



The Indian Update

Jason Rakers, Principal

February

CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH-Honesty

PARCC Testing-Our school will take the **PARCC test from April 18th-26th**. There will only be one round of testing this year. Last year included a Performance Based Assessment (PBA) and an End-of-Year Assessment (EOY). All students in 3rd – 8th grade will be assessed on English Language Arts assessments and Mathematics assessments. 5th and 8th graders will also be assessed in Science. The details on the Science assessment are not available at this time. All assessments will be taken on Chromebooks. Please do not schedule appointments during these dates if it can be avoided. Parent requests for extended travel will not be approved. Information about the test and sample questions can be obtained by visiting www.parcconline.org and the ISBE website at www.isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm.

Lunch Balances-Thank you for paying close attention to your lunch bills. If you are uncertain of your child's balance, you may check it on Skyward or call Kim in the office.

Flu Season-We are getting into the actual flu and cold season. So, please follow the following guidelines if your child becomes ill. Students must be fever free **WITHOUT** medication for 24 hours before returning to school. We know this is tough for working parents, but we are concerned about spreading illnesses to other students. A "fever" for school is considered 99.5 or higher. Also, if your student has a fever while at school and gets picked up, they should not return to school the next day until they are fever free for 24 hours. Thank you for helping PES stay healthy!

Sports Fundraiser-From February 3rd-16th all students are encouraged to help support our PES athletic teams by selling Little Caesar's pizza and Rada cutlery items. Thanks in advance for your support. Go Indians!!

Volunteering-We love our volunteers at PES! However, any parent or guardian who may want to go on a field trip or help out during school hours, needs to turn in the 'Volunteering-Disclosure and Authorization Form.' This form is for the safety of all the kids and can be picked up in the office or downloaded online at our school website. Look on the parents link of our www.bccu2.org website.

Help with Typing-Want to help your son or daughter become faster on the computer? Check out the following sites. This will help them with the PARCC test, but more importantly, it will help in many ways throughout life. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr#zgkpn39/> and <http://www.typingclub.com/>

Safety Procedures- Thank you for continuing to abide by our safety procedures for our students. We appreciate your support in our efforts to keep our students as safe as possible. Please keep in mind that if you come to the front door, you will be asked to identify yourself and your reason for visiting. If you bring your child to school in the morning, please allow them to walk into the building on their own, as we are attempting to limit the amount of adult traffic into our school for monitoring purposes. If you would like to talk to a teacher about your child's education, do not hesitate to come in. We want you to know that you are still welcome. Our safety measures will not keep you from learning about your child's education. Please come to the main entrance or schedule a meeting in advance if you want to meet with a teacher.

AR Points Challenge- As we cruise towards the middle of the 3rd quarter, our student body has collectively compiled a grand total of just over 12,427 points by reading books. This is 59% of our goal. If the students reach 21,000 points, they voted to make Mrs. Ellsworth into an ice cream sundae. We are excited that so many students are working extremely hard to reach their quarter goal. Please continue motivating your child to read the required 15 minutes (or more) a night. Give your son or daughter a compliment if they are doing their best!

Important Dates In February

* Dates and times are subject to change. *

Saturday, January 30th-Oyate Cabin Fever Dinner and Dance 7:00

Monday, February, 1st- VB vs. St. Rose (H) 6:00

-Character Education Meeting at GHS 7:00

February 1-4- 8th BB Regional at Strasburg

Tuesday, February 2nd -Freshman Registration at GHS (5:00-8:00)

Wednesday, February 3rd- 3rd Quarter Mid-Quarter

Thursday, February 4th-VB vs. Mulberry Grove (H) 6:00

Friday, February 5th-PBIS Winter Beach Blast Celebration (Hawaiian clothes)

Monday, February 8th-VB vs. Wood River (H) 4:00

Thursday, February 11th-VB at Sorento 6:00

-6th-8th Grade Optimist Oratorical Contest Deadline

Monday, February 15th-NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

Tuesday, February 16th -VB at Roxana 4:00

-BCCU #2 Board Meeting 7:00 at GES

-Little Caesar's and Rada Fundraiser DEADLINE

Thursday, February 18th-VB at Mt. Olive 6:00

February 22-26 -Dental Clinic

Tuesday, February 23rd-VB vs. Ramsey (H) 6:00 (Cheer & VB 8th Gr. Night)

-Rada and Little Caesar's Pick Up (3:00-6:00 Café)

Wednesday, February 24th-12:30 Dismissal for School Improvement

Thursday, February 25th-VB at Bunker Hill 6:00

-Chief Change Store

Friday, February 26th- 'Read Quest Read the Most Coast to Coast'

- Read-A-Thon Day

Feb. 27th-March 4th-7th Grade VB Regional at Sorento

Saturday, March 5th-Sports Booster's Breakfast at PES 7:00-10:00a.m.

March 14-PES Blood Drive 3:00-7:00

March 15th-21st-PES Book Fair

March 15th-PES Reading Night, PTO Meeting, & Election Day

March 31st-Kindergarten Preregistration 7:30-11:30a.m. at PES

April 18th-26th-PARCC test for 3rd-8th Grade

Snow Days Reminder: Remember to look and listen for "Bond County Unit 2 Schools" on local television and radio broadcasts to announce school closings. We will also make a phone call.