

Principal Newsletter

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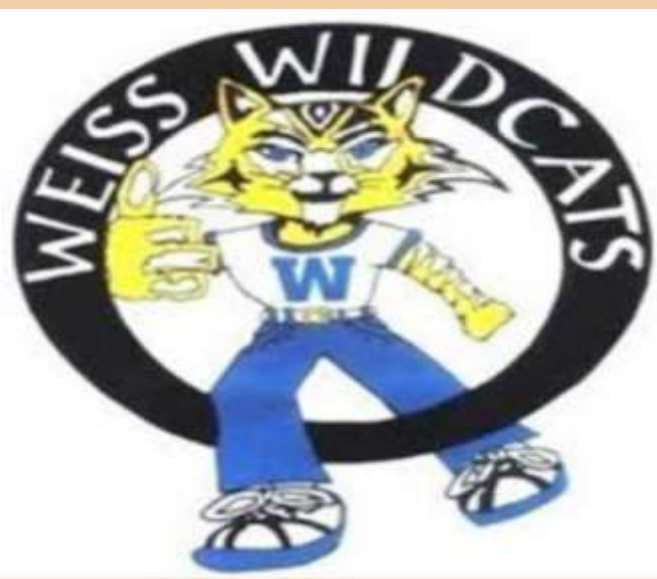
Hi Wildcat Families,

I can't believe we are in our last school week of 2019. As I reflect on this first half of the year, there have been so many memorable moments! The most recent even was our Holiday Concert. It was so nice to see all our children perform on the big stage. There truly is something special about a chorus of elementary-aged students singing together. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Monticello for putting together such an amazing and memorable concert for our students and families.

For December, we are continuing to focus on Empathy as our school-wide character trait. Here is a short 2 minute video that would be great for you to watch with your child about empathy. After watching, you could brainstorm other ways we can show empathy: https://youtu.be/9_1Rt1R4xbM

The Google form below is a quick way for you to **show your appreciation of a Weiss staff member**. If you would like to share something positive, please take a moment and do so. A single sentence or two can really make a great impact and our staff loves hearing your kind feedback.

<https://forms.gle/Rx4AvhThzRxZHc3r6>



Sincerely,

Mr. Bezeau

Upcoming Important Dates



- **December 15th-** Mr. Bezeau Facebook Story Via Facebook 7:30pm.
- **December 20th-** Half day for student - PM begins Winter Break
- **December 21 -January 4th-** Winter Break
- **January 5th-** Mr. Bezeau Facebook Story Via Facebook 7:30pm
- **January 15th** – Weiss Family Fun Night
- **January 17th** – Half day- Teacher PD in the PM
- **January 20th-** No School
- **January 24th-** Parent Coffee with Mr. Bezeau 9:15am
- **February 22nd-** Weiss Winter Formal

Holiday Spirit Week

December 16-December 20

Our goal is that you will be able to partake in the holiday spirit no matter what supplies you have at home. We want to see if students can be simple and follow up with these spirit days without shopping. If a child isn't able to partake in a spirit day, there is an alternative for two of the days. If the daily theme or alternative doesn't work, feel free to wear red and/or green as a default.

Monday- Ugly/Beautiful Christmas sweater day

Alternative: Dress like a snowman (wear white)

Tuesday- Santa's Workshop- come dressed as Santa, an Elf, a Reindeer, a toy, or any other Holiday item.

Ideas (feel free to do others): Wear a Santa Hat, dress as Elsa, Cut out a snowflake and tape it to your shirt, wear a shirt with fire and say you are a fireplace, wear a shirt with your favorite toy or character(Disney, Jojo Siwa, Roblox, etc.), color your nose red and say you are Rudolph,

Wednesday- "Baby, It's cold Outside" come dressed in Flannel to keep out the winter chill

Alternative: Dress like a candy cane (Stripes)

Thursday- Red and Green Day (Classroom Christmas party day)

Friday- "Twas the night before Christmas (break)! PJ day!- come dressed in your favorite holiday PJ's

PTO NEWS

- WILDCATS!! YOU DID IT!! You OVERFILLED the Stanley Cup and raised a \$500 bonus for the fundraiser bringing the total profit to: \$1,075. Tickets will be coming home the week of December 16th. Thank you, Mrs. Crane for bringing this awesome opportunity to Weiss!



