

Isaac Cerny	Scarlett Plouzek
Elizabeth Milone	Carmen Martinez
Amina Kholik	Sam Horine-Sedlacek
Bailey Bohannon	Navika Rai
Jillian Barry	Vivian Valdivia
Cora Englund	Greysen Weaver

FIRST GRADE

Lauren Dowell	Kai Sommer
Damian Guy	Reece Mohlman
Roy Dinsdale	Leah Lin
Devin Hedges	Eva Martinez
Reed Borgeson	Luke Hentzen
Ashlyn Frazier	Eva Murante
Conner Bachman	Claire McLouth
Isaiah Kueth	Brooklyn Miller

SECOND GRADE

McKinley Lovewell	Evalyn Dudzinski
Jace Frazier	Hadley Hunt
Wyatt Richter	Nora Skaggs
Vivian Rich	Leandro Garcia-Hernandez
Grayson Reikofski	Yuna Hirai
Berlyn Schooley	Celia Bell
Ettie Rigg	Harper Nelson
Lincoln Karre	Max Newman
Charlotte Cizek	Elodie Fochler

THIRD GRADE

Liam Scearcy	Zahra Somasegaran
Kaylee Boll	Santiago Valdivia
London Brown	Rylin Auch
Sophia Kerres	Lucas Regier
Zack Taylor	Amilya Young
Kara McLouth	Remy Swartz
Anastasia Pauley	Mason Schlueter
Allie Hill	

FOURTH GRADE

Ella Gardner	Mason Fehringer
Luke Mullen	Kash Miller
Colt Thielen	Lucy Evans
Beckett Schooley	Gabi Wilson
Praneel Buragadda	Asher Deaton
Kayden Minton	

FIFTH GRADE

Aubree Peterson	Madison O'Dowd
Santi Casas	Sage Meronk
Isabelle Hill	Ali Feuquay
Graham Parsons	Ben Cerny
Lila Murphy	Sritan Reddy
Lucas Shoultz	Claire Meyer
Rahman Azimi	

Counseling Corner

For the month of December we will be talking about problem solving. Students who are more skilled problem solvers get along better with peers and have fewer conflicts and problems with aggression. Students can escalate conflicts by failing to consider the situation from the other person's perspective. Click your child's class link for more information about the problem solving process. For extra resources or if you have questions, contact

Dawn McPheron, School Counselor. dmcpheron@epsne.org

[Kindergarten](#)

[3rd Grade](#)

[1st Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

[5th Grade](#)

West Bay PTO Information



Stay Connected

Website: www.westbaypto.com
Facebook: West Bay PTO – Parent Teacher Org
Email: westbaypto@gmail.com
Remind: Text @wbaypto to the number 81010

West Bay PTO Board

President: Amy Snodgrass
Vice President: Ashima Choudhary
Treasurer: Katie Palmer
Secretary: Melissa Erdei
Community Liaison: Crystal Swofford

UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS

Monday, December 6th- 6:30pm - ZOOM All parents are invited to join us for our next PTO meeting that will be held REMOTELY via ZOOM.

Zoom Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5808165497?pwd=RFZVTUZpZDZoT1FCYkhFT0J5d3ZsOT09>

Meeting ID: 580 816 5497

Passcode: 468988

NOTE: There is no PTO meeting in January..... Hope you will join us again on **Monday, February 7th, 2022!**

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

West Bay Elementary, along with all Elkhorn elementary and middle schools, is again partnering with Womenade of Elkhorn to support their annual Celebration of Giving project. West Bay families will be able to share in the spirit of the holiday season by purchasing gifts from wish lists completed by local Elkhorn families identified as needing special assistance. The Sign-Up Genius link below is now live and "mittens" from the virtual "mitten tree" can now be selected.

How to help:

1. SELECT a "mitten" (or 2, or 3.....) via the Sign-up Genius link below.

2. PURCHASE and WRAP the gift(s).

Don't forget to use shopping rewards when making your purchases (i.e. Bakers, AmazonSmile etc.) so that West Bay receives a portion of the proceeds!

