

School Hours
 7:10 Breakfast starts
 7:30 Bell rings
 7:45 Classes begin
 7:50 Tardy bell rings
 2:35 School dismissed

Warrior Ridge Elementary News

“Hand in Hand, We Learn Together”

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Special points of interest:

- Jan 3 — Classes resume
- Jan 3-6—PBS Celebration Week
- Jan 12—2nd Quarter Assemblies -Report cards sent home
- Jan 13—PLC Day-No School
- Jan 16- No School-MLK Jr. Day
- Jan 19 – PTO Meeting 5:00pm
- Jan. 19—Curriculum Night 6:00pm

Mission Statement

The Warrior Ridge Elementary School shall provide a safe child-centered environment, involving school, home, and community, which shall help each child achieve his or her full potential.

Ponderings from the Principal, Bobbie Russell

I can't believe it is almost January. Wow! The students and staff have accomplished so much this year, and will continue to do so.

Improving all students' reading ability is a building goal at Warrior Ridge Elementary. Some strategies we have been implementing are: Studying sight words and phrases, teachers meeting daily with small guided reading groups providing direct instruction, monitoring read-

ing levels at weekly grade level meetings and faculty meetings, students responding in writing to higher level thinking questions, and utilizing curriculum based measurements to guide instruction.

Warrior Ridge Elementary uses a well-defined student assessment system to monitor each child's progress during the school year. We want to reduce achievement gaps and ensure all children meet high standards of learning.

“Hand in Hand, We Learn Together.” Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to teach your child.



PBS Celebration Week

This is our fifth year of implementing school-wide positive behavior support (SW-PBS) here at Warrior Ridge Elementary. School-wide Positive Behavior Support is a process of creating a safer and more effective school by structuring the learning environment to support the academic and social success of all students. After the holiday break, January 3-6 we will be focusing on classroom and bus expectations. SW-PBS means that teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff are going to take responsibility to teach positive behavior to students.

Our activities will be as follows:

Tuesday, January 3, 2012--- Crazy/Fun Hat Day

Wednesday, January 4, 2012--- Penny Drive for Agape

Thursday, January 5, 2012--- Show and Tell

Friday, January 6, 2012--- Game Day

Thank you for reviewing SWPBS with your child (ren) and for working on the SWPBS passport with them!

Attendance

Attendance is Important!

96% for November

Please call the morning your child is absent from school.

Attendance:

A key to your child's success



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Read, Read, Read



“Learning to read is a never-ending task because there are always new goals to reach, new horizons to explore, and new interests to expand.”
~Alberto Manguel

Reading practices happening at WRE

- Minimum of 90 minutes of direct reading instruction
- Use of Houghton Mifflin reading series
- Whole group and small group instruction
- Screening, progress monitoring and diagnostic assessments used for informing instruction
- Teachers use flexible grouping based on data and student needs
- Teachers progress monitor their own students
- Students with the greatest needs are given additional small group classroom teaching time
- Classrooms include centers that are differentiated and include an accountability piece either as a product or teacher check off. For example, a Listening/Fluency center and /or Word/Work/Vocabulary center



Mrs. Cobb's 3rd grade and Mrs. King's 2nd grade classes are pen pals and reading partners.

Warren County R-3 Reading Level Benchmarks K-3

		Beginning of year			Mid- Year			End of Year		
		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
K	DRA	A	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	6
	GL	K.1	K.2	K.3	K.4	K.5	K.6	K.7	K.8	K.9
1st	DRA	6	6	8	10	12	14	16	16	18
	GL	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
2nd	DRA	18	18	20	20	24	24	24	28	28
	GL	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9
3rd	DRA	28	28	30	30	34	34	38	38	38
	GL	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9

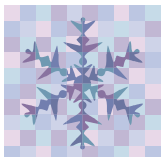
DRA= Developmental Reading Assessment

GL=Grade Level Equivalent

School Closing Information

Inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions may result in the closing, delay or early dismissal of school. If there is a possibility of school closing please listen to the local radio stations, KWRE-730AM or KFAV99.9FM and St. Louis television stations 2,4, and 5 for information concerning the Warren County R-III School District. In addition, a phone message will be sent out to everyone via School Reach notifying you of school closing. Notification of school closing or cancellation is given as early as possible.

There are times when school will be in session but the buses will be running snow routes. The radio stations will state Snow Routes or hard surfaces only. The television stations will state Snow Schedule. This means that the buses are running, but with limited stops and that school will be open.



PTO Press

PTO would like to thank all the students and parents who visited the Kids' Korner Gift Shop. Thank you to everyone who helped with Kids' Korner Gift Shop as well. Have a great winter break.



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