Mrs. Keith generously donated her time and skills at our 2019 Weiss Christmas Concert. She offered a professional photo at an affordable cost and donated the profits right back to the PTO. Raising over \$220 and giving families a lifetime of memories. The photos can be downloaded at:

<https://photographybymeredithkeith.shootproof.com/gallery/11275234/> Password: Weiss



PTO NEWS

- Cookies with Santa was a blast! We hope you were able to make it and let Santa know your Christmas wishes. Thanks to Mrs. Peer and Mrs. Caines for collaborating and bringing so much joy to this holiday season. Photos can be downloaded at: <https://photographybymeredithkeith.shootproof.com/gallery/11204129/> Password: Weiss



Attendance Goals



Attendance: Last year Weiss' Attendance rate was 93.8%. One of my personal goals is to bring awareness about attendance rates to families and work with all of you to keep us above 95% throughout the year. At this point in the year, our cumulative attendance rate is at a 94.9%. We are almost over the 95% hurdle. Awesome, job team!

School Wide	Kindergarten	First	Second
91.4%	91%	88%	95.5%
Third	Fourth	Fifth	Best Attendance Last Month
94.5%	92%	91%	Bates 97.6%
			Best Attendance Last Week
			Laidler 96.6%

Attendance rates from November 1st to November 7th

School Wide	Kindergarten	First	Second
92.8%	87%	90%	94.5%
Third	Fourth	Fifth	Best Attendance Last Month
94.7%	93.6%	95.5%	Bates 97.6%
			Best Attendance Last Week
			Pogrm.ch 97.6%

Attendance rates from November 8th to November 14th

School Wide	Kindergarten	First	Second
95%	94.3%	94.8%	94.6%
Third	Fourth	Fifth	Best Attendance Last Month
96%	94.5%	96%	BATES 97.6%
			Best Attendance Last Week
			STANTON 97.6%

Attendance rates from November 15th to November 21st

School Wide	Kindergarten	First	Second
93.4%	91.5%	90.6%	95.4%
Third	Fourth	Fifth	Best Attendance Last Month
95.4%	90.3%	96.7%	LAIDLER 95.5%
			Best Attendance Last Week
			FOUNTAIN 99.5%

Attendance rates from November 29th to December 5th

School Wide	Kindergarten	First	Second
93.2%	88.1%	94.2%	94%
Third	Fourth	Fifth	Best Attendance Last Month
93.5%	93.5%	95.3%	LAIDLER 95.5%
			Best Attendance Last Week
			LAIDLER 97.7%

Attendance rates from December 6th to December 12th

Weiss News



Our 2nd graders in Mrs. Laidler's class created carnival style games from scratch this past week. They were so fun to observe and play!!



Our fifth graders in Mrs. Fountain's class have been practicing Socratic circles. These circles are very student led and prompt students to be in charge of discussion and questioning with each other. During this Socratic circle, the student were comparing the book Rules and Wonder. They were trying to find similar themes and also how these book showed examples of empathy. It was amazing to witness.



Weiss News



Mrs Hughes, our Librarian, met with one of our 4th grade book clubs this past week! All the kids read the same book and they come together to discuss it! She is also currently doing this with another 4th grade group and two fifth grade groups. 2nd and 3rd grade book clubs are coming next semester. We sure are lucky to have Mrs. Hughes in our school!



We love showing off our student's creative art work! Thanks, Mrs. Kimmel for making this display and Ms. Harbin for displaying our student's amazing artwork!