3. LABEL each gift with a sticky note referencing the "code" which can be found on the sign-up AND the gift description. (i.e. NF8 - Boy's size L sweatpant or NC-22 Walmart Gift Card \$50) Gift card amounts must be included on label.

4. DROP OFF the wrapped and labeled gifts before or after school on **December 7 or 8th** in the labeled bins inside the school front doors.

Help us make wishes come true and join us in making a difference in the lives of Elkhorn families! Please contact Katy Bode at katy.bode@gmail.com with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084bafaf2faa8-west>

TEACHERS FAVORITE THINGS

Did you know that you can find what your student's teacher likes to drink, favorite restaurants and stores, birthday and more! Go to the PTO website or click here: <http://westbauppto.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/West-Bay-Staff-Favorites-Updated-2021-Master-Copy-Sheet1-1.pdf>

PANDA EXPRESS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, December 9th 5-9 pm (17627 Gold Plaza)
Join us at Panda Express for our next Family Fun Night. You must show the attached flyer on your smartphone or order in advance online with the code 326577 to help our school receive credit. 20% of proceeds will be donated back to our school!

APPAREL UPDATE

We've received part of our order, the remaining part is expected to arrive next week. Orders will come home with students as we receive them. A follow-up email will be sent to address any issues. Thanks for your patience as we work through unprecedented supply chain issues.

YEARBOOK

All West Bay students are invited to create an entry for this year's "Where's Waldo?" yearbook cover contest. Please see the attached flyer for entry requirements. Participating students must submit their entry to their teacher by **Thursday, December 16th**. Teachers will vote and winners will be announced on Tuesday, December 21st.

There's still time to order your West Bay 2021-2022 yearbook until February 28, 2022. \$35 each. Click on the following link to order today:

<https://www.iostens.com/apps/store/customer/2404763/West-Bay-Elementary-School/>

Photos of your children are needed for the school yearbook! Email to Chelsea Thomalla, Yearbook Chair, at cmthomalla@outlook.com or westbayyearbook@gmail.com

SCOOTERS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, January 11th 6am-12 pm (180th & Q)
Mark your calendar and head to Scooters and support West Bay PTO. They will raffle off two \$10 gift cards. Additional info will be sent in January.

West Bay PTO Information



Help Us Raise Money For:

West Bay PTO

20% of event sales
will be donated



When

Thursday, December 09, 2021
All Day: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:
175th & Center PX 17627 Gold Plaza Omaha
NE 68130
(402) 330 - 0870

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 326577 in the fundraiser code box

Text
TextOr



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Thursday, December 09, 2021



Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express
is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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This fundraiser was organized by West Bay PTO. Questions contact Liz Borkowski at lborkowski@hotmail.com

Where's Waldo Yearbook Cover Contest

Contest sponsored by the West Bay PTO Yearbook Committee

We are inviting all West Bay students to enter their drawing in our Yearbook Cover Contest. 1 winner will be selected to be displayed on the front cover of the yearbook. The cover is selected by your very own West Bay teachers and staff. Runner-up drawings will be displayed inside the yearbook. Give your finished artwork to your teacher.

Entries due by December 16, 2021

All entries must include our yearbook theme:

1. WHERE'S West Bay

Achievers

Leaders

Decision making

Outstanding citizens

2. THE YEAR "2021-2022"

Submit art on:

1. 8.5x11 sheet of white paper
2. Vertical orientation

Tips for a good entry:

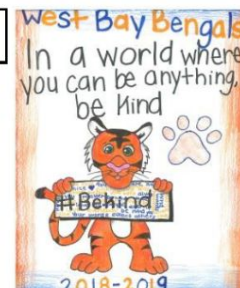
1. Not a lot of white space- include a lot of color (including background)
2. Mix up your coloring tools (Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint, etc.)

Questions contact Chelsea Thomalla at westbayyearbook@gmail.com



WALDO

Winner example



Bolt, our mascot, will be dressed up as Waldo. He will be hiding on each page of the yearbook for you to find him!!!