



Bulldog Bulletin

“All children can learn”
Washington Junior High School
 Oglesby Public Schools 125

Holiday Concert

Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm we will be holding our annual holiday concert. The event will be held in the gymnasium at Washington School. There will be folding chairs and bleacher space available for spectators to watch the performance of our band and choir members.

We will open the doors at 6:30pm for the spectators.

Band and choir members will be able to enter the back door of the band room to setup and practice in advance of the performance.

Hoop Shoot Winners:

10-11 year old:

Girl: Lydia Kamnikar (winner) - Aubrey Hale (runner-up)

Boy: Brock Bassett (winner) - Easton Strand (runner-up)

12-13 year old:

Girl: Teagan Mullane (winner) - Ella Burke (runner-up)

Boy: Gavin Stokes (winner) - Eli Hammers (runner-up)

Happy Holidays

On behalf of Washington School and OPS 125, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and New Year!

Principal Notes:

Raising the Bar

The mission of Oglesby Public Schools is defined as “all children can learn.” In addition to the mission we have a vision that we can meet that mission by providing “each of its students with an appropriate and diverse instructional program.”

Recently, Washington School staff went through and did a hard examination of each student’s academic data (IAR scores, iReady scores and classroom grades). Each of the teachers were presented with this data and instantly started to reflect on their practices, intended outcomes and expectations within their classrooms. We are holding data meetings throughout the year to review these data points, as well. The purpose of these meetings is to keep our intended outcomes in line with the various data sets that are generated by students throughout a year. Each child receives diverse instructional programming to support them in their efforts to meet those outcomes.

Our biggest takeaway from this most recent examination is that we identified that our learners are needing more of a challenge from us, academically. The students have responded very well to our first trimester offerings with solid marks by a large portion of the population. Those increased grades, GPA and honors designations leads us to believe we need to respond by raising our bar in an effort to meet our mission that we “will strive to provide those ingredients needed to build a solid foundation” and to build that foundation we must raise our expectations and intended outcomes.

P.B.I.S - Students that are being the change they seek to see

The PBIS Spotlight Students for November were:

(6th grade) Madison Hill

(7th grade) Natalia Hein

(8th grade) Nicole Austin

These students embody the characteristics & expectations we seek to instill in all of the students.

They are open, kind and accepting to their peers. Their presence in the classroom and hallways makes us a better school. We appreciate their efforts thus far and wish them continued success throughout this year.



DECEMBER MENUS FOR WASHINGTON: Click [here](#)

Nurse's Notes

Food Pantry Holiday Information

Christmas baskets can be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 1-6 p.m. This is a one day, curbside only pick-up. You must show your photo ID and proof of address. The Food Pantry will be closed Dec 23rd through Jan. 3rd.

In order to receive holiday food baskets, you must register as a client prior to the holiday distribution. www.ivfoodpantry.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is located at 122 Wright St. LaSalle, Illinois 61301. Phone = 224-3658.

For regular monthly orders, pick-up days are Mon. from 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m., Wed. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Fri. 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

If this is your first time ordering or picking up from the Illinois Valley Food Pantry, you will need to stop by and fill out a form.

The hours are: Monday and Friday (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.), Wed (3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.), and closed on Sat.

On your first visit bring the birthdates of all persons living in your household, proof of address, and a photo ID.

TEACHEREASE

Please access TeacherEase to update any information for your child and your family, identify their progress and to email staff regarding any questions that may arise.

Encourage your child to be proactive in accessing TeacherEase, as well as talking with their teachers about progress.

Notice: Admission for Homeless Children

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment. A homeless child may attend the District school that the child attended when permanently housed or in which the child was last enrolled. A home child living in any District school's attendance area may attend that school. The child shall have access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children, including a public preschool education. Please contact Kelly Legrenzi, homeless liaison for the Oglesby Public School District for additional information about homeless issues.

Extra-Curriculars

Boys Basketball:

5th & 6th grade: The 5th and 6th grade Boys' Basketball teams have shown great improvement throughout the season. They continue to work hard on learning the fundamentals of basketball, being a good teammate, and exhibiting good sportsmanship. The 5th grade team has 3 wins on the season and has two games left to play in December. The 6th grade team has 4 wins on the season with 5 games left to play in December.

7th & 8th grade: The 7th Grade Basketball team came in with high expectations and they have met and surpassed those expectations. They are currently undefeated (9-0) and play very well as a team, I am very proud of their unselfishness and team-first mentality. Looking forward to the conference tournament as they are the #1 seed. This is a very intelligent team and they have impressed in their ability to run multiple schemes both offensively and defensively.

Our 8th Grade Basketball season has had some ups and downs when it comes to wins and losses (5-7), they are making improvement and learning some valuable team lessons. We have gotten much more competitive, we are excited for the opportunity to show our improvement in the conference tournament. This team is very hard working and determined to improve, they approach every day as a chance to get better and I am hopeful where we will be at toward the end of the year.

Volleyball

6th, 7th & 8th grade: Volleyball is underway and we are getting geared up for a great season. The Bulldogs have come into the gym ready to go and to work hard on learning fundamentals of the sport. I look forward to the future of the Bulldogs. Can't wait to see everyone in the gym in January ready to cheer them on!

Musical:

We have casted and begun the rehearsal process for our school musical: Mean Girls Jr! Students will be working very hard with singing, dancing, and acting over the next few months to perform the show in March. It's going to be fetch!

Upcoming Dates

December 6: Early Dismissal, 2:05
December 11: Junior High Holiday Program, 7pm
December 21: Early Dismissal, 2:05
December 22—January 8: No School
January 8: No School, Teachers Institute
January 9: School Returns