

5th Grade News from Wanless Elementary

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Wanless' Mission Statement:

In order to become lifelong learners, Wanless Elementary will empower students to face the future with confidence and success.

Wanless' Vision Statement:

Wanless will become a productive learning community that empowers our students and families by presenting instruction with integrity and fidelity.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 20th -5th Grade Parent Night at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 28th - 2:30 Dismissal - Beginning of Spring Break
- ◆ March 29th - No School

What's happening this week?

Third quarter report cards are included in this week's Tuesday folders. They were suppose to be sent home yesterday but due to a printing issue they were delayed. Please take a few minutes to review this report card with your child and return the back page signed to us as soon as possible. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to answer any questions.

This week we will once again be hosting our monthly 5th grade parent night. This month's parent night will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m. During this time, we will have computers set up to take the Illinois Essential 5 survey. This survey is very important to our school as well as our students. Your opinion is very important to us, and we feel as though it is beneficial for all of our parents to participate in the survey. If you are unable to join us for parent night and you would still like to take the survey, you may access it by using the following link <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>.

We are continuing to work hard and your students are continuing to show us great improvement from the beginning of the year. We will be continuing this hard work all the way through the end of the year. It is important that your child arrive at school on time will all of the materials that are necessary to learn.

The 4th Quarter is already here!

As hard as it is to believe, the 4th quarter is already here and the end of the school year will be here before you know it.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our students that even though it is 4th quarter, the school rules still apply. In the past we have noticed a trend with our 5th graders that when the weather warms up their behavior tends to get them into trouble. The rules will be enforced through the end of the school year!

Many of your children are still able to attend the end of the year field trip based on the requirements that we set at the beginning of the year. We will be sending you an updated status sheet for your child at the end of March. If you are interested in chaperoning our field trip, please let us know no later than Thursday, March 28th so that we can make arrangements.

Reading



The BIG EVENT is coming in May! Any student who has attended every monthly reward beginning in September till the end of the year will receive a ticket to the PBIS BIG EVENT!

This week in Reading we are reading a story entitled Elena. This story is a realistic fiction piece that takes place during the Mexican Revolution. A young widowed mother is forced to make some difficult choices for her family. Since we are also working on responding to what we read, our students wrote an extended response to the following question “In the story Elena, mama was left in charge of family after Pablo died. Do you think that the choices that she made were wise? Why or why not?” Our students must go back to their story and cite specific examples from within the story that support their answer. Then they must include their own thoughts to provide deeper support. We are looking forward to reading their responses.

Spelling

This week’s spelling words all involve changing the final y to an i before adding the appropriate ending. The following words should be written in your child’s planner and we will have a test over them on Friday.

1. liberties 2. victories 3. countries 4. spied 5. enemies 6. armies 7. scariest
8. dirtier 9. happiness 10. abilities 11. pitied 12. ladies 13. busier 14. duties
15. lilies 16. worthiness 17. tiniest 18. emptiness 19. replies 20. dizziness
21. cities 22. easier 23. families 24. studied 25. angriest

Math

Math is taught in both classrooms for over an hour each day. We work very hard to make sure that all of our students understand the concept that is taught that day. It is important that your child completes his or her homework so that the skills that have been taught can be reinforced. This week in math we are working on topic 16 which teaches ratios and percentages. We will be working on understanding ratios, understanding percents, working with percent, fractions, and decimals, and finding the percent of a whole number. We will take our math test on Tuesday.

Writing

We are working on narrative writing. A narrative is a story told in the order that it happened. It also includes events, reactions of others, and feelings. We will continue to work on our narrative writing for the next several weeks.