

WES PTO Principal's Report

November 14th, 2018

Little Theater

1. **Welcome!!**
2. **Thank you!-** Mrs. Herrin, Mrs. Dineen, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Jones for another successful Book Fair. Students, teachers, and families look forward to this event all year! Also a thank you to Mrs. Dahlstrom and Ms. Borine who worked with our new 5th grade Student Ambassadors to help support our PTO during the Fair.
3. **Thank you** to Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Ross for our annual Trunk or Treat celebration. A good time was had by all!

4. **SWPB Update:** This year, the SWPB committee responded to the feedback from the students and have offered more incentive opportunities. In addition to the scheduled after school incentives, students now the option of turning in their tickets at any time for an incentive of their choosing. In addition to the incentives, the committee also pulled together a group of 5th grade students who are now listed as our WES Ambassadors. These 14 students applied for this role and were willing to commit to morning meetings and job expectations. The committee is very excited to welcome them to our existing team.

Also, over the summer the SWPB committee worked on a School-Wide Positive handbook that gives a detailed explanation of the purpose and expectations of the framework. The goal is for the handbook to be disseminated to all parents by January.

When reviewing the data, we received 20 BIRS in the month of September and 45 BIRS in October (to date). This is a significant drop from last year's numbers which were 51 BIRS in September and 61 BIRS in October. This year, the most frequent behaviors (29% of the BIRS) are categorized as "minor-other", which includes behaviors of invading personal space, refusal





CASHING IN BEE TICKETS



ANY TIME OPTIONS:

- 1st in Lunch Line = 5 tickets
- 1st in Recess Line = 5 tickets
- Free Seating for the Day = 5 tickets
- Lunch Bunch with Mrs. Tracy = 8 tickets
- Lunch Bunch with Principal = 10 tickets

SPECIAL OPTIONS:

- Pool Party (November 2017) = 10 tickets
- Centers (February 2018) = 10 tickets
- Stay & Play (April 2018) = 10 tickets

We promise at Wayne Elementary school and on the bus to be responsible, respectful, safe and caring so all students can grow and learn.

behaviors and other forms of disruption. 23% of the BIRS were written due to physical aggression. The primary locations for the BIRS were classrooms and playground.

5. Curricular Updates:

- a. F and P window is now open. Students are being assessed to find their instructional levels for fluency, decoding, and comprehension for lesson planning purposes and growth measures. The district has updated to the 3rd Edition which has some differences in the administration and scoring of the Comprehension Conversation.
- b. Data and SRT teams continue to meet to plan for building and individual student needs.
- c. Teachers continue to meet/mentor with our Humanities coach.
- d. Central Administration and building principals continue to meet/mentor on best instructional practices, inter rater reliability of staff/ expectations, and state initiatives to serve all students, staff, and community.
- e. Teachers work collaboratively every two weeks at the building level to prepare, investigate, and share best instructional practices. The Humanities and Inclusion coaches provide resources and strategies as well as building and central administrative teams.

6. Teamwork Club:

The purpose of this club is to guide, assist and monitor students as they do their homework, study for a test, work on a project, or gain extra support with organization and study skills. Students in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th were chosen based on several data points such as PSSA performance, teacher recommendation for extra support as well as in-school assessments, Student Resource Team referral (SRT), or parental request. These support sessions will be mentored by Radnor High School students and facilitated by Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Tracy.

7. Testing Updates:

- a. PSSA testing dates are posted on the district assessment calendar. As a building and district we are already looking to adjust schedules as well include strategies to support students during these testing windows. Last year the state shortened two of the sections to cut down on testing time.
- b. We utilize the PSSA results to continue to explore curricular alignment as a building and district. We further “drill down” to patterns and skills to continually grow in our instructional practices and to put systems in place to make sure we are focused on all students’ achievement and growth.

Conferences: Below is from the handbook.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS AS PARTNERS

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences

Parent/Guardian-teacher conferences are held twice each year in conjunction with student progress summaries. These scheduled conference dates appear on the school calendar. Please note that school is not in session for students during these conference days. In addition to conferences with the regular classroom teacher, families may request a conference with a specialist (i.e. art, music, physical education, learning support, gifted support, etc.).

Parents/Guardians will be contacted prior to the scheduled conference days indicating the date and time for the conference. Many teachers ask parents/guardians to indicate preferred conference times during the annual open house in the fall. Our teachers will make every effort to schedule conferences at a time convenient for parents/guardians. A few early morning or late afternoon times are made available, but these time slots are limited. We urge families to make arrangements with their employer to have some time during the work day for these important meetings, which are held twice each year.

The conference is an opportunity for the teacher and parents/guardians to discuss a child's academic progress and personal and social development. At the conference parents/guardians will have the opportunity to review samples of their child's work. These samples are housed in the student's portfolio. Requests for conferences with the child's teacher or other specialist teachers (i.e. art, music, physical education, etc.) at times during the year other than the scheduled times should be made directly with the teacher. This includes both individual appointments and phone conferences.

8. Extra-Curricular Updates:

- a. **After school clubs are underway and students seem to be enjoying them!**

9. Volunteer update/ with PTO Executive Council

- a. It is highly recommended that all parents complete their clearances to avoid any confusion. Everything you need to know is located on the district home page with a graphic that describes the volunteer levels.
 - i. Go to Home page, last button- volunteers. Click on the clearances side and the links will take you where you need to go. Make sure you click **Volunteering** and the clearances will be free. Also make sure you see where to go for the fingerprinting- you do not go to the police station.

10. Reminders:

- a. Please wear your printed badge when in the building...please sign out when you leave...and please don't make alternative trips to your child's classroom when volunteering...thanks!
- b. Please be sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather! As per the handbook students are not given the option of remaining indoors while the class goes outside for recess, therefore they need to be prepared to go outdoors. In severe weather conditions or wind chill factors below 20 degrees we will limit the time outdoors and/or schedule an abbreviated recess period.
- c. Chat with the principal a half an hour before every PTO meeting. Further, any time you have a question or concern please email and we can set up a time and date to talk.

11. Up-coming dates to keep in mind!

- a. 11/6 - In-service ...no school for students
- b. Picture re-take day 11/9
- c. 11/9 Cultural Arts: Audiobody
- d. 11/9- end of first marking period
- e. 11/11- 2nd Annual 5k/The Running Bee
- f. 11/14-11/15- SWPB pool party 5:30-7:00 pm at RHS (K-1 and 2-5). Information was sent home to all students, posted on website, and in Radnor Reader.
- g. 11/15 American Education Day Visitation Day. Information on specifics will be on the website and sent home the first week of November in student back packs.
- h. Conferences- November 19th- evening conferences, 20, 21,- no school for students all day conferences- please plan on attending as we are striving for 100% participation
- i. 11/22-23- Thanksgiving Break

Next PTO meeting Monday January 7th- 7:00 pm.

12. Any additional questions or topics please write them on a post-it note with your name and best way/time to get in touch with you and I will respond as soon as I can.

Thank you for working with us to provide the best educational experience we can for all of our students!



Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ferguson