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Special Date of Interest:

- 8/27-9/7 - MAP Testing
- 9/4 - Community Advisory Team Meeting, at the Jr/Sr High Cafeteria, starting at 6:00 PM.
- 9/27 - BOE Meeting

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

THANK YOU PARENTS

I would like to start this months newsletter by thanking everyone that showed up at our Open House. The teachers, as well as myself, were very impressed by the turnout. We greatly appreciate you taking an interest in your child's education.

The beginning of the school year can be extremely hectic. Thus far, it has gone very smoothly, due in large part to you the parents. Your timely manner in returning school forms and documents is much appreciated.

Strength Team Visits West Elkton Intermediate:

Last Tuesday, Aug 28th, we had the privilege of hosting the Strength Team here at West Elkton Intermediate School. Going into the program we heard so much about their amazing assembly and they did not disappoint. Their message on character building, never giving up, and not losing sight of your dreams, resonated with our student body. Our hope is that students take what they learned and



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apply to their everyday life, especially here at school. A special thank you to BOE member Billy Crawford and Pastor Greg Jackson for their work in securing the Strength Team for Preble Shawnee.

Book Fair:

Our annual Book Fair will take place from September 18th -21st. You may visit and purchase books during our "Buddy Day," which will be held in the Media Center/Library (room 311). Please see the designated dates and times below, which lists the day each grade level will have their Buddy Day. The Book Fair is a great time to take advantage of the quantity and quality of books that are at your disposal and will greatly benefit your child's love for reading. The PTO is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Hope to see you there!

Buddy Day:

We will soon be hosting our "Buddy Day." One person that your child chooses as his/her "Buddy" is invited to "Buddy Day." This person can be a parent, grandparent, neighbor, aunt, uncle, or a good friend (**the "Buddy must be an adult"**). They will visit their "Buddy" during lunch and recess. Please have the student's "Buddy" bring a sack lunch and send a sack lunch with your child. Weather permitting we will be having an outside picnic with your student's class. Please bring a small blanket or towel to sit on. In the event of bad weather we will move the picnic indoors to a classroom. Specific times for each grade level include: 4th grade (Tuesday, Sept. 18th—lunch from 11:10-11:40, recess from 11:40-12:10), 5th grade (Thursday, Sept. 20th—lunch from 12:25-12:55, recess from 1:00-1:30), 6th grade and Mrs. Heinkel's class (Friday, Sept 21st—lunch 11:45-12:15, recess from 12:15-12:40). Lunch will be eaten during the scheduled lunch time. You are invited to attend the Book Fair during recess. Below you will find a few reminders.

- Please do not arrive before the scheduled time.
- Upon arrival, please sign in at the office and go directly to the student's classroom.
- "Buddy Day" will end promptly after their recess/Book Fair.
- **It's highly encouraged that you do NOT sign out the student after "Buddy Day," as we will resume regular classes. Especially, with the new HOURLY attendance policy.**



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Gifted Program:

The Ohio Legislature's Amended Substitute House Bill 282 states that all school districts must identify any gifted K-12 student in their district. This law pertains only to the identification of gifted students. It does not mandate academic programs of gifted students. Preble Shawnee is not offering gifted classes for the 2018-2019 school year. At West Elkton, we will be using the CoGat to test all 6th grade students during the week of October 22nd.

Arrows on Target/PBIS:

School-wide positive behavior intervention and supports (SW-PBIS) is a system of tools and strategies for defining, teaching, acknowledging appropriate behavior, and correcting inappropriate behavior. It is a framework for creating customized school systems that support student outcomes and academic success. SW-PBIS is for the whole school, it is preventative, and it changes the paradigm of focus from negative behaviors and exchanges to positive expectations and interactions.

There are four main elements in SW-PBIS:

- Customized practices to support student behavior, such as defining and teaching appropriate behavior
- Systems of support for educators in the school; such as school-wide behavioral expectations, indicators, and coaching
- Data-based decision making, which is the cornerstone of the behavior problem-solving process
- And, the combination of these to enable school-wide outcomes, which promote social proficiency and academic success

Through these practices, it's our hope, to make a safe, healthy, and positive environment that is conducive for learning.

Progress Book:

"...Parent Access to Progress Book accounts can be accessed by clicking the "Parent Access link" on the right-hand side of the Preble Shawnee Homepage and entering your login information.

If you have forgotten your login information, click the "Can't access your account?" link from the Parent Access login page and follow the steps to have your user name and/or password sent to you.



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If you would like to set up a new Parent Access account, please send an email to pbhelp@psarrows.com with the student(s) name(s), your name, and grade level to request the registration key and setup instructions.

If there are any problems with an existing account, please send an email to pbhelp@psarrows.com describing the problem...."



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