

West Terrace Elementary School

Black Cat News

Friday, January 16

Upcoming Events

- Monday, Jan. 19
No School-ML King Jr. Day
- Friday, Jan. 30
Yearbook Pictures
- Friday, Feb. 6
Card Party
- Monday, Feb. 9
KG & 1st Grade Family
Reading Night
- Monday, Feb. 16
No School-Presidents' Day
- Thursday, Feb. 26
2nd & 3rd Grade Family
Math Night
- March 23-27
No School-Spring Break
- Friday, April 10
No School-Good Friday
- Monday, April 13
No School-MAKE UP DAY

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Notes from the Principal

EVSC Employee Excellence Award

Brian Jones, head custodian at West Terrace, was a recipient of an Employee Excellence Award at the December 8th Board Meeting. Brian received this award for his reaching out in fun and education to our students. After discovering students were calling him Indiana Jones because he repairs a lot of items, Brian came dressed as the real thing on Halloween. Brian drew maps on two classroom's blackboards and went on a hunt to find the "firestone," which was really petrified wood. He also gave a mini lesson on the petrified wood to the students.

Dads and Donuts

Thanks to all the dads for coming out for Dads and Donuts! Your attendance made this unique event a success. We also really appreciate our moms for their time invested in putting this event together.

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2009-2010

This school year is already half over, but already we are planning for the fall of 2009. If you have a student who will be at West Terrace for the first time in Kindergarten, you may obtain an enrollment form from the office. It is important that we have a good idea as to the number of kindergarteners when we start planning for next year. The EVSC will announce an "official" Kindergarten Round-Up day soon. If you have any questions please give us a call at 435-8733.

Peeler Card Sale

Card sales will be January 20 - February 2nd. The two money-savings cards we will be selling are a McDonald's Card and a Variety Card. All cards sell for \$10. Detailed information to go home soon!

Notes from the Counselor

Volunteer Opportunities at the Vanderburgh Humane Society

If you are interested in volunteering in any of the following areas, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sydney Long at 426-2563 ext. 205 or s.long@vhs lifesaver.org.

Spay & Neuter Clinic: Surgery Recovery Assistant needed Mon.-Fri. from 2 PM—4 PM. No prior experience is needed. Help is needed with laundry, sweeping and mopping & trash clean up.

Small Animal Crew: Someone is needed to help feed and clean the cages of rabbits, guinea pigs, etc. This job occurs 7 days a week during 9 AM—12 PM.

Bathers/Groomers: Puppy season is just around the corner and puppies are much more adoptable if they are clean. This job can take place any day of the week, during open hours.

Front Desk Receptionist: To help fill a temporary hole, volunteers are needed Mon.—Sat. from 8:30 AM—Noon to help answer phones and work the front counter.

Notes from the Nurse

Give Kids a Smile!

On February 6, 2009, the Indiana Dental Association, in partnership with the American Dental Association, will host the 7th annual *Give Kids a Smile Day*. Dentists across the state are opening their offices to donate dental care to children from low income families. For more details call Mrs. Ruthenburg at 435-8736 between the hours of 8:15 AM—12:15 AM.



Lost & Found

There are so many unclaimed articles of clothing in the Lost & Found! Parents, if you are in the building, please stop by the nurse's office to check for clothing your kiddos might be missing. Lots and lots of sweatshirts, coats, sweaters and other items would love to be claimed!

Borrowed Clothing

Many students need to borrow a change of clothing throughout the school year. We are happy to loan a change of a t-shirt or pair of pants. However, we do not carry all sizes and sometimes the student prefers their own comfortable clothes. When we do loan out clothes, would you please launder and return the items in a timely manner. Donations of sweat pants or any athletic type bottoms are very welcomed! Thanks for helping replenish the supply!

BLACK CAT PRIDE!



SPELLING BEE WINNERS

First Place winner was **Jordan Bakke** from Mrs. Risley's room. Runner up was **Trevor Maxey** from Ms. Duncan's room.

Participants were: **Kristina DiDomizio, Trevor Maxey, Beth Hunter, Zach Sparrow, Adam Bender, Emily Bruce, Dylan Gries, Asia Tomich, Meher Sheth, Haydon Sparrow, Leighton Reisinger, Alex Higgs, Jordan Bakke and Emily Epley.**

WEST TERRACE "ART" NEWS

Congratulations to the following art students who have had their work submitted as entries in the Solid Waste Management/Keep Evansville Beautiful Billboard Contest: K-2 Category: **Grant DiDomizio, Samantha Stevens, DeVante Ringo, Katie Blandford, Sally Fahrlander, Reaghan Herrin, and David Nickel**; 3-5 Category: **Kalie Lamkin, Jacob Pace, Kristina DiDomizio, Merritt Wright, Slayne Groben, Savanna Bryant, Alee Peak, Payton Broshears, Haley Hunter, and Luke Huggins.**



Their work will be judged with other elementary students for the honor of having their ideas displayed on area billboards in the spring.

BEANIES FOR BAGHDAD

Student Council is collecting stuffed animals for the second year to send to the soldiers in Iraq through January. Kindergartener **Mackenzie Cloum** has already set the pace by bringing 25 the first day! Let's keep it up! You can visit the website at www.beaniesforbaghdad.com.

PTA NEWS

4K UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped make the first 4K 4Kids a success! We hope to make this an annual event. Restored Image Photography took photos throughout the event. They can be viewed and downloaded using this link: <http://photos.restoredimagephotography.com/>. Click on "subscribe to West Terrace 4K" - There are 3 folders of photos. Thank you again to Restored Image for donating their services!

BOX TOP CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to **Mrs. Craig's kindergarten class**. They brought in 1,380 box tops during 2nd grading period to win a PTA pizza party!

Mrs. Hall's class came in 2nd and **Mrs. Kolb's class** was 3rd.

So far this year we have collected almost 21,000 box tops—60% of the way to our \$3,500 goal. GREAT JOB!

GOOD GRADES = FREE TREATS



GD Ritz's (University) gives a free item for "A"s. 1 "A" = free flavored drink. 2 "A"s = free ice cream. The more "A"s you get the better the reward....all the way up to a free burger or free hot dog!



Diary Queen (University) gives a free ice cream for a good report card!