



The Eagle

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Anonymous Alerts Launches at AG

Dear Abner Gibbs Families,

We are pleased to announce the official launch of Anonymous Alerts in the Westfield Public School System! Anonymous Alerts allows students and/or parents to anonymously submit any sensitive or urgent student issues quickly to school officials. Students and/or parents can submit reports such as potential bullying, student conflicts, threats against a student or



the school, potential safety issues and more. All messages submitted remain completely anonymous. As a school district we have instituted this alert system to help us in our efforts to continue to provide a physically, mentally, and emotionally safe learning environment. How can you send a report to a school official?

Click on the following link which can also be found on our school and district websites:

www.anonymousalerts.com/westfieldps OR Download the Free Anonymous Alert [Apple iOS App](#) or [Android App](#) Start the App, enter login **westfield** and password **westfield**

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mr. Rogers at 572-6418.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Our school day for students begins promptly at 9:00 AM and dismissal is at 3:00 PM.
- ✓ If your child is to be dismissed from school, please send in a note in the morning.
- ✓ Anybody coming to school during the day must have a picture I.D.
- ✓ In case of a possible school cancellation or delayed opening due to weather, elementary families will receive a call from the Blackboard Connect system at 6:30 AM.
- ✓ Thank You for all your support of our school!!!

Spotlight on Third Grade

During the month of January, third graders reflected on their learning and created goals that they hope to reach by June of 2015. They also created a plan for how they would achieve their individual goals. Sample goals included; (1) mastering multiplication basic facts, (2) increasing the amount of words read in a minute, (3) paying better attention to lessons taught, and (4) using reading strategies to understand texts read. The students agreed that working hard at school and home is the key to attaining these goals.

Mrs. Bergeron and Mrs. Laframboise

We Want to Hear From You About Our School Climate

As we head into 2015, we continue to have an intentional focus on having a positive school climate at Abner Gibbs Elementary School. It is our goal that every member of our school experiences a positive learning and social atmosphere based on respect and trust on a daily basis. As we continue to move forward as a school community, we need to hear from all stakeholders—students (grades 3-5), staff, and parents. Our School Improvement Council, comprised of staff and parents, as

well as our PTO, have reviewed and provided feedback as to how we will administer school climate surveys. As a school, students (grades 3-5) and staff took the climate survey before

the holiday recess. This month the parent/guardian survey will be sent home with students on **January 21st** for you to complete and return to our school by **January 28th**. When you receive the survey, please take just a few minutes to give us your very valuable feedback as your voice is both welcome and essential to our work. The process will take place again in June as we strive for continuous growth and improvement. Thank you in advance for your participation!!



Nurse's Corner

Milk Packs a Nutrient Punch!!!

Milk is the top food source in the United States diet of calcium, potassium and vitamin D.

Did you know?

- 3 glasses of fat-free milk = 90% Daily Value (DV) of calcium & is approximately equivalent to 30 cups of raw spinach!
- 3 glasses of fat free milk = 86% DV vitamin D & is approximate-

ly equivalent to 1.5 oz. canned salmon with bone !

The intake of milk & milk products are linked to improved bone health in children and adolescents. It is also associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and lower blood pressure in adults.

Please contact Mrs. Poremba at 572-6409 if you have questions.



Dates/Events to Remember

- 1/16– ERSD/Students dismissed at 12:00
- 1/19– Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- 1/21 - Parent/Guardian Surveys home with students
- 1/23 - Last day of second marking period
- 1/28 - Parent/Guardian Surveys returned to school
- 1/28 - School Improvement Council Meeting—3:15 PM
- 1/29 - Report Cards home with students
- 2/11 and 2/12—Grade 5 field trips to Mestek

Looking for more information?

Check out our website:

<http://westfieldag.sharpschool.net/>

Please join our parent/guardian email-notification system by contacting Mrs. Matyseck at 572-6418.