



The Eagle's Nest

Mr. Christopher Rogers, Principal
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PBIS Partnership with the Westfield High School Athletic Department

October 2014

Dear Abner Gibbs Families,
We are incredibly pleased and excited to formally announce our school's Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Team partnership with the Westfield High School Athletic Department. Beginning the week of October 20th—24th, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (weather permitting), several student athletes from Westfield High School will be coming to our

school during lunch and recess time to work with our 4th and 5th grade students. They will be helping



and coaching our students on the importance of sportsmanship, fair and cooperative play, re-

spect, following rules, improving skills, as well as helping to emphasize SOAR behavior at recess. In celebration of our partnership, each of our fourth and fifth grade students will be receiving a complimentary ticket for any upcoming high school varsity sporting event.

If you have questions about our partnership please contact Mr. Rogers or Mrs. Crowley 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.
- ✓ Our English Language Arts MCAS before school program for grades 4 and 5 will begin on October 27th and will continue through the week of January 15th. Please contact Mrs. O'Neil for details at 572-6418.
- ✓ Thank You for all your support of our school!!!

Spotlight on Kindergarten

As our kindergarten students are becoming familiar with our school, they have been hard at work on the following pieces and learning how to:

*Focus on community, answering the question- How do we live, work, and play together?

* In math, identifying, counting, comparing, ordering and writing numbers 0-10.

*Show S.O.A.R. behavior in all areas of the school.

*Make friends and how to work together as a group.

* Ask a kindergartener about Lively Letters and Super Stars who have visited our classrooms. It is a unique and fun way to learn letter sounds!

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Maher or Ms. Beattie at 572-6418. Thank you!

Halloween Safety

As we head to the end of October, Halloween becomes a topic of discussion for some of our students and families. For those of our families who participate in this annually, it is incredibly important that we focus on safety. Again, please be our partners in helping shelter our children from violent or scary images that may be seen in movies, video games, and online, especially at this time of year.

For those families who trick or treat, here are some safety tips from the American Academy of

Pediatrics:



*A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

*Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home

or car for a treat.

*Carry a cell phone for quick communication.

*Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

*Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

For a full list of safety tips, please refer to the first quarterly counselors newsletter that was recently sent home and/or this link: <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Halloween-Safety-Tips.aspx>

Nurse's Corner

Parent Tips for When to Keep Students Home:

- A fever of 100.4 degrees or higher. Your child should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school and not taking any fever reducing medications.

- Bad cold when there is excessive nose drainage or constant coughing.

- Rash that could be contagious; please have any rashes checked by your pediatrician. Your child cannot return to school without an MD note of skin diagnosis.

- Diagnosed strep throat, impetigo or pink eye – students must stay home from school until they've been on antibiotics for at least 48 hours.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Poremby at 572-6409.

Dates/Events to Remember

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| 10/30 | Early Release Day—students dismissed at 12:00 PM |
| 10/30 | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| 11/4 | Last day of first marking period |
| 11/6 | Report Cards home with students |
| 11/11 | Veteran's Day—No School |
| 11/13 | PTO Meeting—3:15 |
| 11/26-11/28 | Thanksgiving Recess |

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.