Hello Weiss families,
As you may have heard, we are having a Career Day on February 13, 2020. This is the first event of its kind—Weiss is the first elementary school in our area to participate in a day like this. We are so excited to show our students some of the amazing careers in STEM that await them in their futures. If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting at our Career Day, please review the flyer and Form included with this message. We are very much looking forward to this event and can't wait to learn about your careers! Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for your consideration. Please reach out if you have any additional questions! <https://bit.ly/2RKKmef>



is hosting a

CAREER DAY

We are looking for volunteers to help us showcase careers to our future leaders!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Here is your chance to share your story and inspire the next generation!

How to get involved:

1. **Be a speaker at career day:**

Volunteer your day and give short presentations showcasing your career to small groups of elementary students.

2. **Recommend a speaker for career day:**

Do you know someone who would be a great speaker for our students? If so, please share the attached business partner letter with them or provide us with their contact information on the form below.

If you have questions, please reach out to either:

Ms. Laura Hardy
3rd Grade Teacher/Coordinator
734-379-7060
hardyl@gibdist.net

Mr. Derek Bezeau
Principal
734-379-7060
bezeaud@gibdist.net

The presentations will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided.

School News



- **Classroom Parties this week:** Anyone that wants to volunteer or visit a classroom party this upcoming week needs to have already completed a volunteer form. Please communicate with friends and family that if they have not completed a volunteer form, they will not be able to help at parties this week. However, they could still be turned in to help with future parties.
- **Glove Donations:** This past month we have received over 30 coat and hat donations. It has been amazing! However, we have very little few gloves on hand for students in need. If you are able to donate a pair of gloves to our students, it would be greatly appreciated!
- **Lunches** need to be ordered before 9:20 every day. If you anticipate your child arriving to school late but they will need a school lunch, please call our office to arrange that.
- **Tardy drop-offs** To ensure we are following proper safety procedures, all students arriving after 8:48 a.m. will need to be walked into the school by a parent/guardian and signed-in in the office. The only exception to this is if a staff member is still our front greeting families.
- **Attendance Calls:** When your child is absent or tardy and you leave a voicemail on the attendance line you may still get an automated call home. Please know that your voicemail will be entered into the system as soon as possible. However, due to the busyness of the office, sometimes those messages are not able to be entered into the system before the 9:30 call home is made. You do not need to call back to report a second time if you have already reported the absence/tardy. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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- **Google Calendar-** Please use the attached link to keep track of Weiss events throughout the year on Google Calendar :
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=gibdist.net_ra1jclsqrn76kim9gv4kj4jsb4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

- **Volunteer Release Form:** If you, a friend, or a family member plan to help out in our school or attend any kind of event during school hours, a volunteer form will need to be completed first. Here is a link to complete the volunteer form:
[https://www.gibdist.net/uploaded/Weiss_Elementary/2017_Web/19-20/VOLUNTEER_RELEASE_FORM_\(2\).pdf](https://www.gibdist.net/uploaded/Weiss_Elementary/2017_Web/19-20/VOLUNTEER_RELEASE_FORM_(2).pdf)
- Upon completion, it will need be turned in to our office. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call Mr. Bezeau. We appreciate your understanding on keeping our school safe. Thanks!



- On Saturday, December 21st, 2019 the Carlson Varsity Hockey team is hosting a Youth (Elementary) Night. We play Walled Lake Northern at 2:10pm at Trenton Kennedy Ice Arena. The team is inviting all elementary students to come to the game. They will be passing out foam hockey pucks to the first 100 students at the game and ALL students will be able to skate with the team after the game (skate rentals will be available but bringing your own skates would be easier). Any questions, please email Coach Klotz (klotzi@gibdist.net).

DEC. 21

YOUTH HOCKEY NIGHT

Location: Trenton Kennedy
Recreation Center
Time: December 21
@ 2:10pm



CARLSON
MARAUDERS

VS



WALLED LAKE
NORTHERN

*All Gibraltar Elementary
Students get in for FREE
with school ID and can
skate with the team after
the game ends!!*