

THORNTOWN PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 17, 2017

Web site: weboschools.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a partnership of school and community that serves educational needs by providing a learning environment that is innovative, competitive, a builder of self-worth and fun!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: School will not be in session on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for our Thanksgiving break. We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to help your student learn and grow!

SECURITY ENHANCEMENT- In an effort to continually provide a safe learning environment in each of our schools, Western Boone Schools will implement a visitor management system beginning January 8, 2018. SafeVisitor is a cloud-based monitoring program that instantly checks various state and national databases to ensure that the individuals entering our buildings, for any reason, are safe to interact with our students and staff. All visitors will be asked to present a government identification (driver's license) upon entering the office. Once the driver's license is scanned, approved visitors will be given a photo badge to wear. Frequent volunteers will be provided with a badge that can be reused. The information for obtaining the badge will be shared with you by building administration. Our overall goal for the implementation of this new system is to improve the process already in place in our schools and keep the safety of our students a top priority.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-Our Christmas program will be held on December 14 at 7:00. Please mark your calendar with this important date.

PTO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT-Our next family movie night will be tonight, 11/17 at 6:00. The movie will be Freebirds. One lucky family will win the movie to take home. The movie is free. There will be concessions available to purchase including pizza. We hope you can join us for dinner and a movie!

CHRISTMAS HELP: Each year, the teachers and staff at Thorntown Elementary donate money to a special Christmas fund to benefit students and their families who need a little help for the holidays. If your children receive assistance for meals at Thorntown Elementary, and your family has no additional resources for help during the holidays, please contact Cindy Johnson in our school office (485-2447) by Wednesday, November 22. Please be prepared to provide the following information about your child(ren): age, pant size, shirt size, favorite color, and special interest or favorite toy. All information will be kept confidential, and you will be notified when items are available for pick up at the Trustee's Office in Thorntown. Thank you.

ACCELERATED READER REWARD-Students who meet their classroom AR goal will be able to participate in a reward on 12/20. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's AR goal or their progress towards their goal.

SPELL BOWL-Our Spell Bowl Team traveled to Tri West High School on Thursday, November 16 for our annual competition. Thorntown Elementary placed 1st in our class and were the overall winners at our site! **The state results were just posted. Our team placed 3rd in the state in our division with 96 schools competing!** Congratulations to the following team members and their coaches: Sixth Grade: Jazmine Bowling, Hannah Hayden, Cheyenne Isenhower, Clara Meadows, Trista Thomas Fifth Grade: Parker Griggs, Raegan Durbin, Janie Ransom, Collin Washburn Fourth Grade: Alex Crockett, Isabella Fettig, Cooper Ford, Autumn Johnson and coaches Mrs. Kelly Fettig and Mrs. Kathy Keith

BOY'S BASKETBALL-Our 6th grade boys play on the Western Boone team that includes students from Granville Wells and Thorntown. Ryan Richardson is the coach. Please see the upcoming events for the game schedule. Our 5th grade boys will begin practice in December. Jon Thompson will be our coach with help from Shane Conner and Matthan Gadbury. Their game schedule will begin in January. GO STARS AND KEEWASAKEES!

PTO NEWS: The goal of our PTO is to find ways to raise funds for their school activities without our children participating in fundraisers. One easy way to raise money for our school is to sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program. During the last 6 months, Kroger has donated over \$350 to our PTO. To enroll you need to connect your Kroger Plus card with our school. You can visit Kroger.com and click on the Community Rewards link at the bottom of the page to sign up.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner-The Elizaville Christian Church will serve a Thanksgiving meal at the church located at 5745 N 500 E, Lebanon on Thanksgiving Day from 2:00-6:00. Snacks and fun and games will begin at 12:00pm.

2018 4-H ENROLLMENT: Enrollment is open from October 1, 2017-January 15, 2018. K-2nd grade-mini 4-H (free). 3rd-12th grade-4-H \$30/child/family max of \$90. Enroll online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by calling the Purdue Extension Office at 765-482-0750.

Upcoming Events

November 23/24-Thanksgiving break
November 29-4th grade field trip
December 1-Donuts with Dad-Kindergarten
December 5-6th grade boy's basketball at Western Boone-6:00
December 7-6th grade boy's basketball @ Frankfort Middle School-6:00
December 12-6th grade boy's basketball @ Western Boone-6:00
December 14-Christmas Program-7:00pm
December 15-PK/K to Dull's Tree Farm
December 20-AR reward
December 21-Last student day
December 22-January 5-Christmas vacation
January 8-Students return to school

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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