

THORNTOWN PARENT NEWSLETTER  
December 1, 2017  
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#### 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:** It is hard to believe that today begins the busy month of December! Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Program on 12/14. Several community events are listed in this newsletter.

**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. **Following implementation of these new procedures, a clean criminal history is required to visit classrooms or the cafeteria during the school day.**

**SAFE STOP TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION-** SafeStop is a secure school bus tracking app for parents and students. Once you have downloaded the app and created an account, you can securely add your students to your account, track your school bus, and receive push notifications for up to date information regarding your bus, route, etc. Please follow the instructions here: [SafeStop Instructions](#) (The instructions include methods to contact SafeStop for technical support questions, etc.). **SafeStop is available now.** We are still gathering GPS data and will soon turn on the "expected arrival times" but all other features are available. Be sure to allow push notifications to be notified immediately for transportation information specific to your child's bus.

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

**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.

**PTO NEWS:** Our school will receive 5 new picnic tables thanks to the efforts of Brandi Russell-Eastwood. Brandi received a grant for our school from Boone County Waste Management. The tables will be made of 100% recycled material. Our staff and students will look forward to using these tables for outdoor activities. Thanks, Brandi!

**BOX TOPS-**Please send in your box tops by 12/18.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**THORNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY EVENTS:** Please see details below. You may pick up a flyer in the school office or by calling the library at 765-436-7348.  
**A Candyland Christmas**

Monday, December 4 from 6:00-8:00pm



124 North Market Street  
Shows will be held at 6:15 and 7:15.

**Merry Grinchmas**

Monday, December 18

6:00-7:00pm

Games, crafts, the movie and snacks as well as a picture with the Grinch!

**TOY DRIVE**-Toys for Tots Toy distribution will be held on 12/14 from 5:00-8:00pm. This is for children ages 0-12. You may register online at [LebanonRockChurch.org](http://LebanonRockChurch.org) You may call 765-482-4087 for further information.

**2018 4-H ENROLLMENT:** Enrollment is open from October 1, 2017-January 15, 2018. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade-mini 4-H (free). 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

December 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball at Western Boone-6:00

December 7-6<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball @ Frankfort Middle School-6:00

December 12-6<sup>th</sup> 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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