

Weston Extra

August 2018

Principal

We have started the 2018-2019 School Year off on the right foot at WESTON ELEMENTARY! We welcomed 318 K-3 students through the doors. Our Class of 2031 (Kindergarten) entered our doors ready to learn! We are pleased to also introduce to you our new staff :):

- Julie Morley Title I Teacher
- Emma Kersey Resource Teacher
- Laura Luna Music
- Julie Singco Instructional Assistant

I have been able to spend 30 minutes with 12 of our classes the other 4 will happen at the beginning of next week. I was able to cover the following:

- Read to them a favorite book of mine :)
- A powerpoint that introduced me to them.
- Covered my Expectations for EVERYONE My Top 3!

Be PRESENT
Ask QUESTIONS
HELP Others!

Do you want to see some of the amazing things that are going on each day? If so check out our website, Twitter #WestonProud and on Facebook.

LIFE IS GOOD @ WESTON!

Mr. Davis @WestonPrincipal

From the desk of Mrs. Miller

Hello....and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Weston Elementary! It was nice this week to see so many smiling faces come in the door. I look forward to a great school year with students, parents, and staff. As the school social worker, I provide classroom lessons, group and individual counseling, consultation with parents and staff, a knowledge of resources within the community, and serve as the leader of many special initiatives within the school.

As the year gets started, I will be presenting bully prevention and intervention lessons in all 16 classrooms. These lessons will focus on how to treat others kindly, as well as what actions to take if one sees or hears any type of bullying behavior.

Our students will also be learning about good character during the school year. The trait we will focus on during August is "Respect". **Respect** is defined as caring for others, myself, and property.

You may hear your student talk about our **S.T.A.R.** program. This program is a proactive approach to teach students about ways to act and talk that respect themselves, others, and property. As students demonstrate behaviors that are consistent with this goal, they will receive star stamps on a chart that may be redeemed for prizes at the end of each month.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

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Physical Education

Hello,

Another great year is off to a start at Weston Elementary. I am excited to see all the kids, and meet some new friendly faces. We will be starting the school year with some basic running/cardio games that will be played multiple times. We are also working on getting into a routine with warm-ups and gym rules to stay safe.

Within the next couple weeks, students will be bringing home a calendar to work on exercises or healthy habits at home. These are simple tasks to complete alone, with a friend, or even as a family.

REMINDER-

Please check to see what days of the week your student or students have P.E. It is important to us that we strive to make sure our students have proper shoes for P.E. when they come to the gym. An old pair of tennis shoes that still fit could be left in the classroom in their cubby if that helps the students.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask by emailing me at mbennett@gcsc.k12.in.us.

Morgan Bennett
Weston Elementary
Physical Education Teacher

Music

Hello Parents!

I am so excited to start the 2018-2019 year here at Weston! We have many new things planned this year, and I anticipate it to be the best year!

Throughout the year, your student will be coming home with questions, tasks, or even small sheets from music class that they will need your help with. When your student completes the task (for example: singing you a song we learned in class, or maybe even teaching you some rhythms!), you can have them return a signed paper stating what they did for you, or send me an email/dojo message for them to earn their prize.

This year we will also begin musicals! Each grade will have a separate musical that will be performed for you after school in the evening. Look for dates to be announced in the near future! We work extremely hard in class to get these prepared, so make sure to jot the date down as soon as you receive it so as many students can be in attendance as possible :)

I look forward to meeting all of your amazing musicians!!!

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to email me at lluna@gcsc.k12.in.us

Mrs. Luna

Music Teacher @ Weston

Art

Welcome back! I am so happy to meet all my new (for me) 1st graders and the 3rd graders! I am excited to start the year off with the Art To Remember fundraiser again this year! Last year the proceeds helped to buy us supplies!

I also am planning to have a great art show using Artome! Artome will frame all the work and display it for us! Artsonia will still be used so new parents keep an eye out for the email information! All student work will remain at school in a portfolio until the end of school but all the student work will be online in their virtual portfolio! If you ever need a project or have a special request let me know!

Let's have an awesome year! :)

Mrs. Salee

Title I

Welcome from the Title room! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to rejoin the Weston family through the Title program.

But what is Title? Title is a supplemental, federally funded program which provides interventions in reading and math. Our Title program includes kindergarten through third graders. Students are selected based on assessment data collected in the beginning and middle of the school year. If chosen, your child receives 30 minutes of intense instruction which addresses gaps within their learning from a certified teacher and/or assistant. This year the Title staff includes Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Julie Morley has taught for over fifteen years within Michigan and Indiana for grades preK through fifth grade. During this time, she has taught first grade, kindergarten, remediation and gifted programs in rural and urban settings. Presently, she resides in Greenfield with her husband, rescue dog, and youngest daughter. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, along with traveling to see her oldest daughter and son-in-law.

Mrs. Robin Clark is a wonderful addition to this team. She is a graduate from IUPUI and taught in Florida for ten years. Mrs. Clark returned to Indiana to spend time with her family, especially her grandsons.

We look forward to getting the chance to work with your child this year! If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call.

Sincerely,

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Reading

Welcome back! This is my 14th year with Greenfield Central Schools and my third year as a literacy coach. I have experience teaching grades 1, 2, and 3, and love seeing our students' smiling faces every day! My role involves traveling to multiple buildings to work with teachers and students to nurture the best reading environment possible! Adjusting back to school after summer break can be difficult, so how can we encourage our students to gear up for reading?

- ★ Help your child choose high interest books that involve topics your child enjoys learning about.
- ★ Try shared reading (you read a page, your child reads a page) if the text is challenging.
- ★ Ask your child what he or she is reading during the school day.
- ★ Set aside a designated time to read with your child. Children love to be read to! Sharing this experience with your child will emphasize the importance of reading while spending quality time together. 😊

I cannot wait to see all of the learning taking place in each classroom at Weston this year!

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