



WHITFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
2016 - 2017



TAKE NOTE! IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2/3 -** Super Bowl Spirit Wear Day
HS Mini-THON Movie Night 6-8p \$3 (cafe)
- 2/7 -** School Store 8:15-8:35a (Grades K-2)
WHSA Meeting 6:30p (all purpose room)
- 2/9 -** School Store 8:15-8:35a (Grades 3-5)
- 2/17 -** NO SCHOOL for students
- 2/20 -** NO SCHOOL for students
(NOTE: this is a potential snow make-up day)
- 2/21-27-**Book Fair



REPORT CARDS

REMINDER – 2nd Quarter Report Cards are now visible through Family Access. Please note that report cards are only accessible to parents through the Skyward Family Access site. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 610-670-0180 extension 1610 or 1611. Thank you!

PSSA ASSESSMENT DATES

- April 4-7, 2017** Grades 3-4-5 English Language Arts
- April 25-27, 2017** Grades 3-4-5 Math
- May 1-2, 2017** Grade 4 Science

Make-ups will be held throughout the testing window and also May 8-12. Please do everything possible to have your children ready for these assessments. Students should get a good night of sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast. We want to especially emphasize the need to be on time. School starts at 8:50 am and students should be in their classroom at that time. Many teachers want to start their testing at the beginning of the day. Tardy students 'delay' the start of this process. **In order to ensure reliable test results the Department of Education does not allow the children to have any electronic device in their possession during the testing times. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, iPods, tablets, smartphones (including ALL watch phones) and e-readers. Please keep all electronic devices at home for the duration of PSSA exams.** If a device is found, the teacher will collect the device and give it back at the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation!

EDUCATION STATION!



Each month we will be sharing information, such as apps, books or web tools, that can assist you at home in helping your child(ren) continue to learn even when they are not in school. There are a lot of fun learning tools available and we want to make sure that parents are aware of these resources!

This month's information was shared by our 2nd grade teachers...

Please check out Reading Rockets at <http://www.readingrockets.org>. This is a great website for parents to find resources and activities that can help your child become an engaged reader, including literacy packets, themed booklists, author interviews, nonfiction resources, summer reading suggestions and more. Check it out when you have a moment!



INCLEMENT WEATHER COMMUNICATION

Please take note of the following ways in which we will post any information related to school closings, delays or early dismissals:

Phone (outgoing call) – Skylert messages from Superintendent Baker will go out to all families and staff members. (Primary & cell #'s as listed in Skyward)

Phone (incoming calls) – 610-670-0180 will have a greeting with the district status.

Web – www.wilsonsdsd.org a status message will appear right on the main district homepage.

Email – an email will be sent to all staff and parents who are signed up to receive the Bulldog Blitz.

Radio – WEEU 8:30 am

TV – WFMZ Channel 69 (please look for Wilson-West Lawn, NOT Wilson Area School District in Easton)

Wilson Child Care Hotline – After the first Skylert call is made dial 610-670-0180 x4900 to hear an update on how any school day changes will affect child care.