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Steeby Star

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Notes from the Principal...

Anti Bullying Week—Nov. 18-22, 2013

Though November is recognized as anti-bullying month, this is a concept our students follow every day of the school year. It's a life long practice. Recognize the warning signs that your child is involved in bullying. They could be being bullied, bullying others, or witnessing bullying. Although these signs could signal other issues, you should talk to your child if they display any sort of behavioral or emotional changes. Many times kids won't ask for help, so it is important to know what to look for. Here's what YOU could do to stop children (or adults) from bullying:

- Intervene immediately and separate those involved.
- Ensure everyone is safe. then meet any immediate medical or mental health needs.
- Stay calm. Reassure those involved, including bystanders.
- **Model respectful behavior when you intervene.**

Please remember, when we do intervene.....

- Ignoring the problem won't make it disappear, people/children are not always able to work it out without adult help.
- Give cool-down and wait time before you try to sort out the facts.
- On-lookers should not be asked to say what they saw publicly.. Separate the group, then ask for details in private. Questioning children in the presence of other children puts pressure on all involved and the truth isn't always told because of it. Separate them, then ask.
- Apologizing or patching-up relations 'on the spot' won't work. People need time to think through the act and the apology will follow.

Our adult behaviors may sometimes be interpreted as bullying to children, too. Children are always watching us and they will emulate what we show in our actions and words. If you hear adults bullying other adults, be the role model for children and tell them it needs to stop. Rita Nowling, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES.....

- Nov. 11: Board of Ed. Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Dorr Elementary
- Nov. 15: Tri-Mester 1 ends
- Nov. 18: WEPA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Steeby
- Nov. 22: Report cards home
- Nov. 22: WEPA Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. at Pine Street Gym
- Nov. 26: Donuts with Dads 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- Nov. 28 & 29: NO SCHOOL—HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Dec. 9: Board of Ed. Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the High School
- Dec. 12: Steeby Science Night, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Winter Break, School Resumes Jan. 6

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY

11/8 7:00 p.m.

See www.wufac.com or
call the school
office for the
movie title.



Mission Statement

Wayland Union Schools
will teach, inspire and
challenge our children to
become caring
contributors, lifelong
learners, and critical
thinkers prepared to
embrace all of
tomorrow's
opportunities.



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Wildcat Wisdom

It is easier to read and understand if you have background knowledge of the topic. By helping your child make connections to the text, you can increase their understanding and remember what they read. Here are some tips:

*When reading with your child, pause before and during the reading of the text to relate what is being read in the story to what is already known.

*Ask your child some questions before reading. What do you know about this story? What experiences have you had that might be similar? While reading ask your child if this part of the story reminds you of anything.

*Share connections that you have to the reading, (text to self), the world ((text to world) or to another book (text to text). Your model behavior makes the perfect instruction.

Connecting to a story on a personal level will boost comprehension and interest. Your child will be more engaged!



Steeby Supercats!

Supercats for week of November 1

Elijah Kincaid; Marlaina Farmer; Elijah Berghoef;
Louis McGillis; Mathew Moore; Zachary Merren;
Thomas Holloway; Katie Rookus; Cadance Hoffius;
Ceavon Smith; Tyrone Zheng; Chase Robinson; Lily
Towne; Reese Veltman; Joshua Rose;
Lorelei Beckwith; Camron Sutton; Rhys Wilbur;
Devin Stanton; Nathan Winchel; Samantha Holmes;
Haylee Jasinski; Stosh Sage; Justin White;
Alexander Rewa; Ean Walma; Justice Simmet;
Shelby Havard

Supercats for week of November 8

Ava Makowski; Bryce Drew; Natalie Greene;
Aiden Reeder; Ryan Kious; Kylie Spicer;
Macie Stuive; Zachary Carlson; Jaylyn Tein;
Adam Naqvi; Logan Case; Jenna Hubert;
Nathin Dressler; Merinna Fris-Keller;
Emma Byers; Brynn Wagner; Alyssa Thrush;
Trinity Richardson; Summer Morrison;
Terry Sylvester; Samantha Wilson;
Clara Bronkhorst; Alexandra Chichester;
Grace Thomas; Simone Matice; Sabrina Griffith;
Kaitlyn Stanton; Brianna Carlson
SUPERCAT CLASSROOM WINNER(S):
Ms. Fontana (both weeks)

Colder Weather is Coming

As the colder Michigan weather creeps in, please be sure your student has the appropriate outside gear for the day. All Steeby students go outside for recess twice a day. We do not allow students to stay inside due to improper outerwear. If your student is in need of a hat or mittens/gloves, please feel free to contact the Steeby office (269-792-2281) as we often have donations that are available for the students.



CONGRATULATIONS MISS ROOD'S CLASS!

Miss Rood's class won a pizza party from WEPA for collecting the most Betty Crocker Box Tops so far this year. Great job!!

A "Note" from music class...

Hello 4th grade families. Recorders have been distributed! Learning the recorder helps young music students experience music in new ways. Reading music is like learning a new language and stimulates the brain. I realize that the recorder can make a less than desirable sound in amateur hands. This being said I would appreciate it if you would encourage your child to make music. I generally don't assign playing home work, but I do strongly encourage practicing outside of class. Some of the students have informed me that they can play songs already! Tips for playing at home that will save your ears: establish playing times (example: only after dinner), establish playing areas (example: only in bedroom), and practice behavior (example: only musical practice, no chasing siblings around with recorder).

I do require the students to bring their recorder and book to class every day. I take participation points off their grade for each day they forget one of these items. The students understand this expectation; recorders are good for teaching responsibility as well as music.

Please remember our spring concert dates: 2nd grade concert is March 25th at 7pm in the FAC and the 4th grade concert is April 1st at 7pm in the FAC.

Sincerely,
Mr. Truswell

