Weisenberg Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Mrs. Jill Berlet, Principal

During winter break, I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy time making memories with your family as well as time to rest. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide our students with the best possible learning experience. I am grateful to our staff, students and families for the continued support of our students at Weisenberg Elementary. The start of a new year brings a sense of anticipation for the journey which lies ahead of us. I am hopeful that 2024 will bring many wonderful opportunities for our students.

Please remember that for any trip planned during the school year, <u>an</u> educational trip form needs to be submitted two weeks prior to your trip. Students are allowed ten days of absence in a school year. This link will bring you to the <u>Parent Student Handbook</u>. Refer to page 35 & 36 for the attendance policy. The PSSA dates for grades 3, 4, and 5 have been posted. Please avoid making vacation plans during those days for grades 3, 4 and 5.

We achieve great things by working together. Our partnership with all of our families is so valued by the Weisenberg staff. We absolutely want the best for all of our students! We look forward to a 2024 filled with educational and rewarding classroom activities.

Happy 2024!

Weisenberg
Roars!
Respect
Responsibility
Ready







FIRST GRADE "SINGING IN THE SNOW" PROGRAM

Weisenberg Elementary First Grade classes will be presenting their "Singing in the Snow" program on Wednesday, January 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Weisenberg Gymnasium. The students have been working together to create their musical performance, based on the book, "Winter is Here," by Kevin Henkes. They are very excited to perform this fun filled musical adventure for their family members to enjoy. In case it's needed the "snow date" will be Thursday, January 25.

BEFORE-SCHOOL CHORUS & BAND REHEARSALS

In the event of inclement weather, please use your judgement wisely in attending before-school chorus and/or band rehearsals. If Northwestern Lehigh announces a delay or closing, before-school rehearsals will automatically be cancelled.

Character Trait for January Cooperation

THE GIFT OF GIVING

Thank you to all that contributed gift cards to help others. Your gift meant more than you will ever know.

Please remind your child of appropriate dress for FALL/WINTER temperatures.

We have outdoor recess if the wind chill is 15 or above.

Phys. Ed. classes do go outside and most classrooms take an extra recess break for fresh air.

MTSS Information & Mid-year Benchmarking

The MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) team will administer mid-year benchmarks to students in grades kindergarten through five during the month of January using our universal screening tools in Reading and Math. The following assessments will be used:

Reading	Math
DIBELS 8th Edition	Acadience Math
iReady	iReady

Students will also be assessed using classroom assessments.

The testing period will begin the week of January 8th and end the week of January 22nd. During the testing period, only a select group of students will continue with reading support due to the MTSS testing schedule. Once testing is completed, classroom teachers and the MTSS team will meet to review the universal screening results. Students will be grouped based upon universal screening results and classroom assessments.

Students in Kindergarten through fifth grade who qualify for additional support in the areas of reading and/or math will be working with one of the MTSS teachers. Reading and Math support will resume in February. Parents will be notified of student participation.

MTSS Team

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The PSSA tests are in the Spring



April 22-26, 2024 English Language Arts for Grades 3, 4, & 5

> April 29- May 3, 2024 Math for Grade 3, 4 & 5 & Science for Grade 4

Please refrain from scheduling appointments and educational trips during these time frames.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please communicate with your child, his/her teacher and the office as to what to do in case of an early dismissal when inclement weather changes your child's normal routine.

Please be sure to send a note with your child when they are a parent pickup. In cases of emergency, you may call the office at 610-298-8661 to make a change.

Office email: weisoffice@nwlehighsd.org



Has your child lost a jacket or a hat?

Please be sure to check the Lost and Found by the library for all your missing items!! Please label your children's clothing with their name.



Report cards will be posted to your portal on January 26th.

Have you registered your weis card yet? We will use the funds in our student activities fund.



Please register your Weis Card to participate in this year's program!

Thank you.



FAMILY - FRIENDLY EVENT



Registration - 12:15PM, Event - 1PM | Northwestern Lehigh Middle School Gym

*Inclement weather date scheduled for Sunday, February 25

BRACKETS & TEAM FEES

Three Brackets of Play:

Youth (Ages 5-12): \$30/team Family & Friends (All ages, Adult/ Student Pairs welcome): \$50/team Competitive (Ages 18+): \$60/team

4 Game Guarantee

TITLE SPONSOR



PRIZES

Awarded to top 2 teams in each bracket

Youth: Amazon Gift cards Family & Friends: Top prize \$200 cash & trophy Competitive: Top prize \$300 cash & trophy

REGISTER AT:

nwlef.org/cornhole



RAFFLE | CONCESSIONS | PHOTOBOOTH open to public \$5/person

All proceeds benefit the educational programs at Northwestern Lehigh School District



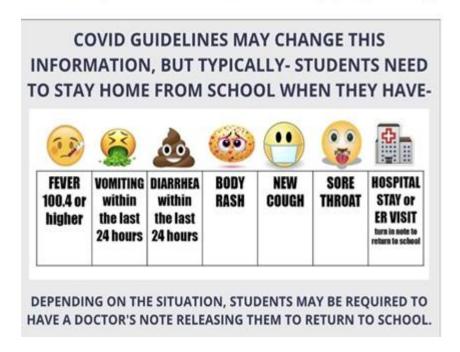
Remember to follow and teach your children some simple precautions to prevent illness

- Stay home when sick.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid the sharing of cups and utensils.
- Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and keep your hands away from your or your child's face.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched, such as doorknobs and electronic devices.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS VITAL TO STUDENT LEARNING. HOWEVER, UNHEALTHY STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL.

Please report student absences appropriately.



Weisenberg Elementary Student Assistance Program



Click the link below for the Referral Form for the Elementary Student Assistance Program. (ESAP)

ESAP Referral Form





Are You Worried About A Child?

Have you noticed a change in grades, behavior, attendance, attitude, mood, or any other concerns?

The Elementary Student
Assistance Program
(ESAP) helps students
and families find success
through collaboration
with the school team.

Northwestern Lehigh School
District SAP team members are
all professionally trained and
Pennsylvania certified as Student
Assistance Program members.
Weisenberg Elementary ESAP
members also include a liaison
from the Center for Humanistic
Change.

SAP consulting provided by:

The Center for Humanistic Change

100A Cascade Drive Allentown, Pa 18109 610-443-1595 What is the Elementary Student Assistance Program?

In Pennsylvania every school has a Student Assistance Program (SAP). Weisenberg's SAP Team is here to help you access school and community services. If your child is having trouble in or out of school, we are here to help problem-solve and see that your child gets the help he/she needs. Weisenberg's SAP team will help you find services and assistance within the school, and if needed in the community. We want to work together with you to remove any barriers to a students learning. You are an important part of our TEAM. Our goal is to help your child succeed in school.

For more information

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