

White Bluff Elementary School

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Our mission at White Bluff Elementary is to encourage the love of learning while preparing students for success in life.

A Note from Your Administration

Watching the news can make you scared to come into contact with anyone. We at WBES have not had large numbers of students out with illness, but the flu season is in the news. The CDC reminds everyone of tips to avoid becoming a flu victim. Some are listed here:

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. You can be in the same room but cover your mouth and nose. Clean your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Practice other good health habits.

Andrea Beaubien, Principal

Glenda Sullivan, Assistant Principal

Live.Life.Healthy



FAST Family Reports Coming Home this Week

Feb.3-7, 2020 Check your child's folder for reports!

This week you will receive the FAST Family Report that provides information on your child's performance and changes over time on FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) assessments in Reading and Math. The most informative parts of the reports will be the first section on Math and on English, which indicates how your student is performing related to their grade level and the second section with percentile rankings that compare your student to others the same age. The third section has a graph that may not be easy to read because of the way it prints out multiple assessments on one graph. If you have a desire to know more about the reports or any other aspect of FAST Bridge testing, please feel free to contact the school's Rtl Manager, Carolyn Hickerson.



Upcoming Events

February 10 – Progress Reports
Feb. 17-No School – Presidents' Day
Feb. 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m./5-8 p.m.
Mc Teacher Night-McDonald's
Feb. 26 Nashville Opera Visits WBES
March 6 – Spring Picture Day
March 16-20 - Spring Break
March 30 – Report Cards
April 10 - No School
April 22 – Progress Reports

VALENTINE'S DAY REMINDER

Children cannot bring glass or balloons on school buses. If you plan to send such items to your child, remember to sign the child up as a car rider.



Feb.20 5-8 p.m. at the White Bluff McDonald's

A percentage of all purchases from 5-8 p.m. goes to WBES! The homeroom with the most \$ in receipts turned in gets a prize!



Perfect Attendance Homeroom Ice Cream Party Winners Round II

So far in 2020, Ms. Cole (K), Ms. McElvain (2nd), Ms. Lewis (K), Ms. Bailey (1st), Ms. Saunders (2nd), Ms. Martha Terry (5th), and Ms. Coffey (3rd) have earned sundae parties.

Kids' Heart Challenge, formerly Jump Rope for Heart, began with a kickoff on Feb. 5, and the last turn-in day is 2/15. Kids' Heart Challenge events are conducted in schools by physical education instructors, coaches or teachers. Teachers will promote a heart-healthy curriculum to support heart awareness with the event. Tips for fund raising: Participants may ask friends and family for donations. An online tool makes raising money even easier! **With your support, we can help protect and improve children's health!**

Read Across America Week March 2-6

March 2 Monday - I Can Read with My Eyes Shut - Celebrate all things that can be read and wear a shirt with school-appropriate words on it!

March 3 Tuesday - Cat in the Hat's Thing 1 and Thing 2 look like twins, and so should you! Dress like a friend Twins' day! (More than two friends can dress alike! Whole classes can dress the same! Teachers can tell what they will be wearing and see how many students will twin with you!

March 4 Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday - Dress wacky or as your favorite book character.

March 5 Thursday - One Fish, Two Fish Wear Red and Blue Fish - Yea! Creek Wood colors!

March 6 Friday- Oh, The Places You'll Go - Reading leads to a bright future - wear sunglasses today. It is also Spring Picture Day.

Parent Teacher Conferences & Book Fair Family Night

2/20/2020 4-7 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences – A Guide from the Harvard Family Research Project

What should you talk to the teacher about?

1. Progress. Ask questions like: Is my child performing at grade level? How is he or she doing compared to the rest of the class? What do you see as his or her strengths? How could he or she improve?
2. Assignments and assessments. Ask to see examples of your child's work. Ask how the teacher gives grades.
3. Your thoughts about your child. Be sure to share your thoughts and feelings about your child. Tell the teacher areas you would label as your child's strengths and areas of concern.
4. Support learning at home. Ask what you can do at home to help your child learn. Ask the teacher about other programs or services in the community that could also help your child.
5. Support learning at school. Find out what services are available at the school to help your child. Ask how the teacher will both challenge your child and support your child when he or she needs it.

More info at

<http://www.hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/Parent-Teacher-ConferenceTipSheet-100610.pdf>

February is School Bus Driver Appreciation Month

Does your student ride DC school buses for safe travel to/from school or on field trips? Be sure to say thanks to your child's bus driver!

